



## Planting the seeds

NCEP is continuing its support of the **Garden Club at the Elementary School** with a **grant of \$178**. Nancy Miller and Nancy Wood requested the funds which will be used to purchase wood for the construction of an additional large raised garden bed. The larger bed will provide enough space to grow butternut squash, which they plan to share with the cafeteria.



## Sensory tools help students

The Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) program at the Elementary School received a **\$750 grant from NCEP to help aid children with autism** in everyday activities. The



funds will be used for supplies associated with sensory

integration. These integration tools are helpful as they help focus the students and keep them calm and centered so they can excel in their daily learning.

## Targeting Newmarket



NCEP, the Jr./Sr. High School Wellness Team and the Newmarket Recreation Department have

teamed up to bring **The New England School of Archery** to Newmarket. Students in grades 6-12 will be given the opportunity to take an introduction to archery class with a Level 4 archery

instructor. **NCEP's grant of \$750** will help fund this popular program.

## ¿Tienes libros?

In order to help **promote independent reading** by Spanish



students, Claudette Moran, Spanish teacher at

the Jr./Sr. High School has been granted **\$750 for the purchase of Spanish books** that range from a beginning level to an intermediate level. As the students read more and become more fluent, they will become better Spanish speakers and writers.

## Technology big impact for 8th grade

Science Teacher Elizabeth Franceschini was **granted \$250** for the purchase of a Samsung



Chromebook, and Math Teacher Amanda Perkins was **granted \$747** for the purchase of three Chromebooks. The Chromebooks join several others (funded by NCEP through three previous grant cycles) and will be shared among the whole 8th grade team. They are being used to enhance existing programs in the curriculum, such as Khan Academy, BrainPOP, Collaborize Classroom, Geogebra, Aleks, Google



Docs, etc. Use of these programs is helping students reach the new

Common Core Standards as well as ensuring the opportunity is open to all students (not just those that can afford their own device) to master skills necessary to compete in the 21st century marketplace.

## Aiding afterschool learning

Cassandra Rodier, 4th grade elementary school teacher, requested a **\$375 grant** to provide healthy snacks for the **4th Grade Homework Club**.



This is the second grant NCEP has awarded

the Club. Meeting after school, many kids arrive tired and hungry and don't have extra snacks available, or they simply forget to bring something in. Rodier's grant will be used to purchase snacks for Club participants. Providing nutritious snacks will keep the kids engaged and focused on their homework.

## Exploring science

**NCEP has granted \$750 to the Jr. High Science Club.** Requested by Science Teacher Janice Murray, Science Club students will benefit by exploring the ever-changing world of Science through hands-on



projects, including laboratory work, chemistry in the home, ecology in the community and the physics of sports. These activities will be structured in a way that will inspire students to reach their full potential in science.

## Ocean Gaming funds NCEP

A big thank you again to **Ocean Gaming Casino** for providing funding to NCEP. **The next date NCEP will be partnering with Ocean Gaming is Saturday, July 26.** Come on down to Hampton Beach for some fun and help support NCEP!



Charitable Gaming, which is heavily regulated by the Gaming Commission of New Hampshire, helps many non-profits across the state with much needed funding. Try your hand at roulette, blackjack, craps and poker while eating great food from their restaurant and supporting local charities.

Located at Hampton Beach, Ocean Gaming is open noon to 1:00 a.m. seven days per week. For more information, visit their website at: [oceangamingcasino.com](http://oceangamingcasino.com).



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environment for all students at the elementary school by allowing the teacher to communicate more effectively.

## More minis

NCEP continues to support the **fifth grade at the Elementary School** by **funding \$400** towards the purchase of iPad minis. This is the third grant requested by 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Sheana Thorell and funded by NCEP. The iPads are making a **huge impact** and the uses in the classroom are endless.



They supplement instruction by helping teach skills to struggling learners, reinforcing skills for those who need more practice, as well as enriching students who need extended learning opportunities.

## Hip hop at the Rec

The **Newmarket Recreation Department** is offering dancing lessons through the **Hip Hop Dance Crew** thanks to a **\$500 grant** from NCEP. Kids from first grade through middle school can sign up to learn the basics of this freestyle and improvisational Hip Hop, which is very popular with Newmarket's youth. It combines dance and exercise. Check out the Rec Department's Spring/Summer catalog for more information.



## Hear me now?

NCEP is excited to **partner with the Newmarket Elementary PTA** to **provide \$600** toward the purchase of a Redcat amplification system to be used in the media center during all library classes. The Redcat system will enhance the learning

## Fun & education @ home

About 25 eighth grade students will stay in Newmarket when their classmates attend the annual long weekend trip to Washington, DC. Considering opportunities for the students who do not go to DC,

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Elizabeth Franceschini **requested a \$750 grant from NCEP** to help fund three days of curriculum that meet the same goals as the DC trip. Students will go to Star Island, explore the history of the Newmarket Mills and visit multiple sites on the Lamprey River.



## Cyber safety education

Resource Officer Wayne Stevens and Wellness Coordinator Lisa Kumph **requested \$750 to educate students, staff and parents** about the dangers of using the internet as well as how to keep your personal information safe. Plymouth State University Police Department **Special Investigator Jennifer Frank** will speak at an



assembly for students and staff at Jr./Sr. High School about the potential dangers of social networking websites, such as Facebook or Instagram and about basic cyber safety and cyberbullying. She will also provide an evening presentation to parents and members of our community. The school and Newmarket police have seen a significant increase in the amount of illicit and illegal content over the past two years and will use this opportunity to address the issue with students, staff, parents and community members.

## Got water?

For the fourth year in a row, the **Moody Point Community Association** sponsored NCEP during April's Great Bay Half Marathon. Funding of \$300 paid by the race



organizer, Loco Sports, was donated to NCEP. Thank you Moody Point for helping us all run!

## Paving the way

A **grant for \$200** will help pave the way to the **Elementary School's outdoor classroom** and gardens



for students with mobility needs. Currently the grass and woodchip terrain makes safe

travel difficult and limiting for some students. The funding from NCEP will be added to other grants, fundraisers and donations all to be used to install the accessible pathway which will eventually extend almost 90 feet.

## NCEP grant process

NCEP offers **two grant cycles per year**. Grant deadlines are February 15 and August 15.

**Grants can be awarded for up to \$750**. Applications can be found on our website: [ncepconnects.org](http://ncepconnects.org).



## Support NCEP!

**We couldn't do all this without your support.** We gladly appreciate any and all donations. **We now accept online donations via our website!**



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## Join NCEP?

Since NCEP's inception in 2004, we have awarded over **\$84,000 in grants and scholarships to Newmarket's children and youth.**

Our dedication to enhancing social, recreational and educational opportunities is paying off! NCEP's has funded many programs and supplies, just a sampling of which are highlighted in this newsletter.



We are currently seeking community members to **join our Board of Directors**. If you are interested in learning more about us, please let us know! Time commitment is minimal, but the opportunity to make a difference is huge. Please contact us via Facebook, or by e-mailing Heidi Chase [heidwchase@gmail.com](mailto:heidwchase@gmail.com).

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