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May 15, 2026

1. **Book Fair Volunteers Still Needed:** We are still looking for book fair volunteers this week if you are available. Please do not sign up unless you know that you have a CORI on file with the school. We are no longer accepting new CORIs at this time, as communicated in past newsletters.
   Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up 2026

2. **Scholastic Book Fair is this week!**
   https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/templetonelemschool1
   Using the e-wallet is the easiest way to give your child money for the book fair! Please consider this instead of cash. Please note that NO checks will be accepted for the book fair. Use this link to search for our fair and add money to your child's e-wallet!

3. **Author Visit and Book Signing:** We hope that you can join us Thursday evening at 5:30pm, as we welcome Bestselling Author **Jarrett J. Krosoczka** to TES! All families are welcome! Book signing will follow his presentation!

4. **Safe Trailer:** The week of May 18th, members of the Templeton Fire Department will be coming with the safe trailer to do lessons on fire prevention and safety with all classes. This is a great time to discuss and teach your children what to do in the event of a fire in their home! Where are the exits? Where is a good meeting spot? How do they call 911?





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Upcoming Save the Dates:

- **May 18th- Kindergarten Field Trip**
- **May 18th- Templeton and Phillipston Town Elections 11am-7pm**
- **May 18-22nd- Scholastic Book Fair**
- **May 20th- Art show & Book Fair 5:00-7:00pm**
- **May 21st- Family Engagement Night- Meet Author Jarret Krosoczka at TES at 5:30pm**
- **May 25th- No School**
- **May 26- Memorial Day Program at Football Field 10:00 am**
- **May 27, 28 and 29th- Kindergarten Screening- NO KINDERGARTEN classes**
- **May 28th- Grade 3 Field Trip**
- **May 29th- Grade 4 Field Trip**
- **June 3rd- Grade 2 Field Trip**
- **June 4th- Grade 1 Field Trip**
- **June 5th- NO EXTENDED DAY PM only**
- **June 9th- Grade 4 Middle School Visit and Tour**
- **June 11th- Grade K and 1 Field Day**
- **June 12th- Grade 2 and 3 Field Day**
- **June 16th- Kindergarten Celebration at MS Auditorium 9:30 am**
- **June 17-18th- Preschool conferences**
- **June 18th- Grade 4 Field Day**
- **June 18th- Special Olympics (Rain Date)**
- **June 19th- NO SCHOOL**
- **June 22nd- Last Day of School- Dismissal at 11:45 am**

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5. **Thank you:** I just wanted to shout out some local businesses and families who helped to make this week amazing for our staff! Thank you to the families who sent in notes of appreciation and to the Gaidanowicz, Fisher and Kuszewski families for donating to our raffles. Thank you to the Templeton Elementary PTO for ALL that they did to set up a yogurt and lemonade bar! Thank you to Deer Creek, Kros on the Common, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Red Apple Farm, Zen Yoga and Wellness, Brookbound Nursery, The Kitchen Garden, Paramount Cafe, Willow Massage and Wellness, Rotti and Son Excavating and Pop Fusion by Laura for donating gifts and/or food to help celebrate! We are so lucky to have such a supportive community! 💙



6. **Parent Volunteers Still Needed:** We are still looking for book fair volunteers and 4th grade field day help! Please do not sign up unless you know that you have a CORI on file with the school. We are no longer accepting new CORIs at this time, as communicated in past newsletters.
   Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up 2026

   Field Day Volunteer Sign Up

7. **Scholastic Book Fair E-Wallet Sign up:** *https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/templetonelemschool1* Using the e-wallet is the easiest way to give your child money for the book fair! Please consider this instead of cash. Please note that NO checks will be accepted for the book fair. Use this link to search for our fair and add money to your child's e-wallet!



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8. **Grade 4 MCAS:** As a reminder, Grade 4 will be taking their Math MCAS next week on Tuesday and Thursday! Be sure to get a good night's sleep!

9. **Safe Trailer:** The week of May 18th, members of the Templeton Fire Department will be coming with the safe trailer to do lessons on fire prevention and safety with all classes. This is a great time to discuss and teach your children what to do in the event of a fire in their home! Where are the exits? Where is a good meeting spot? How do they call 911?

Upcoming Save the Dates:

- **May 12th and 14th- Grade 4 Math MCAS**
- **May 13th at 6pm- Templeton Town Meeting @ NMS**
- **May 15th- Special Olympics at Quabbin**
- **May 18th- Kindergarten Field Trip**
- **May 18th- Templeton and Phillipston Town Elections**
- **May 18-22nd- Scholastic Book Fair**
- **May 20th- Art show & Book Fair 5:00-7:00pm**
- **May 21st- Family Engagement Night- Meet Author Jarret Krosoczka at TES at 5:30pm**
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- **May 27, 28 and 29th- Kindergarten Screening- NO KINDERGARTEN classes**

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May 1, 2026

10. **Staff Appreciation Week Reminders:** We have wonderful plans to celebrate our teachers and staff **NEXT WEEK**!! The most impactful gestures are often the simplest—especially when they come from students and families directly. We would love your help!! Here are some things you can do to help us celebrate our amazing staff! In addition I want to thank Kris Boudreau, Jen Civiok and the American Legion Woman's Auxiliary, Red Apple Farm, Deer Creek Bread & Bagels and our wonderful PTO for donating their time and/or treats to make next week amazing!
    a. With your child(ren), complete this google form to thank any staff member! It can be a teacher or support staff and you can submit as many messages as you'd like! Messages will be delivered during the week of May 4th! https://forms.gle/Qgh9oaWMzAYothi49
    b. Donate a raffle item or gift card. We will hold a special teacher raffle to win prizes! These can be sent or dropped off directly to Marci Rasmussen at the main office by May 1st.
    c. Have your child write a note, card or draw a picture to send in anytime during the week of May 4th. Remember that these are usually the most treasured gifts and are free! Here is a template you can use: FREEMiniAppreciationNotesForTeachersorStudentsSpreadKindnes…
    d. Donations of class supplies (tissues, pencils, white board markers, glue sticks, etc)



11. **Parent Volunteers Needed:** Please do not sign up unless you know that you have a CORI on file with the school. We are no longer accepting new CORIs at this time, as communicated in past newsletters.
    Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up 2026

    Field Day Volunteer Sign Up

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12. Square One Art:

- All orders must be placed online and proceeds will go to the TES PTO!.
- All orders will be shipped directly to homes (fees may apply).
- If you do not have your child's catalog then you may search on the Square 1 Art website.
- https://www.square1art.com/
- Order by: May 8th!!

13. Wendy's Baseball Fundraiser:



14. Memorial Day: Please see Dr. Casavant's letter was sent out earlier this week regarding the new Memorial Day program date for TES: Tuesday, May 26th. Permission slips will be coming home soon!



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Upcoming Save the Dates:

- **Week of May 4th- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**
- **May 6th at 7pm-Phillipston Town Meeting @ Phillipston Memorial**
- **May 6th and May 8th- Grade 3 Math MCAS**
- **May 8th- No Extended Day (Afternoon ONLY)**
- **May 12th and 14th- Grade 4 Math MCAS**
- **May 13th at 6pm- Templeton Town Meeting @ NMS**
- **May 15th- Special Olympics at Quabbin**
- **May 18th- Templeton and Phillipston Town Elections**
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April 24, 2026

15. **Staff Appreciation Week Reminders:** We have wonderful plans to celebrate our teachers and staff the **week of May 4th**. The most impactful gestures are often the simplest—especially when they come from students and families directly. We would love your help!! Here are some things you can do to help us celebrate our amazing staff!
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    b. Donate a raffle item or gift card. We will hold a special teacher raffle to win prizes! These can be sent or dropped off directly to Marci Rasmussen at the main office by May 1st.
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    d. Donations of class supplies (tissues, pencils, white board markers, glue sticks, etc)

16. **Book Fair-**The Scholastic Book Fair has been a very popular event at our school and it couldn't make us happier to see how excited our students get about books!

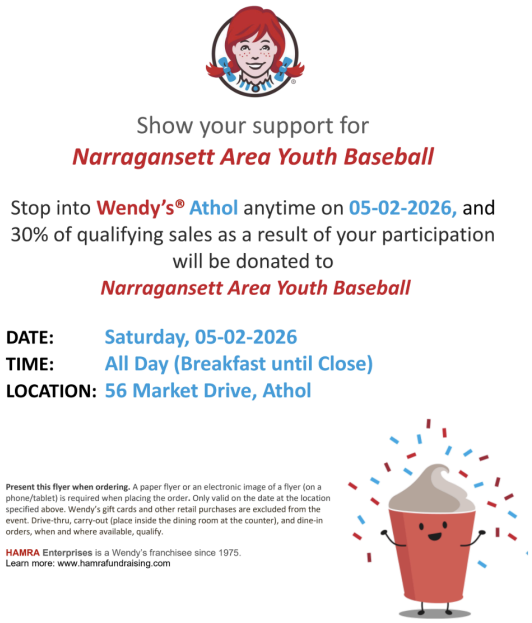
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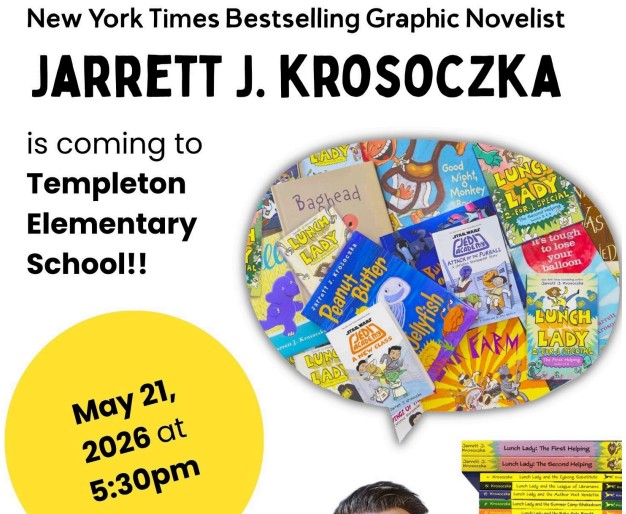
The book fair will be open during the week of May 18th-22nd. Students will attend the book fair during their Digital Literacy block. We are looking for parent volunteers to help the book fair run smoothly. **You must have a CORI on file** with the school to sign up. Here is the link for volunteer sign ups!

Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up 2026

17. **Kindergarten Reminder:** This is just a reminder that there will be NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten only on May 27th, 28th, and 29th due to Kindergarten Screening. Incoming kindergarteners need to schedule screening times with Penny Taintor when finished with registration.

