

# April

Newport City  
Elementary  
School

April 3, Board Meeting, Library 6:00 pm

April 7, Parent Conferences, **NO SCHOOL**

April 13, Field Trip, NCUHS Dance, Grades 2-6

April 17-21, Spring Break, **NO SCHOOL**

**April 28, NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN**

April 28, 2017-2018 Kindergarten Registration (see information below)

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION-2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

### kindergarten registration



Kindergarten registration will be held on April 28, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year. If your child turns 5 years old before September 1, 2017, they can register to start Kindergarten in the fall at Newport City Elementary School. Please call Theresa Perrault, Administrative Assistant at 334-2455, ext. 4144 to make an appointment to register your child.

Students, who already attend our Newport City Elementary Pre-school program, live in Newport and will be turning 5 years old before September 1<sup>st</sup> will automatically be registered.

Students who attend Newport City Elementary for Kindergarten this year **will not have school on April 28, 2017.**



The 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades have begun practicing for their "Hats Off To Spring" concert which will be held Wednesday, May 17th, 6:30pm in our gym. A memo will be sent home before April vacation with further details.

## K-1 STUDENTS ENJOYING A MID MARCH SNOWFALL

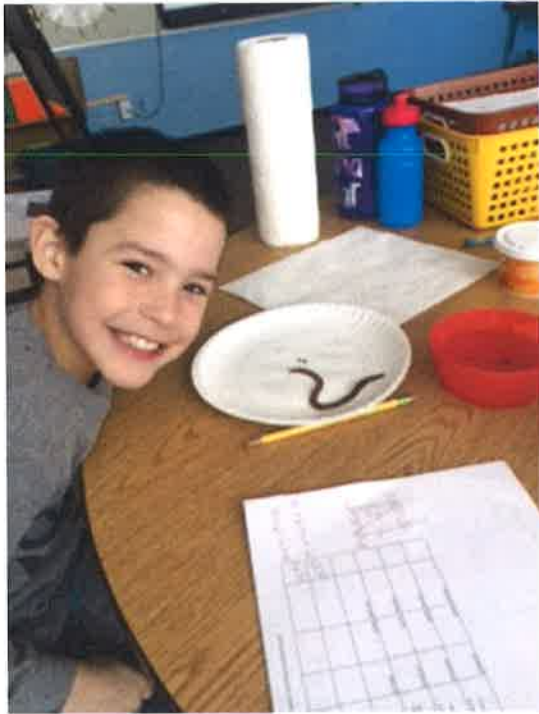


Many different shades of green were seen throughout the school on St. Patrick's Day. A group of girls from Ms. Monaghan's class posed for the camera wearing different shades of green.



"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month."

- Henry Van Dyke



Ms. Malanga's Class- learning about the anatomy of a worm to prepare to have composting worms in our classroom.

Ms. Malanga's class doing a muffin bake off. Using fractions in real life situations.





# 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Board Meeting 6:00 pm, Library	4	5 WALK TO SCHOOL DAY	6	7 Parent/Teacher Conferences
10	11 Parent's Club Meeting Library, 6:00 pm	12 Jay Peak Grades 5 & 6	13 Field Trip, NCUHS Grades 2-6	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
				2017-2018 Kindergarten Registration <b><u>NO SCHOOL FOR</u></b> <b><u>KINDERGARTEN</u></b>



# FARM-TO-SCHOOL at Newport City Elementary

WINTER 2017

## FALL AND WINTER WORKSHOPS

NUMBER OF  
WORKSHOPS

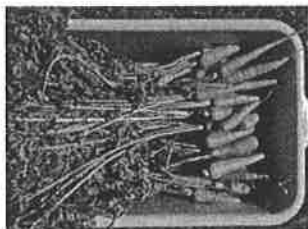
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GRADES  
REACHED

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### WORKSHOP TITLES

Eat a Rainbow  
Eating Seasonally  
Moo to you  
Poultry Power  
Sheep to Sweater  
Seed Needs



3rd grade students have a blast mixing up Squash Cookie batter for our taste test



Some beautiful beets that were harvested from the school garden

## HEALTHY EATERS

Our curriculum focus on teaching students how to eat healthy. We do this monthly by serving taste tests but the past month, Mrs. Besaws & Mrs. Oliver's class took a deeper plunge into nutrition. We learned that eating a rainbow helps our bodies receive all of our vitamins and minerals.



## WORM INVESTIGATORS

Christina Malanga's 3rd grade class is learning what it means to be stewards of the environment by immersing themselves in the dirt. We took a close look at worms to learn how they help our garden. Throughout the next month, we will build a worm bin and learn how we can turn our food scraps into healthy soil.



