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1. **Upcoming PTO Meeting:** Zoom link is available: https://nrsd.zoom.us/j/81423145503?pwd=NDtVJnmN4GSCh68AfV1gTThjbRvI40.1



2. **Calendar Changes:** Here is the updated school calendar with all changes approved by the School Committee. Please note there is NO school for all students on Tuesday, November 3rd. https://aptg.co/DX4HL5

3. **Half Day Lunches:** We are now required to offer school lunch on half days. All families will be receiving an OPT-IN form that will need to be completed in order for their child to receive school lunch on half days. Please be sure to return this form for each student as soon as possible so that we can be sure that we have the correct number of lunches. Students NOT opting in will be able to have their normal snack during that time. Lunches/snacks will be eaten in classrooms on half days and therefore NO NUT products will be allowed.

4. **Halloween 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.

5. **Food Drive:** Our food drive has begun! Thank you to everyone who has already sent items in! Here are the items of need:
   Prek and K: Instant Mashed Potatoes
   Grade 1- Brownie Mix
   Grade 2- Cornbread and quick bread mixes
   Grade 3- Turkey Stuffing and turkey gravy
   Grade 4- Pickles and Olives

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6. **Trunk or Treat:**

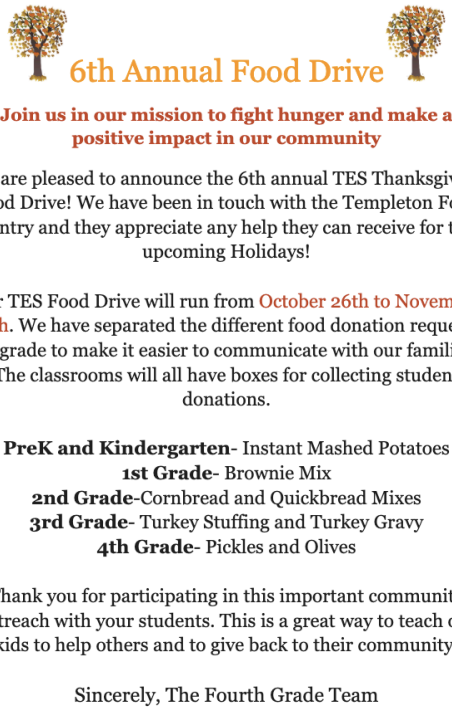


7. **Meadow Farms Fundraiser-** This is the last week for the fundraiser! Let's finish strong! These fundraisers help to offset field trip costs and more!! The last day to order is 10/29!

8. **Annual Food Drive:**

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9. **Federal Impact Aid Survey-** This week all students were sent home with a Federal Impact survey. The Federal Impact Aid Program provides funding to districts like ours to help make up for local tax revenue lost due to federal activity, such as families who work on federal property or serve in the U.S. Uniformed Services. This funding does not come automatically; each year we must document how many of our students are federally connected as of a single survey date (October 1, 2026). That count comes directly from the forms families return. Every completed form, even one where none of the federal criteria apply, helps us keep our records complete and secure the funding our students are entitled to. Please return these forms by November 13, 2026.



10. **Halloween & Book Character Day-** On Friday, October 30th, 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.

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11. **Greg Kulowiec Parent Information Session:** Unfortunately, the guest speaker has to reschedule due to an unforeseen circumstance. I will send an updated date once it has been scheduled.

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12. **Narragansett Night at the Worcester Railers:** Get your tickets!! All students will be able to cheer on the team in the High Five tunnel!



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14. **Community Flu and Covid Vaccine Clinic:** Fitchburg Department of Public Health will be in the Narragansett Middle School Cafeteria (460 Baldwinville road) on October 21st from the hours of 4:30-6:30 pm offering influenza and covid vaccines. This evening clinic is open to all community members.



15. **Picture Retake Day-** Picture retakes will be held on Wednesday, October 21st. 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.

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****Reminder: No School Monday, October 12th!****

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16. **Greg Kulowiec Parent Information Session:** We hope that you join us for this Parent Information Session on October 22nd at the middle school auditorium!



17. **Meadow Farms Fundraiser:** Fundraiser packets were distributed to students earlier in the week! This PTO fundraiser helps to sponsor field trips and community events! The fundraiser will run until October 29th. The group ID is 1193042.

18. **Halloween Dance:** New venue, same fun! Don't forget to RSVP!

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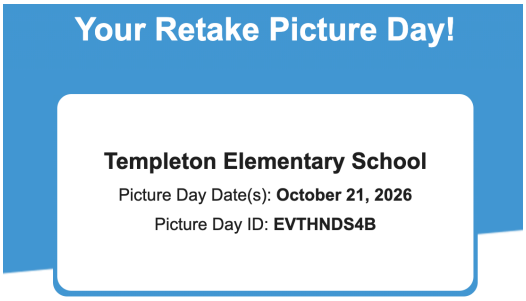
19. **School Banking:** Unfortunately, Athol Savings Bank was taken over by Cornerstone Bank and will no longer be continuing with school banking. Anyone that was participating in school banking can continue to use their accounts or you always have the option to close your account as well.