18. **Wendy's Baseball Fundraiser:**





19. **Save the Date-Author Visit at TES:** Last year's visit with author Paul Reynolds was a hit! So this year, we are thrilled to announce the opportunity to meet another AMAZING author: Jarrett J. Krosoczka! Free book for all students that attend!



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Upcoming Save the Dates:

- *May 1st- Lunch Hero Day and Principal Appreciation Day*
- *Week of May 4th- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week*
- *May 8th- No Extended Day (Afternoon ONLY)*
- *May 15th- Special Olympics at Quabbin*
- *May 18-22nd- Scholastic Book Fair*
- *May 20th- Art show & Book Fair 5:00-7:00pm*
- *May 21st- Family Engagement Night- Meet Author Jarret Krosoczka at TES at 5:30pm*

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April 10, 2026

Half Day- Wednesday, April 15th*

20. **Staff Appreciation Week:** We have wonderful plans to celebrate our teachers and staff the **week of May 4th**. The most impactful gestures are often the simplest—especially when they come from students and families directly. We would love your help!! Here are some things you can do to help us celebrate our amazing staff!
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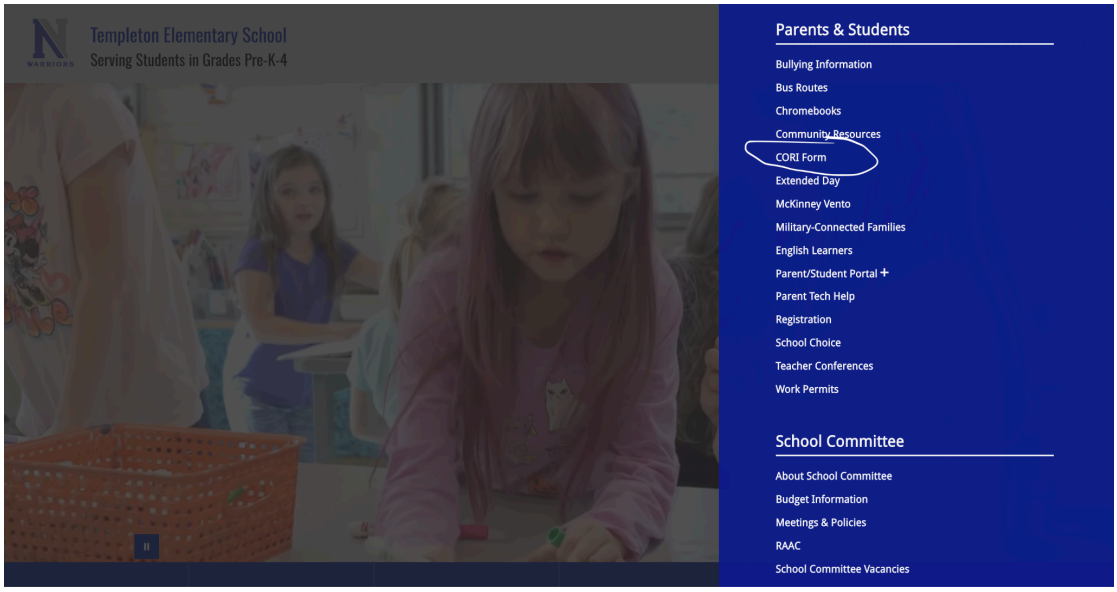


21. **Discount Tickets for Worcester Railers:**



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22. **Field Trip Chaperones:** Any parents thinking of attending their child's field trip for this year must have a **CORI form completed by April 17th** and submitted to Penny in the main office. We will not be accepting CORI forms after this date. Please remember to include the legal documentation with your CORI Form. CORI forms are good for 3 years, so if you did one in the last 2 years, you will not need to fill one out for this year. If you are unsure if you still have an active CORI, email ptaintor@nrsd.org. The CORI form can be found on the NRSD website under Parents & Students.



23. **Spring Photos:** Here is a discount code if you still would like to order spring photos. **ENJOY 10% OFF your order!** Use CODE: S2610OFF Redeem Now



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24. **MCAS Updates:** ELA MCAS testing has been completed for 3rd and 4th graders and they worked so hard! **Math MCAS** testing will be May 6th and 8th for 3rd grade and May 12th and 14th for 4th grade. Please save the dates!

Upcoming Save the Dates:

- *April 15th- Half Day*
- *April 16th- Grade 4 Recorder Concert 6:30 pm*
- *April 20th-24th- April Vacation- No School*
- *Week of May 4th- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week*
- *May 8th- No Extended Day (Afternoon ONLY)*
- *May 15th- Special Olympics at Quabbin*

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April 3, 2026

25. **No SaveSum Banking this week!** Student banking will continue on April 14th.

26. **Grade 3 and 4 MCAS:** Our 3rd graders did a fantastic job this week on ELA MCAS! This week, we will continue with Grade 4 on April 7th and April 9th. 3rd graders who were absent will have makeups this week as well.

27. **Theatre at the Mount- Willy Wonka:** K-4 students will be attending the performance of Willy Wonka at MWCC on Wednesday, April 8th. Permission slips for Grades K-4 have been sent home. Please return as soon as possible. Buses will be boarding at 9am so please be sure students are at school on time. Thank you to the Templeton and Phillipston Cultural Council and our PTO for supporting this experience for our students.

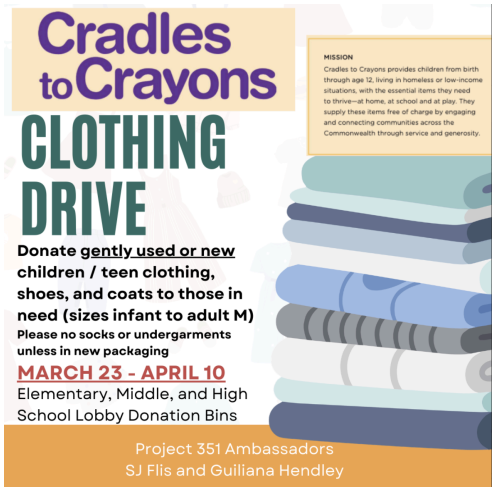
28. **Autism Awareness Month:** April is Autism Awareness month. Autism Awareness Month celebrates and honors the experiences and identities of Autistic individuals. It emphasizes understanding, inclusion, and support, moving beyond awareness towards meaningful acceptance. We encourage



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all staff and students to wear BLUE on Friday, April 10th to spread awareness and acceptance.

29. **Lost and Found:** All items remaining in our lost and found on Friday, April 10th will be donated to Cradles for Crayons. In addition, if you have anything you would like to donate to this cause, there is a large box in the TES lobby. Donations will continue to be accepted until Friday.



Upcoming Save the Dates:

- *April 15th- Half Day*
- *April 16th- Grade 4 Recorder Concert*
- *April 20th-24th- April Vacation*
- *Week of May 4th- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week*
- *May 8th- No Extended Day (Afternoon ONLY)*
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March 27, 2026

30. **Welcome Ms. Gumas, New Music Student Teacher:** Please read below for an introduction to Ms.Gumas, who is joining Mrs. McKean from UMASS. She would love for you to complete this survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeytVnfTHtx_7PQc3xJSgYj3HNjTWUtW6b2aC-O2hspHHtVmQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor

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Hello Templeton Elementary Families,

My name is Ilkim Gumus (ee-kim goo-mis). I am currently a student teacher in music with Mrs. McKean at Templeton Elementary. I am a senior at the University of Massachusetts anticipated to graduate this May with my Bachelors of Music in Music Education and my Bachelors of Science in Psychology. My primary instruments are Trumpet and Voice and I have extensive experience in both the classical and jazz worlds. I originally hail from Quincy, Massachusetts and grew up in a Turkish household, so I am fluent in both English and Turkish. I am very excited to work with all of your little musicians! If you could spare 2 minutes to take this google survey to help me begin to learn more about you and your student, that would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me via email: igumus@umass.edu to say hello or tell me anything else you'd like me to know about your student!

Warmly,
Ilkim Gumus



31. **Hannaford Helps Schools:** Program will be running from April 5-May 30th! See attached flyer!

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32. **2026-2027 School Year Calendar:** Please see the recently approved district calendar for next year below. Please note that the first day of school for students in Grades 1-12 will be August 31st. Kindergarten will begin September 1st and Preschool will begin the week after Labor Day.

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NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR — **Approved by SC 3/19/26**

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER (21) 23					August/September
M	T	W	TH	F	(8/27, 8/28) Full Teacher PD Days
24	25	26	27	28	(8/31) First Day of School Grades 1-12
31	1	2	3	4	(9/1) First Day of School Grade K
7	8	9	10	11	(8/31, 9/1, 9/2, 9/3) PreK Screening
14	15	16	17	18	NO SCHOOL - SEPT 4
21	22	23	24	25	NO SCHOOL - SEPT 7 (Labor Day)
28	29	30			(9/8) First Day of School PreK

OCTOBER (21) 21					October
M	T	W	TH	F	(7) 1/2 Day - Teacher PD Day
			1	2	NO SCHOOL - OCT 12 (Columbus Day)
5	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	

NOVEMBER (18) 18					November
M	T	W	TH	F	(4) 1/2 Day - Teacher PD Day
2	3	4	5	6	NO SCHOOL - NOV 11 (Veteran's Day)
9	10	11	12	13	(20) 1/2 Day - TES Only - TES Conferences
16	17	18	19	20	(23, 24) 1/2 Days - TES, MS & HS Conferences
23	24	25	26	27	(25) 1/2 Day - Students & Teachers
30					NO SCHOOL - NOV 26 & 27 (Thanksgiving)

DECEMBER (17) 17					December
M	T	W	TH	F	(2) 1/2 Day - Teacher PD Day
	1	2	3	4	(23) 1/2 Day - Students & Teachers
7	8	9	10	11	NO SCHOOL - DEC 24-DEC 31
14	15	16	17	18	
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30	31		

JANUARY (19) 19					January
M	T	W	TH	F	NO SCHOOL - JAN 1 (New Year's Day)
				1	(13) 1/2 Day - Teacher PD Day
4	5	6	7	8	NO SCHOOL - JAN 18 (MLK Jr. Day)
11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	29	

FEBRUARY (15) 15					February
M	T	W	TH	F	(3) 1/2 Day - Teacher PD Day
1	2	3	4	5	NO SCHOOL - FEB 15-19
8	9	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	

MARCH (22) 23					March
M	T	W	TH	F	(3) 1/2 Day - Teacher PD Day
1	2	3	4	5	NO SCHOOL - March 26 (Full Day PD/Good Friday)
8	9	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	
22	23	24	25	26	
29	30	31			

APRIL (17) 17					April
M	T	W	TH	F	
			1	2	(15,16) 1/2 Day - TES, MS & HS Conferences
5	6	7	8	9	(14) 1/2 Day - Teacher PD Day
12	13	14	15	16	NO SCHOOL - APR 19-23
19	20	21	22	23	
26	27	28	29	30	

MAY (20) 20					May
M	T	W	TH	F	NO SCHOOL - MAY 31 (Memorial Day)
3	4	5	6	7	
10	11	12	13	14	
17	18	19	20	21	
24	25	26	27	28	
31					

JUNE (10) 10					June
M	T	W	TH	F	(4) Graduation
	1	2	3	4	(14) 1/2 Day - Last Day of School
7	8	9	10	11	NO SCHOOL - JUNE 18 (Juneteenth)
14	15	16	17	18	(If school is still in session)
21	22	23	24	25	
28	29	30			

33. **Grade 3 and 4 MCAS:** It is that time of year! ELA MCAS testing begins next week. As a reminder, we ask that you please try not to have students out on these dates unless they are sick and all students testing should arrive at school on time. All Grade 3 and 4 parents should have received a letter with specific dates and expectations. Please remind your child(ren) that all we want is for them to try their best!
    a. Grade 3 ELA- April 1st and April 2nd
    b. Grade 4 ELA- April 7th and April 9th

34. **Theatre at the Mount- Willy Wonka:** Permission slips for Grades K-4 have been sent home. Please return as soon as possible.