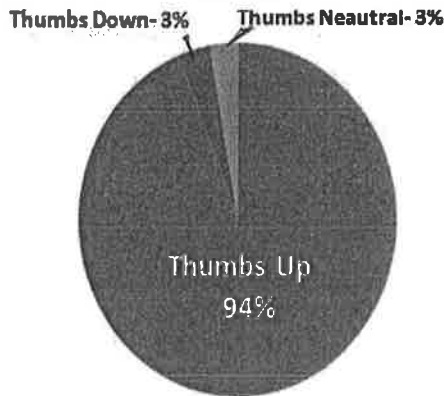
# WINTER HARVEST OF THE MONTH

**DECEMBER  
WINTER  
SQUASH**



## Squash Cookie

Recipe prepared by Mrs. Oliver's 3rd grade Class!



PERCENT OF STUDENTS WHO LIKED THE RECIPE

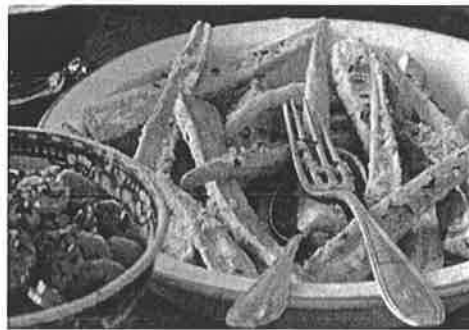
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**JANUARY  
PARSNIPS**



## Roasted Parsnip

Recipe prepared by Mrs. Besaw's 3rd grade Class!



PERCENT OF STUDENTS WHO LIKED THE RECIPE

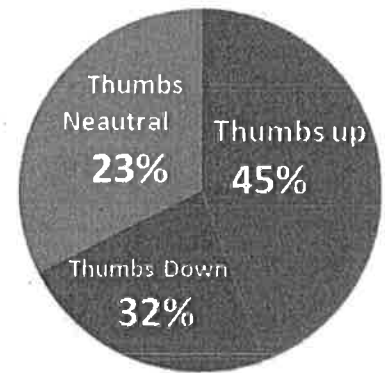
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**FEBRUARY  
CABBAGE**



## Sweet and Sour Cabbage

Recipe prepared by Ms. Monaghan's 1st grade Class!



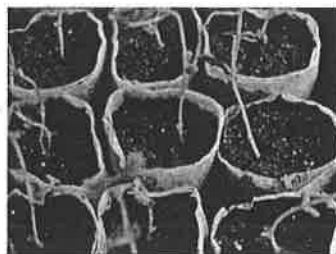
PERCENT OF STUDENTS WHO LIKED THE RECIPE

**68%**

For at-home tips and fun facts about each HOM item, please visit the website at [www.VermontHarvestoftheMonth.org](http://www.VermontHarvestoftheMonth.org)

## HIGHLIGHTS

All second grade students had the chance to learn about seeds and how they are pivotal in supporting life. Below are some pictures featuring our seed workshops!


















The Newport City FTS program would love your help! Contact Caroline Aubry to find out about various volunteer opportunities! Caroline Aubry, [caubry@gmfts.org](mailto:caubry@gmfts.org), 802-334-2044.

If you would like to be a part of the FTS Committee please contact Caroline. We welcome Parents and Teachers!

Farm to School at NCES is a partnership with Green Mountain Farm-to-School, to learn more about us, please visit [www.GMFTS.org](http://www.GMFTS.org)

# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

30 DAYS OF NURTURING YOUR CHILDREN'S SPIRITS  
 Provided by Prevent Child Abuse Vermont & Vermont Department for Children & Families

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Prevent Child Abuse Vermont</b>  <b>1.800.CHILDREN</b>  <b>www.pcavt.com</b></p> 					<p><b>1</b> Read to your children, or have them read to you.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Plan and decorate your children's rooms together.</p>
<p><b>3</b> Visit a farm to see maple sugaring.  </p>	<p><b>4</b> Tell your child you are proud of her for something you are really proud of her about.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Come to the State House as April is being proclaimed Child Abuse Prevention Month!  </p>	<p><b>6</b> Visit a local farm to see baby goats and sheep.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Spend quiet time with each child, listening to their stories &amp; dreams.  </p>	<p><b>8</b> Draw your family; make a family photo album; or just talk about your family's history.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Bake cookies together and bring them to a local homeless shelter.  </p>
<p><b>10</b> Let your children plan a Sunday meal and help them prepare it.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Make a growth chart so you can measure your child's height.  </p>	<p><b>12</b> Make play dough; enjoy it together.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Go for a walk or a hike and look for signs of spring.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Cut up old magazines and catalogues and make a collage together.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Have a potluck with family, friends or a neighbor</p>	<p><b>16</b> Visit a nursing home and bring home-made cards for residents.</p>
<p><b>17</b> Compliment your child on an act of kindness or a new skill.  </p>	<p><b>18</b> Teach your child a new song or just make one up.  </p>	<p><b>19</b> Invite another family over for a potluck dinner and games.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Go the library and help your children to get a card and check out a book.  </p>	<p><b>21</b> Start a collection with your child, such as stamps or rocks.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Write to a family member or a friend or someone who is alone.  </p>	<p><b>23</b> Fly kites or make a picnic (even in the snow).  </p>
<p><b>24</b> Clean closets and bring unwanted items to a shelter.  </p>	<p><b>25</b> Draw pictures of your child's favorite animals.  </p>	<p><b>26</b> Make puppets, from old socks or paper bags.  </p>	<p><b>27</b> Talk to your kids about what to do in an emergency.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Play a favorite game together.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Go outside in the evening and look at the stars.</p>	<p><b>30</b> Tell your child you love him, every day!</p>