20. **Bus Evacuations:** Today all students practiced an emergency evacuation from a school bus which we do twice per year. With the help of staff, bus drivers and some of our 4th graders we practiced how to exit through the back door of the bus in the event that the front door was not available. All of the students did great!

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21. **Picture Retakes:** Picture retakes will be held on October 21st. Retake order forms will be sent home early next week. Please complete the retake form or sign up online using the code below if you would like your child's picture retaken and return pictures that you do not want.

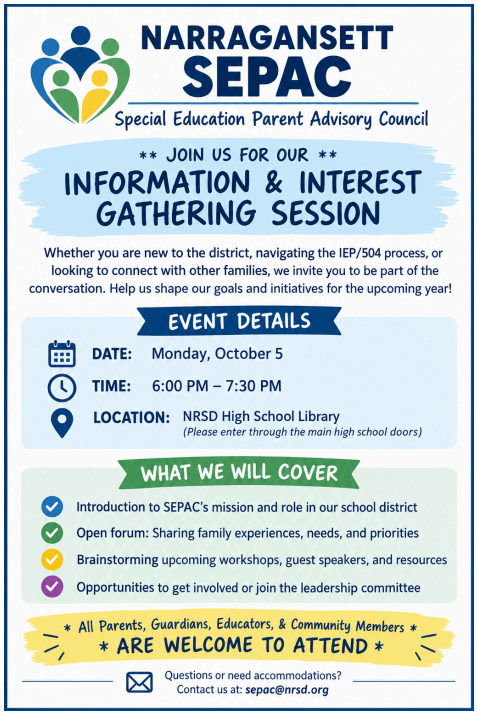


22. **Friday Night Lights:** Tonight is TES night at the Narragansett varsity football game and our 4th graders will be singing the National Anthem. Dress up in your favorite superhero outfits. All students attending need to be supervised by an adult. No drop offs will be allowed. Thank you for your cooperation!



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23. **SEPAC:** The special education parent advisory council invites you to attend their first meeting and information session on October 5th at 6:00 in the high school library. See flyer for more information!





24. **PTO Halloween Dance:** It is that time!! New location, bigger space!! Check out the flyer and be sure to RSVP! Join us on Friday, October 23rd at 6:00 pm at Gardner City Hall! 🎃

25. **October 7th Calendar Change:** Please note that October 7th is no longer a half day. <u>It is now a full day of school for students!</u>

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26. **Tier 1 SEL Instruction:** Starting next week Ms. Rachael will begin Tier 1 social emotional lessons in grades kindergarten and first. Tier 1 means that all students receive this instruction. Kindergarten will be using TeachTown, a social emotional curriculum focusing on rule following, interpersonal skills, self regulation, good communication and friendships. The scope will range anywhere from walking in line quietly, to asking for help, to learning how to apologize. First grade will be using Mindup. This is the same curriculum used last year for Grades 1-4 that focuses on the brain, functionality and components of decision making to help students regulate when experiencing adverse emotions. Both curriculums incorporate aspects of mindfulness into their lessons. These lessons are being held in the classrooms during WIN block.

27. **Pumpkin Patch:** The Lions Club is sponsoring pumpkins for all TES students again this year! The Pumpkin Patch has been moved to the grass area in front of the Fire Station so that students no longer have to cross Dudley Rd. Pumpkin Patch will take place on October 6th, with a rain date of October 7th. Permission slips will be coming home today!

28. **Cheerleading Camp:** Mrs. Hazelton is putting on a 1 day cheer camp on October 1st after school to practice a routine for Friday Night Lights on October 2nd. Cheer camp



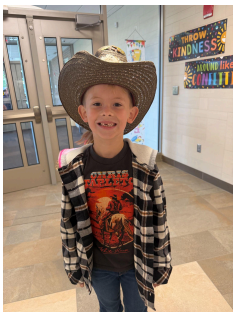
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forms have been sent home and are due back ASAP with payment!

29. **Friday Night Lights- TES NIGHT:**

30. **Dolly Parton Day:** Dolly Parton has helped millions of children discover the magic of books through her Imagination Library. Today, we celebrated her legacy by doing something she loved—READING! All students spent time this morning with a book and a cozy spot! Here are some pictures of just a few amazing Dolly outfits!





*** Calendar Change: Per Dr. Casavant's email, October 7th is now a FULL Day of school for K-12.***

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31. **Dismissal Changes:** In order to help our office run more efficiently, if you know in advance that your child's dismissal is changing for that day please notify your child's teacher and/or the main office **in the morning**. We are seeing an increase in dismissal changes very close to dismissal during one of the busiest times of the day. Your help is appreciated! As a reminder, without written or verbal notification from a parent or guardian, students will be sent home based on their normal dismissal.