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****Reminder: There is no school on Friday, April 3rd for the entire district.****

March 20, 2026

35. **Next Week's Schedule:** Trimester 2 report cards will go home on Wednesday, March 25th. In addition, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are half days of school for professional development and Parent-Teacher conferences. TES dismissal will begin at 11:45 am.



36. Spring Pictures Monday March 23rd: Spring Picture Day is coming on Monday, March 23! You can place your order on mylifetouch.com using your Picture Day ID: EVT6TQ2XF. Order before midnight on Picture Day to get FREE shipping!
Your child can also bring their completed flyer with cash or check on Monday, March 23. Orders after Picture Day must be placed online only on mylifetouch.com. **Envelopes will not be accepted at TES after Monday.** In addition, there are no retakes for spring pictures.

37. **Phillipston School Committee Representative Needed:**

NRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

PHILLIPSTON NEEDS YOUR VOICE

The NRSD School Committee is in need of Phillipston residents willing to step up and serve.

Without candidates this election, Phillipston will have no representation in important school district decisions that impact our students, families, and community.

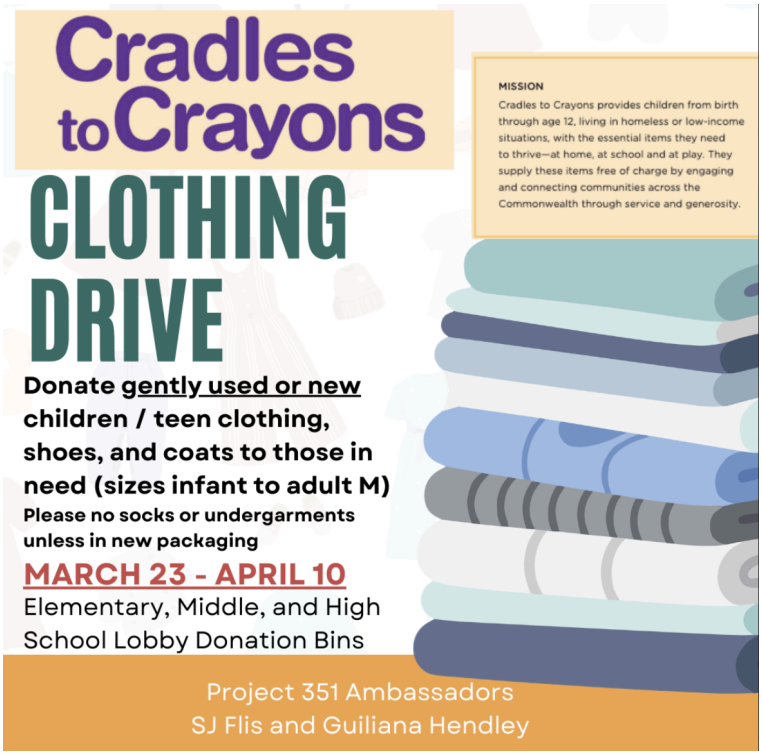
Town elections are fast approaching.

Nomination papers must be pulled and returned to the Town Clerk no later than March 30th.

- Visit the Phillipston Town Clerk's Office to get started

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38. **Cradles to Crayons Clothing Drive:**



39. **Templeton Cub Scouts Information:**



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March 13, 2026

40. **Spring Conferences:** Spring conference sign-ups will be opening Monday morning at 8am via this **LINK**. As a reminder, we will only be able to accommodate one conference per child during the spring conference window. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Our goal is to make sure conference time is available for families who would most benefit from an additional discussion about student progress. **This link will close on Friday, March 20th at 3pm.** After that time, no conferences will be able to be scheduled.

41. **Spring Pictures -- New Date: March 23rd now!** Information will be coming home next week. There are NO retakes for Spring pictures and you are under no obligation to purchase.

42. **Field Trip Chaperones:** Field Trip season is nearing! Please note that if you are wanting to chaperone a field trip this spring for your child, **a CORI form must be completed by April 17th** and submitted to our Main Office or Susan Varney at Central Office. We will not be accepting CORI forms after that date. If you already have a CORI on file from the last 3 years, then you are all set! If you need to know if you have an active CORI on file, please contact Penny Taintor at ptaintor@nrsd.org.



43. **Weather:** Welcome to New England where it is 60 degrees one day and 30 degrees the next. As a reminder, please be sure students are dressed for the weather of the day! The field will be muddy for a while so while most of the snow is gone, boots are still encouraged!

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44. Fundraiser: Our School Store fundraiser was a success!! We had 68% of our students participate, 465 gift cards donated to teachers and $4,564 dollars raised to help support school events and field trips! Thank you, your friends and families for all your support!

See below for upcoming community events!







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March 6, 2026



45. **Spring Conferences:** Spring conference sign-ups will be opening Monday morning at 8am via this **LINK**. Spring conferences are historically less attended than fall conferences. With only 2 days scheduled for conferences this spring instead of 3, March 26th and 27th, we want to share a few important updates. If you do not have any concerns about your child's progress at this time, a spring conference is not necessary. Teachers will continue to communicate regularly about student progress, and you are always welcome to reach out if questions arise. In order to ensure that as many families as possible have the opportunity to meet with teachers if needed, we will only be able to accommodate one conference per child during the spring conference window. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Our goal is to make sure conference time is available for families who would most benefit from an additional discussion about student progress.

46. **TES School Report Card:** Please click the following link to see our 2025 School and District Report Card submitted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. https://aptg.co/4PF_YQ

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48. **Teacher Requests:** As we begin planning for the upcoming school year, I wanted to share an update regarding classroom placement requests. In the past, families have occasionally requested specific teachers for their children. Moving forward, we will no longer be accepting specific teacher requests. This change allows our staff to focus on creating well-balanced classrooms that best support the needs of all students. Our teachers and support staff spend many hours carefully considering each student's needs when building class lists. Academic needs, social dynamics, behavioral supports, and IEP requirements are all thoughtfully reviewed to ensure that every child is placed in an environment where they can thrive and be successful. We understand that families know their children best, and we value your partnership. If there are important factors about your child's learning style or needs that you would like us to consider, you are always welcome to share that information with us. While we cannot accommodate specific teacher requests, we will continue to take all relevant information into account as we finalize placements. Thank you for your continued trust and support as we work to provide the best possible learning environment for all Templeton Elementary students.



49. **Fundraiser:** The last day for the School Store fundraiser is Friday, March 13th. Students can still redeem their lanyard code for a Book Buddy through Friday. Thank you to everyone who has already participated!

50. **Morning Drop Off Line:** As a reminder, the beginning of the drop off line is at the Police Station. NO cars should be pulling to the front of TES until a staff member directs them to do so. Our staff have limited walking space to get to that area, and it is becoming increasingly dangerous because cars are not waiting for staff to get to their designated areas. Thank you for keeping our staff and students safe. In addition, if you are dropping off your child late, you must come into the office and sign your child in.

Upcoming Opportunities:





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February 27, 2026

1. **School Store Fundraiser:** We are excited to announce that our school is participating in the SchoolStore Program again this year! *We have run this fundraiser for the past 3 years and have done great with it*! Your child(ren) are bringing home paperwork on the program as well as a lanyard with a prize badge.



Student School Prize:
For the students who return their lanyard with their prize code, they get a book buddies mystery pack - each pack has one of the following pets in it: Waddles, "Mandarin Duck" (rare), Yuki "Japanese Macaque", Bandit "Giant Panda", Milo "Snub-Nosed Monkey", Mochi "Sun Bear", Rocket "Flying Squirrel".

There are also numerous vendors that are part of the SchoolMall program that will be giving the school a % back for orders! We have included this information for parents. You can raise money year-round by reminding family and friends to shop online through the schoolstore website. Go to schoolstore.com to participate. Templeton Elementary School - School ID: 4197

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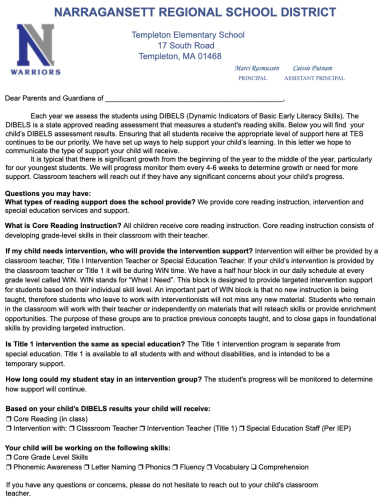
Your child's teacher can also get prizes based on the number of their students participating in the program. Last year the teachers were able to buy items for their classrooms with this fundraiser!

2. **Electrical Safety Program:** Ray Gouley from the Templeton Municipal Light Company will be here next Friday to teach all students electrical safety.

3. **MOY Assessment Update:** In looking at MOY data, we are thrilled that TES showed consistent growth across all grade levels in both Reading and Math. Multiple grades saw double-digit gains in proficiency. A strong majority of students are meeting growth expectations and intervention percentages decreased in several grades!

4. **Early Literacy Letters:** All students will be coming home with DESE mandated Early Literacy letters today. Please know that this is only one piece of data for your child(ren). If you have specific questions about your child's progress, please reach out to their teacher.

5. **Half Day Wednesday :** Wednesday, March 4th is a half day of school. Dismissal starts at 11:45.



NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Templeton Elementary School
17 South Road
Templeton, MA 01468

WARRIORS

Marci Rasmussen, PRINCIPAL Caissie Putnam, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians of _____,

Each year we assess the students using DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills). The DIBELS is a state approved reading assessment that measures a student's reading skills. Below you will find your child's DIBELS assessment results. Ensuring that all students receive the appropriate level of support here at TES continues to be our priority. We have set up ways to help support your child's learning. In this letter we hope to communicate the type of support your child will receive.

It is typical that there is significant growth from the beginning of the year to the middle of the year, particularly for our youngest students. We will progress monitor them every 4-6 weeks to determine growth or need for more support. Classroom teachers will reach out if they have any significant concerns about your child's progress.

Questions you may have:
What types of reading support does the school provide? We provide core reading instruction, intervention and special education services and support.

What is Core Reading Instruction? All children receive core reading instruction. Core reading instruction consists of developing grade-level skills in their classroom with their teacher.

If my child needs intervention, who will provide the intervention support? Intervention will either be provided by a classroom teacher, Title I Intervention Teacher or Special Education Teacher. If your child's intervention is provided by the classroom teacher or Title 1 it will be during WIN time. We have a half hour block in our daily schedule at every grade level called WIN. WIN stands for "What I Need". This block is designed to provide targeted intervention support for students based on their individual skill level. An important part of WIN block is that no new instruction is being taught, therefore students who leave to work with interventionists will not miss any new material. Students who remain in the classroom will work with their teacher or independently on materials that will reteach skills or provide enrichment opportunities. The purpose of these groups are to practice previous concepts taught, and to close gaps in foundational skills by providing targeted instruction.

Is Title 1 intervention the same as special education? The Title 1 intervention program is separate from special education. Title 1 is available to all students with and without disabilities, and is intended to be a temporary support.

How long could my student stay in an intervention group? The student's progress will be monitored to determine how support will continue.

Based on your child's DIBELS results your child will receive:
❒ Core Reading (in class)
❒ Intervention with: ❒ Classroom Teacher ❒ Intervention Teacher (Title 1) ❒ Special Education Staff (Per IEP)

Your child will be working on the following skills:
❒ Core Grade Level Skills
❒ Phonemic Awareness ❒ Letter Naming ❒ Phonics ❒ Fluency ❒ Vocabulary ❑ Comprehension

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's classroom teacher.

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February 6, 2026

1. **Student Council Blanket Drive for NEADS:** Accepting new or used blankets for donation next week!



2. **100th Day of School:** Monday, February 9th is the 100th day of school at TES!

3. **Valentine's Day:** As a reminder, Guidance from our Wellness Policy does not support traditional parties that include food and snacks. We have many students in our building with severe allergies. This is in place to keep all of our students safe. **<u>This means that NO candy or food that are Valentines will be able to be distributed to students.</u>** Please plan in advance. There are a lot of alternative options out there if you wish to send something.

4. **Skate Night Tomorrow:** See flyer!



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5. **February Vacation:** There will be no school from Monday, February 16th- Friday, February 20th. Classes will resume on Monday, February 23rd!

January 30, 2026

6. **Welcome Ms. Shouse:**We are thrilled to have a student teacher join our TES family with Mrs. McKean in music. Here is a welcome letter from Ms. Shouse!

7. **Save Sum Banking:** Please see flyer!



We would LOVE to help your students save for their future!

It's never too late to start healthy saving habits. This month, we're inviting all students to join our Save$um School Banking Program with Athol Savings A Division of Cornerstone Bank! It's a great way for them to learn financial goal setting while earning fun rewards.

What's in it for your student?

- **$5 Opening Bonus to get them started!**
- **Prizes for reaching savings goals.**

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8. **Attendance Letters:** We have recently received a lot of calls and emails from families regarding attendance letters. Please know we are required by MA state law to send notification to families with students that have 5 or more absences. It does not matter whether they are excused or not. This is just a notification letter. If we have concerns regarding your child's absences, we will reach out to you via phone.

9. **Global Play Day:** TES students will be participating in Global Play Day on Wednesday, February 4th. Letters will be sent home regarding the expectations for that day. No electronic devices will be allowed.

10. **Half Day Wednesday:** There will be a half day of school on Wednesday, February 4th. Dismissal will begin at 11:45 at TES.



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January 23, 2026

11. **Kindergarten Registration:** Do you have a younger child that will be starting Kindergarten next year? Or do you know someone that does? Please pass this information along! We need correct enrollment numbers to determine staffing for next year so registering early is SO important.



12. **Valentine's Day:** Believe it or not, February is coming! In observance of Valentine's Day this year, we welcome students bringing in Valentine's Day cards to hand out to all of their classmates. This is not mandatory. Classroom teachers will have a designated time at the end of the day for exchanging and opening Valentines. Guidance from our Wellness Policy does not support traditional parties that include food and snacks. We have many students in our building with severe allergies. This is in place to keep all of our students safe. **This means that NO candy or food that are Valentines will be able to be distributed to students.**

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13. **Extended Absences & Vacations:** In the event that your child(ren) will be out of school for an extended absence or vacation, please contact **BOTH** your child's teacher and Penny or Dee in the front office. Their email addresses are dhastings@nrsd.org and ptaintor@nrsd.org. We do not provide work for extended absences. As a reminder, vacations are not excused absences and illnesses can only be excused with a doctor's note. We highly encourage students to be in school everyday. Attendance counts!

14. **Smart Watches and other electronic devices:** Please note that electronic devices of any kind are forbidden at Templeton Elementary School including cell phones and smart watches. These devices need to be kept at home or OFF in backpacks during school hours. If students are seen with these devices during school hours, staff will ask them to place them in their backpacks. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

15. **Roller Skating Night:** Join us for Elementary Hour of Skating at the high school from 5-6pm on February 7th, scan the QR code for tickets!



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Looking Ahead : There is a half day of school on February 4th for staff professional development.

January 16, 2026

16. **No School:** There is no school on Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. School will resume on Tuesday. Enjoy the long weekend!

17. **Front Office Reminders:**

Calling out your child:
When calling out your child via voicemail OR calling the office staff, please give your name, your child's name, grade and teacher and reason especially if sick so the nurses can be notified.

End of Day Changes:
All *end of day changes for your child* need to be called into the office by 1:30pm. Teachers would prefer that parents email them before 8:00am daily for changes in transportation for planning purposes (specials, lunch, recess) this way they can be packed up and dismissed quickly. It makes the dismissal process more efficient.

Parent Pick-Ups:
Also, when sending in notes for parent pick ups -- please make sure to put the *FULL* name of the person picking up, if it's not you. We need full names of grandparents, aunts/uncles, daycare person, neighbor, etc. This is for the safety of your child so our staff knows who is picking
them up.

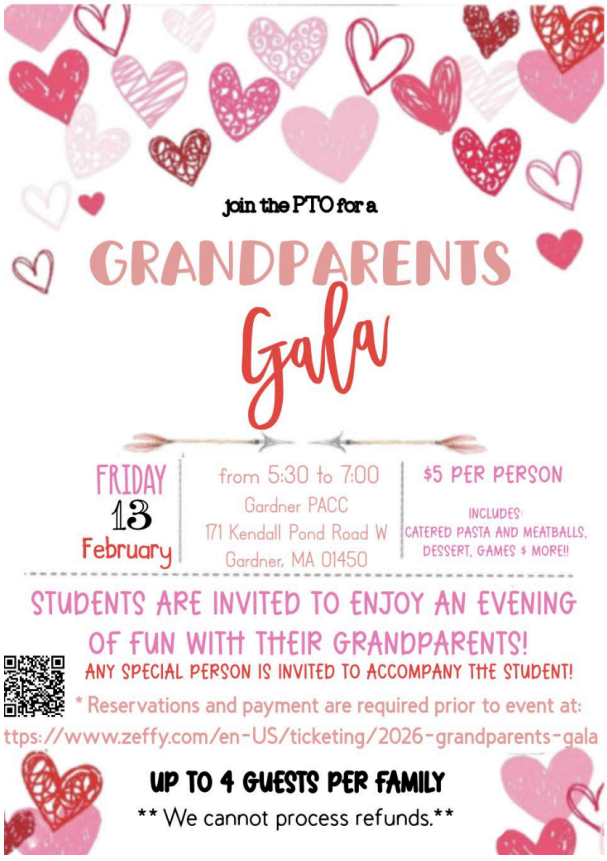


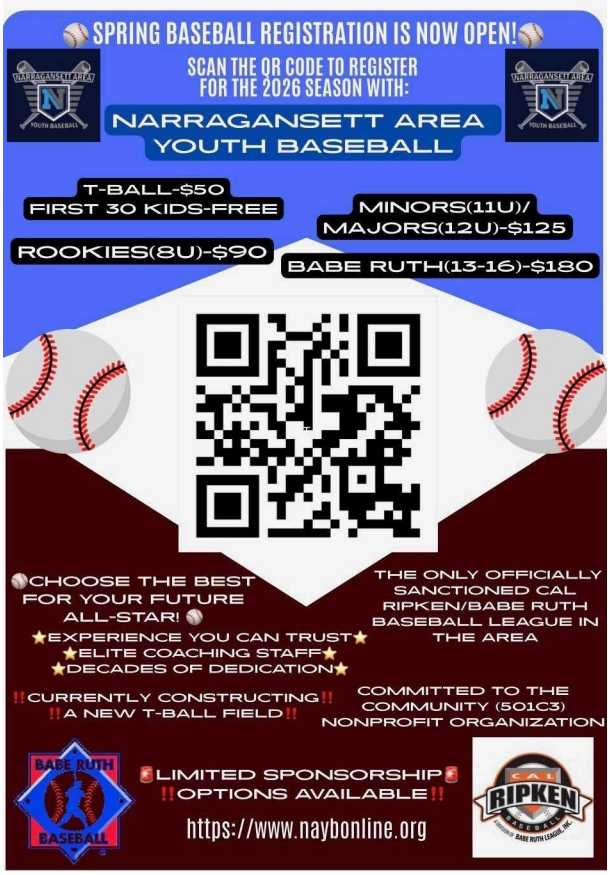
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18. Preschool Registration and Open House:

19. Baseball Registration & PTO Event:





20. Last Day of School: Due to the 2 snow days, our last day of school is now Tuesday, June 16th. Any subsequent snow days will add on additional days to the end of the year.

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January 9, 2026

Please view the January Newsletter for more detailed information on upcoming events: **https://5il.co/3ta27**

21. **Schedule Changes:** There will be a half day on Wednesday, January 14th for Professional Development and No School on Monday, January 19th for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

22. **Mid Year Assessments:** Over the next few weeks, students will be taking mid year STAR and DIBELS assessments. You will also receive an email from Edumetris regarding our Mid Year Social Emotional screening BIMAS. This information is extremely important and we appreciate you taking the time to complete it for your child(ren).

