

# NORTHEAST ACADEMY ARTS MAGNET



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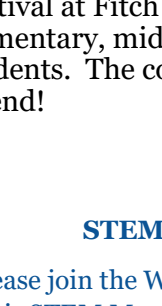
**December 3, 2018**



## Journey to Success

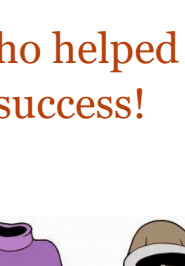
This month we are focusing on **Friendship** with the students at NEA. Please check the [Journey to Success link](#) on the NEA website to find ways you can bring the Journey from school into your home.

## Holiday Food Drive



This is the time of year when people want to share their good fortune with others. Our holiday food drive will begin Monday, November 26. We plan to offer food baskets to our own Northeast Academy families who are in need of a helping hand. Your generosity allows us to provide food baskets to several families each year. We will collect non-perishable food items until Friday, December 14th for distribution before our holiday recess.

On Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra students will perform in the District String Festival at Fitch High School! This concert will feature elementary, middle, and high school orchestra students. The concert is at 6:30pm and all are invited to attend!



### STEM Open House at Westside Middle School 12/5/18

Please join the Westside staff on Wednesday, Dec 5th from 6-7:30 to learn about their STEM Magnet program. They have been working hard to prepare a high quality STEM curriculum that is both rigorous and engaging. Fifth grade students and their families are encouraged to attend and meet their educational partners, as well as to participate in numerous STEM activities throughout the building.

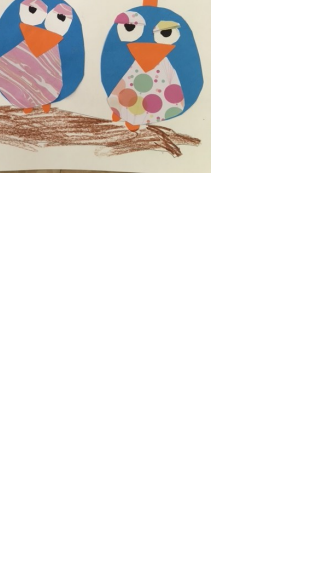
**Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Multicultural Night a huge success!**

## Cold Weather

Cold temperatures have arrived. It is important your child dress appropriately for the weather. Please check your child each morning to be sure they are wearing warm clothes, including hat and gloves during cold weather.

We love to go outside every day!

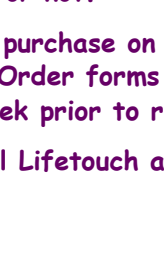
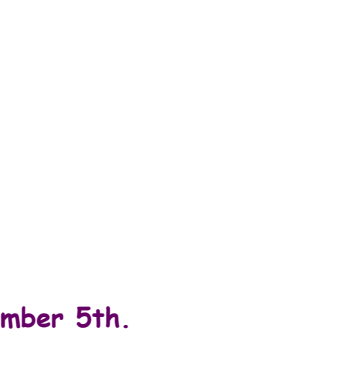
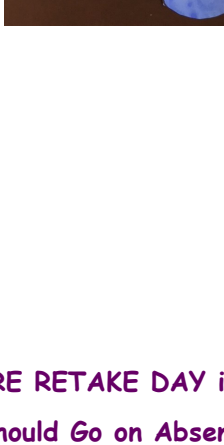
Thank you.



### Second Grade Annual Art Show

NEA second graders are hosting a service learning art show on Wednesday, December 5th that ties directly to our current math unit. At the art show student work can be purchased for 3 items of non-perishable food. The food will then be donated to Groton Human Services in time for the holidays.

It is going to be the perfect combination of a little holiday shopping, visiting with our NEA family, and helping our community.



**PICTURE RETAKE DAY is Wednesday, December 5th.**

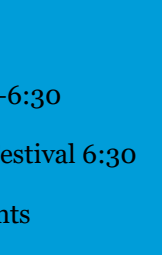
**Who Should Go on Absentee/Retake Day:**

**Any student not satisfied with original portrait - Return your complete package minus the class picture to the photographer on retake day.**

**Any student who was absent on the original day whether you are purchasing a package or not.**

**Any student who did not purchase on the original day and would like to purchase a package. Order forms are available in the school office approximately one week prior to retake day.**

**Any questions, please call Lifetouch at 203-735-5933**



### November & December Newsletter Calendar

**November 26—December 14—NEA Annual Food Drive**

**December 5th—Picture Retakes**

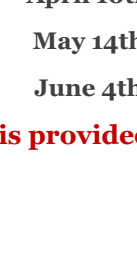
**December 5— 2nd Grade Art Show 5:00—6:30**

**December 6— Grade 4/5 District String Festival 6:30**

**December 11— Early Dismissal for students**

**December 19— Grade 4/5 Chorus Concert 6:30-7**

**December 24-January 2— No school Winter Vacation**



## PTO Meetings

### Media Center 6pm-7pm

#### Meeting Dates

December 4th

February 12th

March 13th

April 10th

May 14th

June 4th

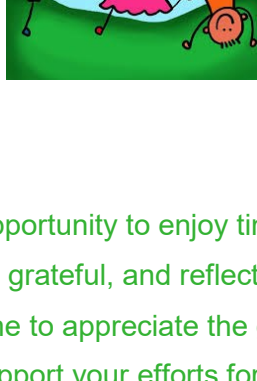
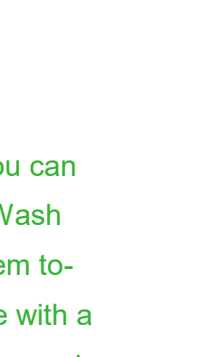
**Childcare is provided at meetings**

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### Amazon Sign In

Visit the URL above to sign up with NEA's Amazon Smile program. It's free. And Amazon will donate .5% of your eligible purchase prices to our school.

**Just be sure to log in to smile.amazon.com before doing your holiday shopping!**



## Be Healthy, Be Fit!

The holidays are a great opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends, celebrate life, to be grateful, and reflect on what's important. They are also a time to appreciate the gift of health. Here are some holiday tips to support your efforts for health and safety this season.

### Wash your hands often

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water, and rub them together for at least 20 seconds. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.

### Stay warm.

Cold temperatures can cause serious health problems, especially in infants and older adults. Stay dry, and dress warmly in several layers.

### Manage stress.

The holidays don't need to take a toll on your health and pocket-book. Keep your commitments and spending in check. Balance work, home, and play. Get support from family and friends. Keep a relaxed and positive outlook. Make sure to get proper sleep.