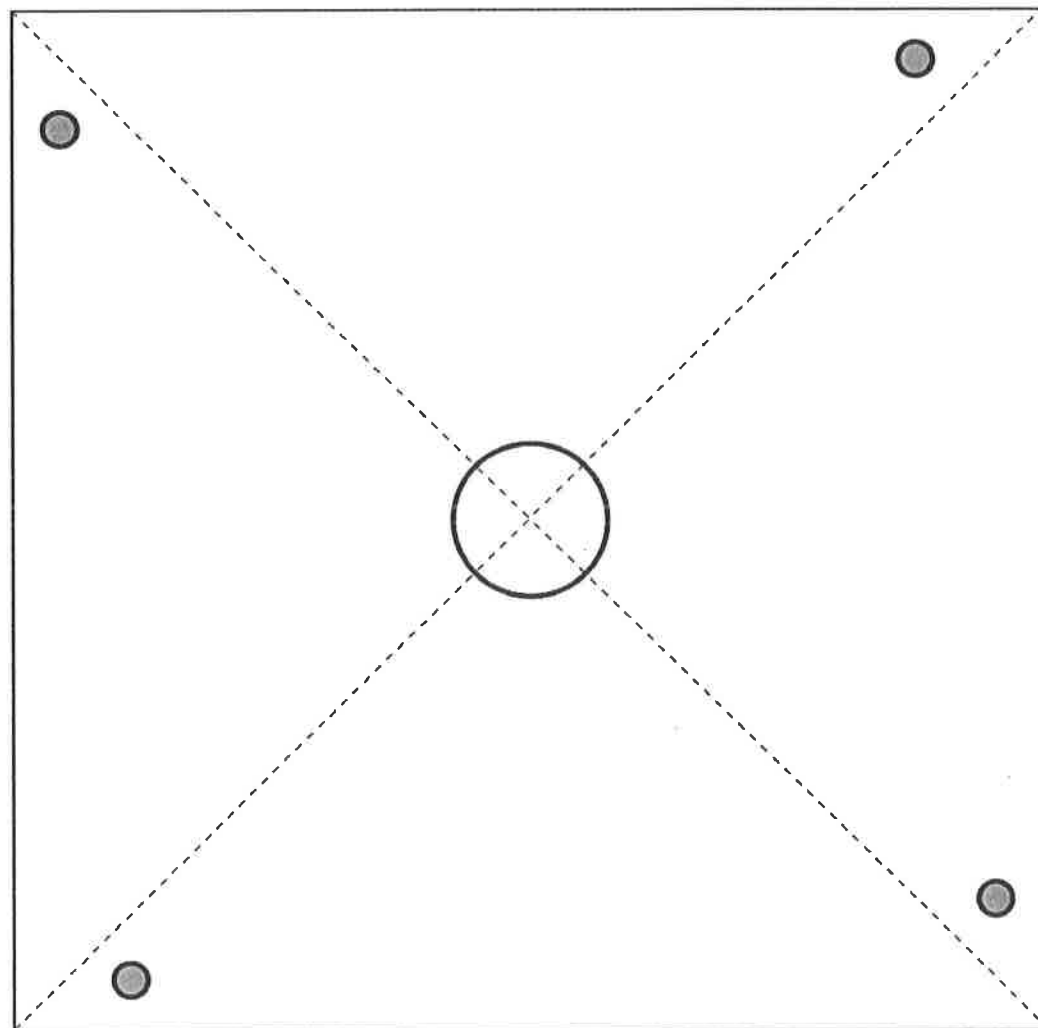


## Pinwheels for PREVENTION



# Pinwheels for Prevention

*Prevent Child Abuse America is adopting the pinwheel as its new symbol. The pinwheel is a happy and uplifting symbol of childhood and can be used in a number of ways to draw attention to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.*



## Make Your Own Pinwheel!

**What you'll need:** A pencil with eraser, an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of white copy paper, scissors, crayons, colored pencils or markers, thumb tack.

**Directions:** Reproduce the pinwheel pattern on white copy paper. Cut out the pinwheel pattern along the solid lines only. Decorate both sides of the paper pinwheel. Cut the dotted lines from the four corners to the center circle. Try not to cut into the center circle. Fold in each section, so that the small dark circles on the four points meet at the center circle. Push the thumb tack through the center circle and into the eraser end of the pencil. (An adult should do this part) Now head outdoors and watch your pinwheel spin in the wind, or create your own wind by using your breath to make your pinwheel go round and round.