32. **SEPAC Meeting:**



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33. **Reminder:** All parents/guardians need to sign the Parent-Student Handbook located in the Community Portal. If you have not done so already, please do so as soon as possible. Here is the link to the portal: https://nrsd.schoolbrains.com/comm/

34. **Schoolwide Title I Annual Notifications:** Templeton Elementary School continues to qualify for Schoolwide Title I funding. Please see attached documents for more information.

Title I Family Engagement Policy

TES Family - School Compact

Right to Know: Teacher Qualifications Notification - Please note that all teachers at TES are currently licensed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

35. **NYAB Wendy's Fundraiser:** Come support Narragansett Youth Baseball!

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Show your support for
Narragansett Area Youth Baseball

Stop into **Wendy's® Athol** anytime on **10-03-2026,** and 30% of qualifying sales as a result of your participation will be donated to
Narragansett Area Youth Baseball

DATE: Saturday, 10-03-2026
TIME: All Day (Open until Close)
LOCATION: 56 Market Drive, Athol



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****SAVE THE DATE: Friday Night Lights- TES NIGHT- October 2nd! More information to come!****

September 11, 2026

Thank you to all of the families that came to this week's Open House! It was so wonderful to see so many of you!

1. **Picture Day:** Pictures for all students and staff will be at TES on Thursday, September 17th. Order packets will be sent home next week or you can order online with Picture ID#EVTMV6Q9K.



2. **NUT Free Snack Policy-** Due to some significant student allergies, please do NOT send any nut products for snacks. 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.

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3. **Last Call for Youth Bowling League:**



4. **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.

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.

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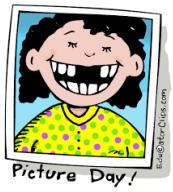
We did it!!! The first week of school is officially in the books! Thank you for bringing your energy, patience, flexibility, and positivity as we welcomed our students back to TES. 💙🦅 Here's to a fantastic year ahead as we continue to SOAR together!

As a reminder, there is NO school for all students on Friday, September 4th and Monday, September 7th for Labor Day Weekend.

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1. Snacks: All students have a daily snack. **Classrooms** are peanut free. Please be sure to send your child a snack everyday. **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: Pictures for all students and staff will be at TES on Thursday, September 17th. Order packets will be sent home next week or you can order online with **Picture ID#EVTMV6Q9K.**



3. Paperwork: Please return nursing, dental and lunch forms as soon as possible. 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 have already been emailed over the summer. If you are changing an address, you will need to provide proof of residency and can contact mmurphy@nrsd.org. **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!



3. Open House Grades 1-4:

Open House for Grades 1-4 will take place on September 10th from 5-7pm 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.
A-E - 5:00-5:30pm
F-Ma - 5:45-6:15pm
Mc-Z 6:30-7:00pm

4. Main Office Changes: Penny Taintor is currently out on leave. We ask that families please do not email Penny at this time. Please call the front office (978-939-8892) or email mmurphy@nrsd.org if you are in need of anything.

5. Arrival and Dismissal reminders: All cars picking students up should have their PINK 26-27 placard in the front window. Anyone without a placard should be prepared to show ID. Students FIRST and LAST names need to be written in large print (marker preferred). Please do not block driveways along Wellington or South Rd during arrival and dismissal. The TES front

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parking lot and access road are not available during arrival and dismissal, as this creates a safety issue for our buses. Thank you for your cooperation!



August 2026 Summer News:

- **Welcome Mrs. Melanie Murphy, Administrative Assistant and new 4th Grade teacher, Ms. Gianna Moorshead!**

- **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

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to 3:00 pm. All materials left over by the first day of school will be recycled.
New this year: Report cards will only be accessible through the community portal.

- **2026-2027 School Calendar**- https://aptg.co/ml196r

- **First Day of School for Grades 1 - 4 is August 31, 2026.**
- **First Day of School for Kindergarten is September 1, 2026.**
- **First Day of School for Preschool is September 8 or September 9, 2026 depending on their schedule.**

- **Teacher Assignments-** Please see email communications regarding the use of the community portal. All teacher assignments can be found there. Teacher welcome letters were also emailed to all parents.

- **Summer Reading Reminder-** Students in Grades 1-4 that return their summer reading bingo board completed, will receive a prize the first week of school. Bingo boards can be returned to the front office! Remember that the single most important thing that prevents summer regression is reading!!
  - BINGO Form: https://aptg.co/f9KPl2

- **Supply Lists for 26-27 School Year:**
  - Grade K: https://aptg.co/2lbQXj
  - Grade 1: https://aptg.co/0Ly5k6
  - Grade 2: https://aptg.co/ly33h1
  - Grade 3: https://aptg.co/KhVKHY
  - Grade 4: https://aptg.co/M4Xgt9



Kindergarten Open House:

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Grades 1-4 Open House:

Preschool Parent Orientation:

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