23. **No Afternoon Extended Day:** For those families that use extended day, there is NO afternoon extended day on Friday, January 16th. Please be sure to send a note or email to your child's teacher or the front office with dismissal changes for those that normally attend extended day.

24. **Cheer Clinic:** There will be a cheer clinic on Monday, January 19th from 9-1 at TES. Forms are going home today. Please be sure to return the form with the $45 payment if interested.

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25. **Recreational Baseball and Softball Registration:** Registration is now open for spring T-ball, baseball and softball. Registration forms will be sent home with students next week. Please note that the registration should be returned to Templeton Parks and Rec NOT the school.

December 21, 2025

26. **Monday is Winter Wonderland Day!** Dress in your coziest gear!

27. **Tuesday is a half day of school** for all students and staff. Dismissal will begin at 11:45 am and the main office will close at 12:45pm.

28. **Cold & Flu Season Update:** As we move through the cold and flu season, we are seeing an increase in illness among students and staff. We encourage families to help keep our school community healthy by practicing good preventative measures at home, including frequent handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, getting plenty of rest, and staying up to date on recommended vaccinations. If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them home. Students must be fever-free with no vomiting and/or diarrhea for at least 24 hours **without the use of fever-reducing medications** before returning to school. We also want to assure families that our custodial staff is working diligently to clean and disinfect all areas of our buildings to help maintain a healthy environment for students and staff. Thank you for your partnership in keeping our school community safe and well. - Melissa Oshman, School Nurse Leader

29. **Winter Break:** TES will be closed from December 24th-January 4th. Classes resume on Monday, January 5th.

30. **School Zone Reminders:** Cars should not be passing through the TES parking lots

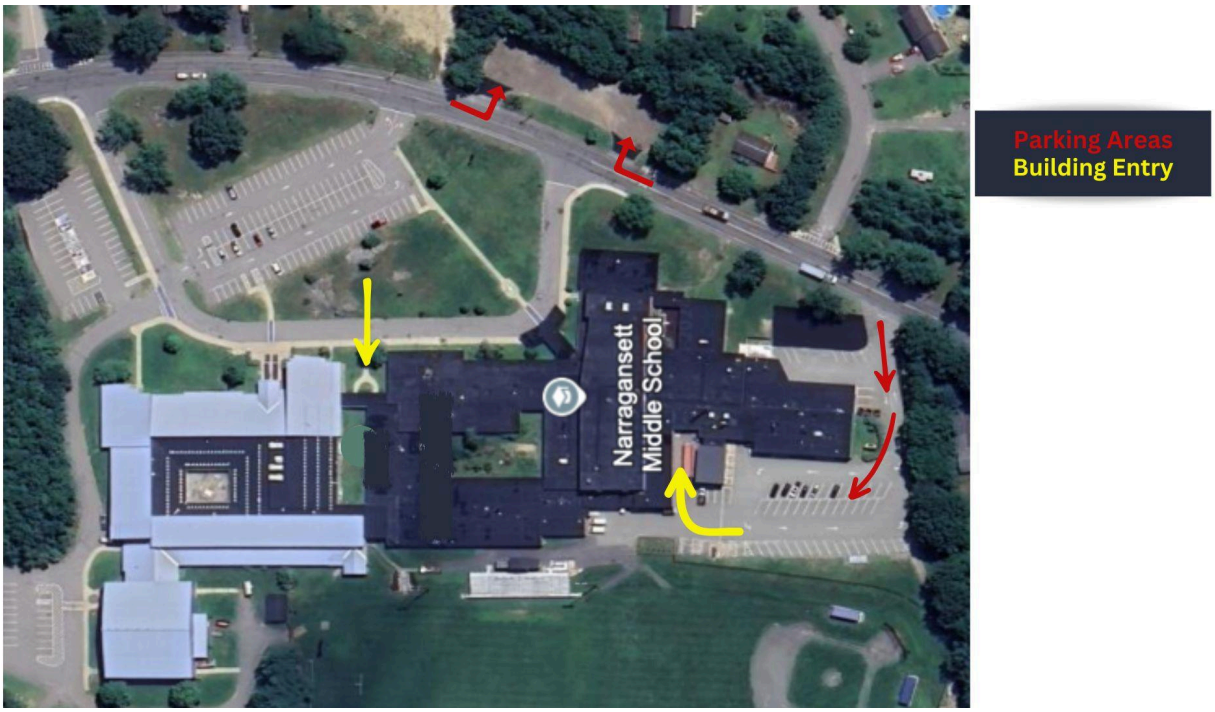


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during arrival and dismissal times and should NEVER be passing buses or vans that are loading or unloading.

December 12, 2025

31. **K-3 Holiday Plays:** We welcome K-3 families to join us at the Narragansett Middle School auditorium on Friday for our holiday plays. Please see the following letter for information regarding parking, entrances and door opening times:



Hello TES Parents & Guardians,



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As you prepare to come to watch the Holiday Concerts for our K-3 TES students - being held at the Narragansett Middle School on Friday, December 19th - we want to share some important information.

As you know, our parking availability will be limited because both concerts are during the school day. As you will see in the picture above, there are 2 locations we'd like you to park (see the red arrows).

The rear parking lot, adjacent to the baseball field, will be open for parking. If parking in this lot, the entrance into the building will be at Door C19 (yellow arrow). There will be signage and students to help direct you.

Additional parking is available in the lot directly across from the Middle School. A crossing guard will be present to help attendees cross the street safely. When parking across the street, you will enter the Middle School building directly through the main entrance (yellow arrow).

Concert Schedule

9:30am	Grades Kindergarten and 2nd	Doors Open at 9:15am
11:00am	Grades 1st and 3rd	Doors Open at 10:45am

Please be advised that the doors will open for parents 15 minutes before the start of the concert. In consideration of those viewing the 11:00 a.m. concert, we ask that any parents who do not have a child in the second performance please leave in a timely manner to make room for those coming to the Grade 1 & 3 performances. **If you wish to dismiss your child after the performance, you will need to do so from TES.**

Thank you, and enjoy the shows!

32. **Winter Gear & Outdoor Recess:** As long as the "feels like" temperature outside is above 20 degrees, students will be outside for recess. In order to play in the snow, students need to have a jacket, snow pants, hat, gloves and boots.

33. **Snack:** All students eat a snack at school daily. Please be sure to send your child to school with a healthy snack. No peanut products are allowed for snacks.



34. **Excused Absences for Sickness:** Please be aware that if you call your child out sick, that is not an excused absence. We

can only document excused absences with a doctor's note. If your child is sent home by the nurse and they have to be out for 24 hours or more due to fever or illness, that is also excused. Attendance letters will be sent out after break for anyone who has been out unexcused for more than 5 days. This is a state requirement. It is not meant to be disciplinary but in some cases of extreme absences, we may request a meeting to discuss how we can assist you.

35. **Spirit Week:**



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December 5, 2025

Save the Date: Spirit Week Coming Soon!



36. **Fourth Grade Winter Concert-** Grade 4 families are invited to join us at TES for their winter concert Monday, December 8th at 6:30 pm. Parents will need to sign their students in and out.



37. **6-7th Day of School-** If you have a child, you have probably heard 6-7 a million times. It originally came from a

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song about a 6 foot 7 inch basketball player but has taken over. Well, Tuesday is the 67th day of school and we are celebrating! Students can wear anything with the numbers 6 or 7 or 67! Students could dress up as “sick” 7’s as a pun. We will also be doing fun activities related to that number! If you can’t beat them, join them!

38. **Report Cards-** Trimester 1 report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, December 9th. Please note that today is the last day to sign up for parent-teacher conferences. All families should make the effort to attend to learn more about how your child is doing academically and socially in school.

39. **Conferences and Half Days-** Please note that Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are half days of school for Grades K-4 due to parent-teacher conferences. Dismissal will start at 11:45. If your child will be going home a different way, please be sure to notify your child’s teacher and/or the front office.

40. **PTO Cookie Decorating Event-** The last day to RSVP will be Wednesday December 17th. No late RSVP’s will be taken so that we can be sure to have enough cookies.



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November 26, 2025

As we head into the Thanksgiving break, I want to take a moment to share my heartfelt gratitude for each of you. Thank you for your partnership, your support, and the trust you place in us every day. Our students grow, learn, and shine because of the strong, caring community we have here at Templeton Elementary School.

I hope this holiday brings your family rest, connection, and moments of joy. We are so thankful for your children and the warmth they bring to our school.

Wishing you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving from all of us here at TES!



41. **Wednesday, December 3rd** is a half day for all students for teacher professional development. Dismissal will begin at 11:45.

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42. **Parent Teacher Conferences-** The last day to sign up for conferences will be December 5th. Here is the **LINK** to sign up.

43. **Holiday Concerts and Plays**- Save the date for the following concerts and plays! Permission slips are going home soon!
    a. **Grade 4 Winter Concert-** December 8th at 6:30 pm (Check in at 6:00) at TES
    b. **Grade K and Grade 2 Christmas Play**- December 19th at 9:30-10:00 am in the Middle School Auditorium
    c. **Grade 1 and Grade 3 Christmas Play**- December 19th at 11:00-11:30 am in the Middle School Auditorium

44. **Turkey Trot Winners-** Congratulations to our 3rd and 4th grade winners!





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November 21, 2025

45. **Parent Teacher Conferences-** Fall conferences will be held on December 10th, 11th and 12th at TES. The link to sign up for conferences is now LIVE and the last day to sign up will be December 5th. Here is the **LINK** to sign up. The Preschool schedule remains the same. Preschool conferences will be in January.

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    c. **Grade 1 and Grade 3 Christmas Play**- December 19th at 11:00-11:30 am in the Middle School Auditorium

47. **Thanksgiving Break-** Monday and Tuesday are full days of school at TES. Wednesday is a half day, with dismissal starting at 11:45. There is no school on Thursday or Friday for Thanksgiving break.



48. **Turkey Trot-** As a reminder, students in grades 3 and 4 MUST have a permission slip for the Turkey Trot on Wednesday. We will have a police detail and high school volunteers to help keep our kids safe along the route. In the event of inclement

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weather, it will be postponed until the spring. Students in Grades K-2 will be invited to cheer on our runners!

49. **Cookie Decorating Party-** Do not forget to RSVP for this fun, PTO sponsored event on December 19th using the QR code on the flyer!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving from all of us at TES!

November 14, 2025



50. **Parent Teacher Conferences-** Fall conferences will be held on December 10th, 11th and 12th at TES. The link to sign up for conferences will go live on November 19th at 3:00 PM and the last day to sign up will be December 5th. Here is the **LINK** to sign up. The Preschool schedule remains the same. Preschool conferences will be in January.

