



## GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Newton Elementary School  
70 Shelburne Road  
Greenfield, MA 01301  
(413) 772-1370

B. Joan Schell, Ed.D., Principal

---

August 15, 2011

Dear Newton School Families,

Welcome to the 2011 – 2012 school year. We have been busy all summer preparing for school opening. Our teachers are excited about meeting your children and starting their classes.

### Here are important dates and times to remember:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| • <b>Tuesday, August 30, 2011</b>                               | <b>Open House at Newton (5:00 – 6:00 p.m.)</b>  |
| • Wednesday, August 31, 2011                                    | First day of school for Grades 1, 2, and 3  |
| • Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday<br>August 31, Sept. 1 & 2, 2011 | Kindergarten screening sessions, by appointment (Letters<br>were sent earlier with your screening time)   |
| • Tuesday, September 6, 2011                                    | First day of school for Kindergarten, half day<br>Children arrive between 7:30 and 7:45<br>Free breakfast is served to all children<br>Recess (outdoors, weather permitting)<br>7:30 - 8:00; Classes begin at 8:05<br>3:45 p.m. |
| • Morning start time  |   |
| • Afternoon dismissal time                                      |   |

At Newton School, we have wonderful enrichment planned for the year—for example, art, physical education, technology, science discovery, music, field trips, special events, and much more. Even the youngest children adapt to the extended school day. Please do not worry—within a few weeks children of all ages eagerly participate in all our activities.

We welcome back our entire faculty and staff, especially the new teachers who are joining us at Newton School: Jenna Horton, Grade 2, and Billi Jean Jones, Grade 2.

As the senior elementary principal, I will be based at Newton School this year, working with you and all the children. We have a new associate principal as well at Newton School, Maureen Ryan.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our office at 772-1370 (Ext.0).

Sincerely,

B. Joan Schell, Ed.D., Senior Elementary Principal  
Greenfield Public Schools