Newbury Elementary School
Principal's Report
Principal Loretta Cruz
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Announcements

Facilities Updates
The maintenance team has been hard at work over the summer. They have focused mostly on meeting the recommendations of our VSBIT safety inspection. This included major clean outs of maintenance areas and repairs to the playground. In August the focus will shift to cleaning and maintenance requests.

The drainage project began at the beginning of August and is scheduled to be completed just before the start of school. Due to COVID delays the project incurred increased costs in materials and labor.

Newbury Blueberry
If you haven’t heard we have met our blueberry quota for this year. Community and family members picked one hundred and fifty pounds of berries that will be used in our hot lunch program.
New Employee Introductions:

- **Jessica Bellois - School Nurse**: Jessica has had a variety of nursing experiences and recently moved to the Upper Valley after being a traveling nurse in Nebraska. When not in the nurse’s office she can be found working on the old house her family purchased this spring.

- **Jenni Belotserkovsky - Art Teacher**: Jenni will be joining us part time, bringing with her a variety of artistic experiences from around the world. Recently, she worked with U32 students on cartooning.

- **Simeon Cook - Maintenance**: Sim is a long time resident of Newbury, who is returning to the NES as the facilities manager. Sim’s time working on his family’s apple orchard in Massachusetts and in his bakery here in Newbury are a huge asset in keeping our building running smoothly.

- **Loretta Cruz - Principal**: Loretta joins us after spending the last fifteen years as a 3,4,5 teacher at Chelsea Public School. In addition to her teaching responsibilities she could be found on the field or court as the district athletic director. Ask her about her chickens!

- **Maggie Dayly - Behavior Interventionist**: Maggie is joining us after having worked in SAU23. She is described as a team player, with an ability to connect with all students.

- **Cheryl Hanley - Special Educator**: Cheryl is coming to us from Thetford. She comes highly recommended and is known for her ability to think creatively about how to best meet student needs.

- **Lynette Knapp - Math Interventionist**: Lynette is joining us after teaching sixth grade math at the Lyndon Town School. She is a Vermont Math Initiative graduate. Ask her how she incorporated math into lessons around building a pizza oven at her school.

- **Diane Strickland - Long Term Building Based Sub**: Diane is returning back to the Green Mountains after spending several years in Pennsylvania substituting at a day school. Ask her about her time with the VSO.

- **Noah Vines - Custodial**: Noah attended Newbury as a student and has returned to NES as our night custodian. He brings knowledge of both electrical, mechanical workings and a witty sense of humor.
Tom Weir—Second Grade Teacher: Tom is a 2021 graduate of UVEI, who completed a long term substitute position at the Ray School this spring. Tom brings with him a passion for the outdoors and music. He’s excited to accompany students to Burke during the nordic season.

Roxanna Zampieri—Music Teacher: Roxanna is returning to her roots here in the area. Roxanna can’t wait to host concerts at Newbury Elementary and to inspire the next generation of musicians in our community.

Please welcome them to the Newbury School Family!!

Checkerbury Lane Vote
The staff is looking forward to continuing their work with outdoor education on the Checkerbury Lane property. They were excited to learn that the vote to purchase the property had passed. Moving forward the school wishes to work with the community and their colleagues at Bradford and Oxbow to create the best learning experience for our students.

Upcoming Dates
- Teacher meet and greet August 24th 1:00-3:00pm
- First Day of school parade August 26th at 8:30am
- Open House September 21st from 5:00-6:30pm