51. **Food Drive-** Our 4th graders are holding a food drive for the month of November. Here are the donations that the Templeton Food Pantry has requested. We have broken it up by grade:

Grades Prek and Kindergarten: Instant Mashed Potatoes
Grade 1: Brownie mix
Grade 2: Cornbread and other quickbread mixes
Grade 3: Cranberry sauce and turkey gravy
Grade 4: Pickles and Olives

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52. **Library-** Beginning next week in Digital Literacy, students will be able to check out up to 2 books from the library. They will be given a card with the return date on it. Students will need to return books before checking out additional books.

53. **Holiday Cookie Decorating Event-** Please see the flyer attached to our PTO sponsored Cookie Decorating event on December 19th! Scan the code to RSVP!

54. **Cold Weather Gear-** With the cold weather returning, please note that students will be going outside daily unless the temperatures are below 20 degrees (with wind chill in mind). Please be sure that students have a winter jacket, hat, gloves, etc so they are properly dressed for the weather. If you are in need of cold gear, please reach out!

****TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR HOLIDAY SUPPORT**:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9iFJWwwsVLae3tEC_5ezryPYCdNnzjhnN60L5htyGH5riWA/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=113074474808118575452

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55. **Diabetes Awareness Month-** November is Diabetes Awareness Month, an important time to educate and raise awareness on a disease that impacts millions of American families and several of our own students here at TES. **In support of this cause, please join us in wearing BLUE on World Diabetes Day, Friday November 14th!**





56. **Annual Turkey Trot-** Permission slips have been sent home for grades 3 and 4. Students in grades K-2 will be invited to cheer on our runners! Please note that in the event of inclement weather, the race will be rescheduled for the spring.

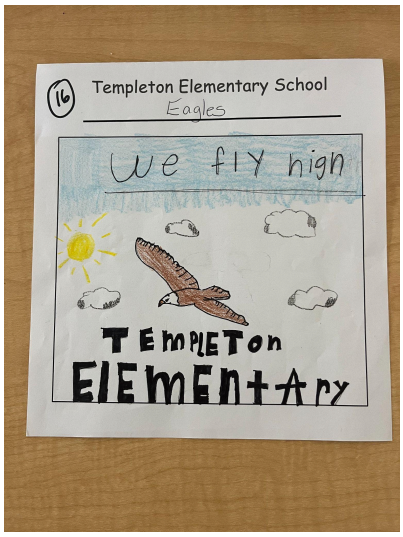
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58. **Veteran's Day-** Please note that there is NO School on Tuesday, November 11th in honor of Veteran's Day.

59. **NEW TES Mascot-** Congratulations to the winner of the Mascot contest, Annabella Santiago, with her design of the Templeton Elementary Eagles! We are so excited to share some new spirit wear with the new design! Stay tuned!!



October 31, 2025- Happy Halloween

60. **No School Reminders-** Reminder that all Narragansett schools have no school on Tuesday, November 4th. In addition, there is no school on November 11th in honor of Veteran's Day.



61. **Save Sum Banking-** Due to Tuesday's day off, ASB will be at TES on Wednesday for banking instead!

62. **Candy-** With Halloween here, please remember that candy should NOT be sent to school for snacks or lunch. This is against our wellness policy. We thank you for your cooperation.

63. **Drop Off Safety Reminder**- In order to ensure the safety of all students all caregivers who drop off after staff are no longer present on the sidewalk MUST walk their child(ren) into school and sign them in.

64. **TES School Mascot contest-** Congratulations to our 5 mascot contest finalists. All students will vote next week on the winner…stay tuned!!

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October 24, 2025

65. **Halloween & Book Character Day-** On Friday, October 31st, We invite all students and staff to come dressed up as their favorite book character! Please remember that book character costumes should be appropriate for school and students should NOT be wearing any face paint or masks for safety reasons.

66. **Free Clothing Swap, Donations Needed & Date CHANGE-** Due to Halloween festivities, we have moved the FREE clothing swap to Saturday, November 8th from 9-12 in the TES cafeteria! Clean out your closets and pick up some new-to-you items. Kids and Adults donations are welcome. Donations can be dropped off at 66 South Rd, there is a bin at the end of the driveway.



67. **Meadow Farms Fundraiser-** This is the last week for the fundraiser! Let's finish strong! These fundraisers help to offset field trip costs and more!! The last day to order is 10/29!

68. **PATH Program offered by LUK Inc.-** LUK is a nonprofit organization in Central Massachusetts that often partners with Templeton Elementary to provide student support. The PATH (Personalized Approach To Healing) program

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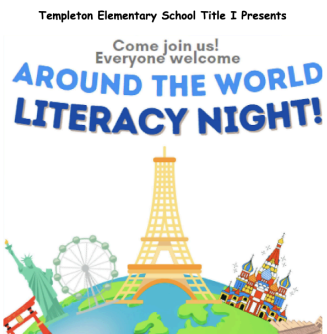
includes the full continuum of prevention, intervention, and treatment services for youth under age 18 **who have witnessed violence within their homes.** If you would be interested in this program for your child, please email Kayla Torres, one of our School Adjustment Counselors at Ktorres@nrsd.org for more information.

69. **Save The Date: Family BINGO-** Help the Narragansett Class of 2027 by attending family Bingo night! See the flyer for more details!



October 17, 2025

70. **Around the World Literacy Event-** Grab your passport and join us for Templeton Elementary's "Around the World



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Literacy Event"! ✈️ Join us on Wednesday, October 22nd from 6-7:30 pm! Families are invited to take a reading adventure across the globe as we celebrate stories, cultures, and languages from around the world. Each station will represent a different country, offering literacy activities that highlight the joy of reading and the beauty of diversity. **There is NO RSVP, sorry for the confusion last week!**

71. **Grief Camps-** We want to share information about two free, supportive camp opportunities designed specifically for children who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, or primary caregiver. These programs offer a safe, fun, and healing environment where children can connect with others who have faced similar losses.

    🌲 Comfort Zone Camp – Massachusetts

    Comfort Zone Camp offers free weekend camps throughout the year for grieving children ages 7–17. Their Massachusetts camp provides therapeutic activities, traditional camp fun, and a community of understanding peers. Trained grief professionals and volunteers provide support and guidance in a nurturing environment.

    To learn more or to register for an upcoming session, visit:
    https://www.comfortzonecamp.org

    🏕️ Experience Camps – Summer 2026 (Registration Opens Nov 1, 2025)

    Experience Camps provide one-week overnight summer camps for children in grades 4–12 who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Camps are held in several states, including a New England location, and focus on helping campers build resilience, express grief, and have fun in a traditional camp setting. To learn more and register, visit:
    https://www.experiencecamps.org

72. **Hannaford Helps Schools-** The 2025 Hannaford Helps Schools Program experienced a record-breaking year, generating $1,493,267 for 1,751 schools across New England and New York! Included in every school's total is a $300 base donation provided by Hannaford.
    Our school raised $498.00 from the redemption of coupons that were redeemed and redirected to our school. These funds raised are a direct result of the efforts and participation of our school community. Thank you for creating such a positive impact on

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our school! In the weeks ahead, we'll be telling you how we'll use these funds to benefit our students and how you can gear up for the 2026 program.

73. **Picture Retake Day-** Picture retakes will be held on Monday. Students that were absent on the original day will need to get their picture taken and if you want retakes, please send in the original pictures for return. Please be sure your child and/or their teacher know that they need to go for retakes.

74. **Templeton Parks & Recreation Basketball Registration-** Basketball registration for Grades K-12 are live! Use the following link to register: Leaguelineup.com/TempletonBasketball Flyers will be sent home next week as well!

****3rd Annual FREE TES Clothing swap will be held on Saturday, November 1st from 9-12 in the TES cafeteria!! Donations can be dropped off anytime at 66 South Rd. There is a labeled barrel at the end of the driveway! ****

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75. **Around the World Literacy Event-** Grab your passport and join us for Templeton Elementary's "Around the World Literacy Event"! ✈️ Join us on Wednesday, October 22nd from 6-7:30 pm!
Families are invited to take a reading adventure across the globe as we celebrate stories, cultures, and languages from around the world. Each station will represent a different country, offering literacy activities that highlight the joy of reading and the beauty of diversity.

76. **Clothing Swap-** Save the date!! 3rd Annual FREE TES Clothing swap will be held on Saturday, November 1st from 9-12 in the TES cafeteria!! Thank you to Nikki Winters who generously volunteers her time every year to make this happen.





77. **Cub Scouts-** If your child is interested in joining the Cub Scouts, here is their sign up information.

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Dear Parent,

Welcome to Pack 39!

Our Pack meets at the Phillipston Memorial Elementary School at the Phillipston common. We have Pack Meetings on the third Sunday of the month at 4pm. Den meetings are typically held every other week or weekly and will meet on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00pm meeting plans are set by the families in each den (age group).

The Cubmaster (head person to ask for help and information) for Pack 39 is:
Chris McGinn cgmcginn@outlook.com or pack39phillipston@gmail.com
The Assistant Cubmaster (head person #2) is:
James Nason jamesnason891@gmail.com

Our pack maintains an Facebook page with events and notifications here:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/Pack39Phillipston/

Our Council is Heart of New England

Our Pack fees are **$225.00** for the year paid at registration. This fee partially covers the following items ($165.00 charter fee to council, Book ~$24.00, Derby Car ~$10.00, Neckerchief ~$13.00, Neckerchief Slide $~8.00, Badges and Awards ~$20.00, Leader Registrations and training ~$15.00, Pack Activities and Supplies ~15.00, and more. If this is a hardship, please see the Cubmaster or Committee Chair to work something out. Additional funds are raised through fundraising throughout the year:

We ask that each scout have a scout uniform shirt and wear them to Pack meetings, Den meetings, and special events (like the Memorial Day parade). Lions(kindergarten) have a blue tee shirt, Tigers – Webelos (1st-4th grade) have a blue uniform, and AOL (5th grade) have a Kahki shirt. The pack supplies the neckerchief and slide. Since the scouts will need a belt to have loops installed you can pick up a scout belt or use one sourced other places.

You can get a uniform shirt a couple of places. The best local location is Jon's Sport Shop in Gardner. http://www.johnssport.com/

Your Scouts will need to get the following patches for their shirt:

A Council Patch Heart of New England



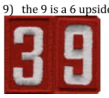
The World Crest (which might be on the shirt already)



OR



Unit numbers (3 and 9) the 9 is a 6 upside down or vice versa



https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/CubScout_Insignia.pdf

Our first Pack meeting will be September 21th 2025 at 4:00pm. In the Phillipston Memorial school gym. Please come with your application and registration fee if you have not already supplied them. You do not have to have your new shirts for this first meeting.

