



NCEP News

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Enhancing social, recreational and educational experiences for children and youth in the town of Newmarket

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Happy Spring!

Look what NCEP has been up to! Since our last newsletter, we've granted \$17,500 to programs that directly support Newmarket's children and youth. We are thrilled to highlight some of them in this newsletter.

~ NCEP Board Members: Anastacia Barr, Nicole Benson, Alicia Buono, Heidi Chase, Lisa Kumph, Alison Leahy, Amanda Rei, Erica Rowe, Regan Zimmermann

Nicholas Popov Award Recipients Recognized

The 2017 **Nicholas Popov Memorial Awards** were given out last June to **Sandy Bixby** and **Anne Tufts**, two deserving educators at the Elementary School. Sandy and Anne are members of the Newmarket community who demonstrate the spirit of personal generosity, kindness and service that Mr. Popov radiated through his actions as a long-time volunteer in town. This special distinction, which

includes a monetary grant, is funded by the Popov family and administered by NCEP.

Sandy Bixby (pictured below on right along with NCEP board members Regan Zimmermann and Nicole Benson) has been a long-time fixture at the Elementary



School, and is the first para-professional to win this award! Her endless positivity, professionalism and willingness to go above the call of duty every single day, made her a clear choice for this special recognition.



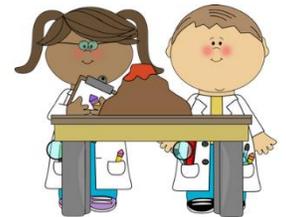
Anne Tufts (pictured on left), an occupational therapist at the Elementary School, was nominated by her peers for her unwavering dedication and commitment to lead Newmarket's Special Olympics

program. The program is thriving under her constant enthusiasm and support.

The awards were presented during annual field day festivities to much cheering and applause. **Thank you both** for your dedication to Newmarket's kids! And, **thank you to the Popov family**, for continuing to support your father's/ grandfather's legacy of kindness and service.

Terrific Tables

A table can be more than just a piece of furniture... in Newmarket it supports community pot-lucks, provides meeting surfaces for clubs and organizations, and is the place to showcase science fair projects. The Recreation Department has been letting local organizations and non-profits use their well-worn tables for years, and it was time for an upgrade. Through a \$750 NCEP grant, new tables are now available to "support" the Newmarket community.



Rev Up the Engines!

NCEP granted \$750 to the Jr./Sr. High School to help start a *Small Engine Repair Club*. The Club will be led by a student passionate about small engines (along



with an adult advisor). Students will learn about two- and four-stroke engines, carburetors and transmissions. The grant will be used to purchase tools and equipment.

GRL PWR

GRL PWR came to Newmarket's girls (grades 5-8) thanks to a \$750 grant from NCEP. The 10-week enrichment program took place at the Rec Center and provided a safe space for GRLs to learn new skills, boost confidence in their abilities and in themselves. The program was so successful, NCEP granted an additional \$1,000 this spring to keep GRL PWR going.



More Than Just Books

Thanks in part to a \$750 grant from NCEP, the Newmarket Public Library was able to increase its creative



programs and events aimed at young children through grade eight. By offering dynamic series such as *TJ Wheeler's Blues & Jug Band Interactive Concert* and *Storyteller, Simon Brooks*, community members were presented with many more fun reasons to visit the library.

Socializing with Food

Newmarket's 3rd graders participated in weekly cooking activities that promoted language and socialization skills among regular education students and students with severe language and social needs. In addition to



promoting language skills, the activity promoted cooperation, reading, math, sequencing and written

language. NCEP funding of \$540 was used for food and necessary supplies.

Celia Thaxter Visits NES

A \$200 NCEP grant helped bring Celia Thaxter to the Elementary School's 4th grade. New Hampshire history is a focus for social studies



students and what better way to learn than to hear directly from individuals, important not only to the state, but also to the Seacoast. Guest speaker, Stephanie Voss Nugent, dressed as Ms. Thaxter, presented to the students and helped bring history to life.

Collaborative Learning

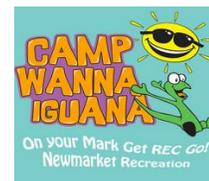
Students at the Jr./Sr. High School are using document cameras as a way to share their work and thinking. Teachers are using the cameras to model things students need to know, such as how to use a two-column note format for note-taking. A \$400 grant by NCEP allowed for the purchase of new cameras, so instead of sharing



the equipment between classrooms, now each classroom has its own camera.

Supporting our Campers

Since our inception, NCEP has made summer camp scholarships a priority. NCEP has granted over \$34,000 in financial support – including \$4,000 this year – for Newmarket's children to ensure that summer camp is truly "affordable" for all. Grant recipients are able to enjoy a summer of fun, and build memories that last a lifetime.



Successful EATS 2017



NCEP's third **Newmarket Eats** held in November was a great success thanks to

our volunteers, donors and attendees. Once again, it was a sell-out crowd with the evening's profits going to directly support our town's children and youth.

Support NCEP

We couldn't do all this without your support!

We appreciate your tax-deductible donations.



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Thank you!