Yours in Scouting,

Pack 39 Committee

78. **Community Flu and Covid Vaccine clinic-** A Staff & Community COVID & Flu Vaccine clinic has been scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2025. The Fitchburg Department of Public Health will be in the Middle School Cafeteria (460

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Baldwinville road) from the hours of 4-6:30 pm. This evening clinic is open to all community members.

79. **Parent Portal-** The Parent Portal is used for making changes to your child's information (this information was included in your child's opening day paperwork). The parent portal can be found on the website www.nrsd.org and is linked below.

    New this year, all parents will be updating their child(ren) information through our District Portal. Information including phone numbers (home and cell), email changes, and emergency contacts need to be done through the online parent portal.

    1. Use the district on-line portal: https://nrsd.schoolbrains.com/comm/
    2. This is also the place where you sign off on the district's Parent/Student Handbook
    3. Please note: All address changes need to go through the Registrar's Office, Melanie Murphy, mmurphy@nrsd.org.

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The October Newsletter was sent home earlier this week. If you did not get a chance to read, you can access it here: https://5il.co/3qk97

80. **Pumpkin Patch-** All students in grades K-4 will be attending the Lions Club sponsored Pumpkin Patch on the town common on Tuesday, October 7th. Permission slips need to be turned in for students to attend. Preschoolers will be delivered pumpkins to their classrooms. Please send in a bag with your child that is strong enough to carry a pumpkin home!



81. **Fire Prevention Week-** Next week, Templeton Elementary School is recognizing Fire Prevention Week! Students will be working with the Templeton Fire Department and learning important fire safety tips, such as knowing two ways out of every room, practicing fire drills at home, and understanding the importance of smoke detectors. We encourage families to take a few minutes to talk with their children about fire safety,



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check smoke alarms, and review your home escape plan together. Working together, we can help keep all of our students and families safe!

82. **Picture Retakes –** Retake picture forms were sent home with all students who were absent on our first picture day (September 16th). The forms went home on October 10th. Any student who would like retakes done, pictures need to be sent to school on or before retake day and given to the photographer. Picture Day Code: EVT3HBZZK. If you have any questions on your pictures, please reach out to Lifetouch's customer care department at 1-800-736-4753. To order additional packets, mylifetouch.com (create an account or login with the picture day code).

83. **PTO Meadowbrook Farm Fundraiser-** All students were sent home fundraiser packets this week. The fundraiser will run from 10/2 through 10/29. The money raised will support student field trip costs, community events and enrichment programs for our school. Please consider supporting!

84. **Interns-** We are thrilled to introduce you to 2 of our interns this year. Ms. Madeline Lemke is an intern from Worcester State University working with Mr. Kiel Storm this year. She is a School Psychology major and will be here 3 days a week. In addition, Ms. Kaeli Rasmussen is interning with Mrs. Kayla Torres, School Adjustment Counselor. She will be attending college in the fall and plans to major in Social work with the goal of becoming a School Adjustment Counselor. Welcome!



Don't forget to RSVP for our Halloween Dance!

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85. **Athol Savings School Banking-** Banking Brochures went home with students on Monday. School Banking with Athol Savings Bank will be starting on Tuesday, October 14th at 8:30am. It will be held weekly on Tuesdays again this year. 4th Grade Teller applications are found online on the ASB website.

86. **Early Dismissal Changes-** We will no longer be allowing early dismissals between 2:30-2:50. This is a very busy time of day in the office and many students are transitioning within the building and getting ready for dismissal. We also have minimal parking during this time due to buses entering and the start of the parent pick up line. We ask that if you need to dismiss your child early, please pick up before 2:30 pm. After 2:30 pm, you will be asked to get into the parent pick up line. The only exception will be if you are picking up a sick child from the nurse. Thank you for your cooperation.

87. **Wendy's Fundraiser-** See flyer below for details!

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Wendy's

Show your support for

Narragansett Area Youth Baseball

Stop into **Wendy's®** **Athol** anytime on **09-28-2025** and 30% of qualifying sales as a result of your participation will be donated to

Narragansett Area Youth Baseball

DATE: **Sunday, 09-28-2025**
TIME: **All Day (Breakfast until Close)**
LOCATION: **56 Market Drive, Athol**

Present this flyer when ordering. *Paper flyer* **or** *electronic image of flyer (on a phone/tablet) is required when order is placed. Only valid on date at location specified above. Wendy's gift cards and other retail purchases are excluded from the event. Drive-thru, carry-out (place inside the dining room at the counter) and dine-in orders when and where available qualify.*

Owned and operated by **HAMRA Enterprises**, a Wendy's franchisee
www.hamrafundraising.com

88. **Picture Retakes-** Retakes will be held on October 20th at TES. Students that were absent will receive picture day forms in their folders prior to. If you still want to order pictures, you can through mylifetouch.com with the code: EVTFTC3PK

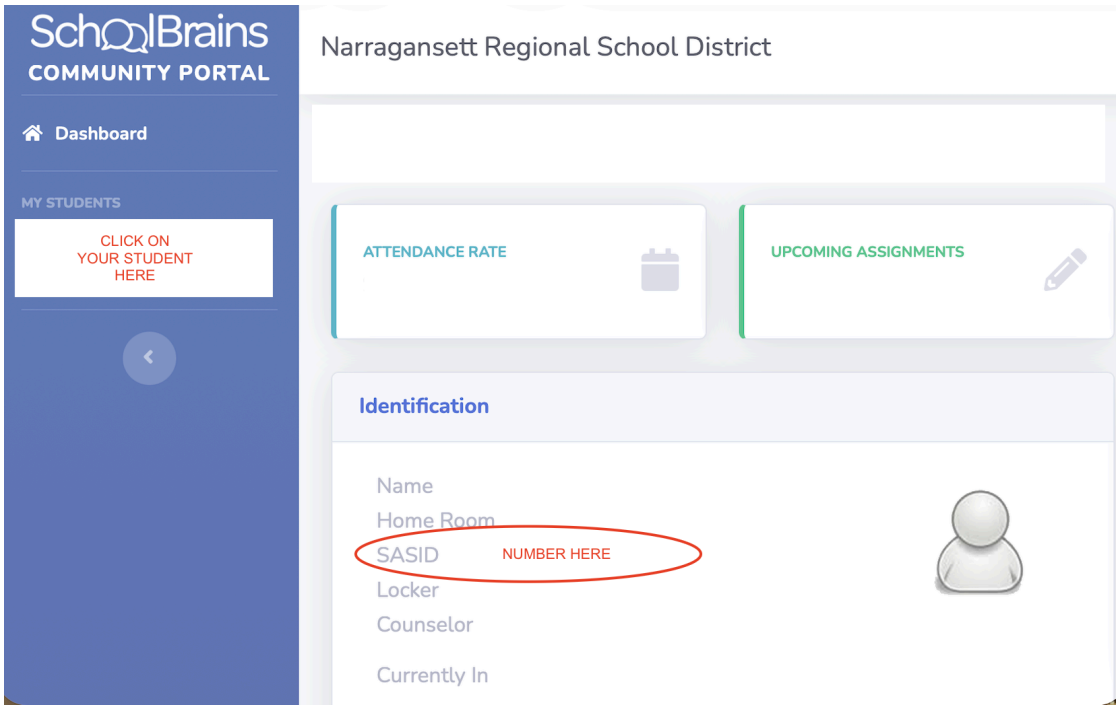
89. MCAS Family Portal (*Only applies to current Grade 4 students this year)*

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is pleased to announce the release of the MCAS Family Portal, which provides online access to your student's individual results on the MCAS tests. MCAS data from spring 2025 are now included in the MCAS Family Portal, along with previous years' data, if available, from spring 2024 and 2023.

Steps to set up and access your student's MCAS scores:

1. If you do not know your student's SASID (state-assigned student identifier) number, please log into the **Schoolbrains Community Portal.**

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Here's a video with step-by-step instructions.

NRSD Schoolbrains Community Portal

If you have not yet read and signed the NRSD Student and Family Handbook, please log into the Schoolbrains community portal and sign.

2. Create an account on the **MCAS Family Portal**. To create an account, you will need your student's SASID number (state-assigned student identifier) and date of birth.

You can add up to ten students to one MCAS Family Portal account. Each parent or guardian can create their own accounts, and up to three adults can add the same student to their accounts. Please note that you must be 14 years or older to create an account.

Please see the attached MCAS Family Portal Help Guide for guidance on creating an account, adding students to your account, and viewing students' test results.

SAVE THE DATE: PTO Sponsored Halloween Dance

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90. **Busing Expectations-** If your child rides the school bus or van, please review these expectations with your child(ren). It is extremely important that we work together to be sure students are safe on the bus. All expectations have been reviewed with students at school and on the bus.

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EXPECTATIONS			
Be Safe	**Be Respectful**	**Be Responsible**	**Be a Learner**
• Walk to your seat. • Stay seated. • Face forward. • Leave items in your backpack. • Keep hands and feet to yourself and out of aisle.	• Use quiet voice. • Follow bus driver's directions. • Follow bus rules.	• Have bus pass ready for driver. • Keep track of all belongings	• Resolve bus issues before arriving at school so you are ready to learn. • Be a model of positive behavior.

91. **Friday Night Lights & Spirit Day-** We hope you are able to join us at the Narragansett Varsity Football game on September 26th for Friday Night Lights TES Night! The theme is STITCH (see flyer). <u>We will also be having Spirit Day here at school for all students and staff. We encourage you to wear Stitch gear, the color BLUE or Hawaiian clothing!!</u>



92. **Cheer Camp-** If your child is attending the Cheer camp with Mrs. Hazelton on Thursday, your child CAN stay after school. Please write a note or send an email to the classroom teacher noting that they are staying after school for cheer camp. **<u>Pick up is at 6:30pm.</u>**

93. **NUT Free Snack Policy-** <u>Due to some significant student allergies, please do NOT send any nut products for snacks.</u> This is a part of our parent-student handbook. We have

allergen friendly areas in the cafeteria, so nut products can only be eaten during lunch, as snacks are eaten in classrooms.

94. Bicycle, E-Bike & Scooter Safety on School Grounds- Across our district, we've seen a growing number of students riding bicycles, e-bikes, and scooters to and from school and around the neighborhood after school. We are happy to see students opting for an active and healthy way to get to and from school. However, with increasing traffic during the school day and busy patterns on school property, we've also seen a rise in close calls and safety concerns involving bicycles, e-bikes, and scooters. As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, and with the collaboration of Templeton PD, we would like to inform families of a few important bike and scooter safety expectations:



Walk Bicycles/E-Bikes/Scooters on School Grounds

Once students arrive on school property, they must walk their bicycles, e-bikes, and scooters. Riding is not permitted on school grounds (sidewalks, playgrounds, parking lots, or any other areas).

Use Crosswalks Safely

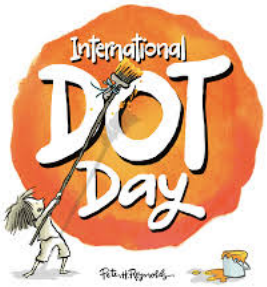
Students are expected to use designated crosswalks when crossing streets and to walk their bicycles, e-bikes, or scooters across with them.

We ask for your support in reviewing these expectations with your child. By working together, we can ensure a safe and respectful environment for everyone on or around our school campuses.

SAVE THE DATE: WARRIOR FEST- OCTOBER 18TH!!

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95. **International DOT Day-** International Dot Day is a global celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration, inspired by Peter H. Reynolds' book *The Dot*. The story encourages students to "make their mark and see where it takes you," reminding us that everyone has the power to be creative and make a difference.



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We are celebrating Dot Day **ON MONDAY** to encourage our students to express themselves, take risks, and believe in their unique abilities. It's a chance to come together as a school community, share our creativity, and celebrate the idea that one small "dot" can spark big ideas and positive change. We will be doing a variety of activities on Monday to celebrate and we encourage all students and staff to wear POLKA DOTS to show our creativity!

96. **Pumpkin Patch:Save the DATE-** Thanks to the generous donations from the Lions Club we are thrilled to offer our in school "Pumpkin Patch" event again this year for all students. Students will go to the town common to pick their pumpkin on October 7th (Rain Date 10/9/25). Permission slips will be coming home soon!



97. **Project Safe Childhood Internet Safety Webinar for Parents & Caregivers-** See the flyer below for a wonderful opportunity to attend a safety webinar to bring awareness to the dangers children face online today.

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KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND SECURE ONLINE:
A PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS
Brought to you in collaboration by:
The United States Attorney's Office
&
Homeland Security Investigations



Wednesday, October 22, 2025 | 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Registration required - Log-in begins at 6:00 p.m.

Topics	Panelists
Social Media 101/Digital Footprint Sexting Gaming Victim Support Protecting Against Online Predation How to Keep Kids Safe Online	Luke Goldworm, Assistant United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office, Project Safe Childhood Coordinator Andrew Kelleher, Special Agent Homeland Security Investigations, Child Exploitation/Digital Forensics Lauryn Mackey, Victim Witness Specialist United States Attorney's Office

This presentation is for adults who wish to learn how to keep kids safe and secure online.
Content is inappropriate for young children.
Please be aware of who can see your screen and hear your audio!

REGISTRATION DETAILS
Event address for attendees (use **Chrome**!):
https://usao.webex.com/weblink/register/r8215d6b4baa3c0ebff54f9844c45790b
Password: PSC1
Questions or difficulty registering?
Please contact USAMA.PSCOutreach@usdoj.gov

Webex platform has a maximum capacity of 1000 attendees. If we have reached registration capacity, please email USAMA.PSCOutreach@usdoj.gov to be put on a waitlist for the next presentation.

98. **School Zone Reminders-** For the safety of staff and students, we ask that you please be mindful of school zone speed limits. In addition, please note that bikes of any kind are NOT allowed on the TES playground area.



99. **PTO Meeting-** Our first PTO meeting of the school year will be held on Tuesday, September 16th at 5pm in the TES cafeteria. We hope you can join us!

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100. **Mind Up-** This year all students in Grades 1-4 will participate in weekly SEL lessons delivered by our School Adjustment Counselors. Please read the letter below for an overview of the Mind Up SEL program.

mindUP For Life | The Goldie Hawn Foundation

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We recently introduced an exciting, evidence-based social and emotional learning (SEL) program that can help our students better engage in learning, learn to self-regulate their behavior, and improve their attention skills and well-being. MindUP™ is a classroom-based program that teaches children strategies guided by the fields of neuroscience, mindful awareness training, social and emotional learning, and positive psychology to support success in the classroom and in life.

MindUP™ was created collaboratively by university scientists and school-based educators. The program helps children understand the ways brains work and how their thoughts and feelings affect their behavior. It has five goals:

1) To foster a cohesive, caring classroom climate

2) To foster focus and mindful awareness

3) To build emotional literacy

4) To increase positive qualities such as perspective-taking, empathy, gratitude, and kindness

5) To increase optimism, well-being, and resiliency

A core practice of the program is the "Brain Break." The Brain Break is a simple mindful breathing and listening activity that is practiced three times per day. This activity can help foster attention and self-regulation.

As part of MindUP™, parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to learn about what children are practicing in the classroom through a short online course designed specifically for families to bring MindUP strategies home. The course is designed to complement the school program and can be paced along with children's learning in the classroom. You can access this course for free at home.mindup.org.

If you would like to learn more about the research around social and emotional learning, please visit www.casel.org. For further details about MindUP™, please visit www.MindUP.org. If you have further questions about the program or would like more information, please feel free to contact me.

We are excited about the potential this program holds for helping our classrooms become communities of better-engaged, more focused, and more optimistic learners!

101. Pick up and Drop off Procedures- In order to help streamline the drop off and pick up lines, we ask families to please adhere to the following:

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a. If at all possible, please stay in your vehicle. This keeps the flow of traffic moving quickly.
b. Please practice with your child how to buckle and unbuckle independently.
c. If your child is having difficulty getting out of the vehicle, please pull into the parking lot and walk your child to the front door.
d. PLEASE be sure to have your placard everyday for pick up.

102. Cub Scouts Sign ups:



103. **Picture Day:** Lifetouch will be at TES on Tuesday, September 16th for picture day. Order packets will be sent home on MONDAY or you can order online with **Picture ID# EVTFTC3PK.**

104. SAVE THE DATE- FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS- On September 26th, please join us for the Narragansett High School Football game for Templeton Elementary School night. The game begins at 7pm. More information to come!

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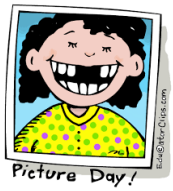
Thank you to all families who came to open houses over the last 2 weeks! They were very well attended and we are looking forward to an amazing year!

August 28, 2025

We survived the first week!! I am excited to share that we have had such an amazing opening of the school year! I have never heard such positive comments from kids, staff and families! Let's hope this is the start of something great! As a reminder, there is NO school for all students on Friday, August 29th and Monday, September 1st.

1. Snacks: All students have a daily snack. **Classrooms** are peanut free. Please be sure to send your child a snack everyday. We currently do not have extra snacks for students but students can get a bagged snack in the cafeteria between 8:20-9:00 as a part of the Breakfast After the Bell Program. **Please, NO glass water bottles- plastic only.** Water bottles should be filled with water only. Juice and/or milk should be for snack only. Thank you for your support.

2. Picture Day: Lifetouch will be at TES on Tuesday, September 16th for picture day. Order packets will be sent home a week before or you can order online with **Picture ID# EVTFTC3PK.**



3. Paperwork: Students will be bringing home lunch and nursing paperwork on Tuesday, September 5th. Please read through this packet carefully, make adjustments when necessary and return all forms back to school by September 5th at the latest. Getting the most up to date information regarding your child is extremely important. In addition, the district now requires all parents/guardians to update contact information through the parent portal. Directions for how to access the portal will also be sent home. You will also be required to sign off on the Parent/Student Handbook via the portal as well. Click Here to access the portal. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



4. Special Education Changes: Mrs. Terry LaBonte is no longer working in the district as a Special Education Team Chair. If you have any special education questions or concerns, the new contact will be Cathy Wallace and she can be reached via email: cwallace@nrsd.org.

5. Open House Opportunities:

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Preschool Open House will take place on September 2nd from 6-7. Students are welcome to this event.
Preschool Parent Orientation will take place on September 3rd from 6-7 pm. This event is for parents/guardians only.

Open House for Grades 1-4 will take place on September 4th from 5-7 based on your child's last name. Parking is extremely limited. In order to accommodate families best, we ask that you come based on Last Name during the designated time, no sooner. We will send specific information regarding parking as the date approaches.
A-E - 5:00-5:30pm
F-Ma - 5:45-6:15pm
Mc-Z 6:30-7:00pm

Additional reminders: Please do not block driveways along Wellington or South Rd during arrival and dismissal. The TES front parking lot and access road are not available during arrival and dismissal, as this creates a safety issue for our buses. Please remember to use your car placard with student names visible every day. Thank you for your cooperation!

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July 2025 Summer News:



➔ **Welcome Ms. Janet Smith, Assistant Principal-**
We are thrilled to announce that Janet Smith will be the Assistant Principal at TES this year! Janet comes with a wide range of experience in both elementary, middle and high school, as well as a background in Health and Special Education. Janet was both a teacher and Principal prior to working for NRSD in the Gardner Public Schools and is thrilled to be coming back to the elementary school level! She has 2 children of her own and in her free time enjoys gardening, reading and photography. I hope you all take a moment to welcome her to TES when you see her!

➔ **New Staff & Staff Changes-** We will be highlighting new staff on our TES Facebook page, stay tuned! Please welcome new paraprofessionals Sydney Arnold, Hannah Salvadore, Alexis Heininger, Grace Minear, and Evan Tucker. In addition, we will have 2 new Cafeteria Monitors; please welcome Kim Richard and Andrea LaViolette. We are also thrilled to announce that Danielle Acevedo is moving from Title I Reading Specialist to Grade 1 Teacher and Scott Murphy is moving back to Grade 4 Teacher, as the Dean of Students role was eliminated. With the retirement of Mrs.Terry Labonte, Cathleen Wallace will now be the team chair for the district, grades K-12. Mrs. Labonte will only be working part-time as the Preschool Coordinator.



➔ **Report Cards-** If your child was not here on the last day of school, report cards are available in the lobby of TES during the summer on Tues, Wed, Thurs only from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

➔ **2025-2026 School Calendar**- **https://5il.co/3h925**

➔ **First Day of School for Grades K - 4 is August 27, 2025**.
➔ **First Day of School for Preschool is September 4 or September 5, 2025 depending on their schedule.**



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➔ **Teacher Assignments-** Teacher assignments and letters will be mailed out on July 25th to student addresses. With teacher letters, you will receive 2 pickup placards for the year. Please do not lose these and write your child's name in LARGE, BLACK print to keep in the car.

➔ **Supply Lists for 25-26 School Year:**

- Grade K: CLICK HERE
- Grade 1: CLICK HERE
- Grade 2: CLICK HERE
- Grade 3: CLICK HERE
- Grade 4: CLICK HERE

