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The Horace Mann School PTO Newsletter



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Science Night 2010

Dear Horace Mann Families,



clocked at 227 mph). Both fifth-grade and first-grade students were totally captivated by their respective programs.

SCIENCE NIGHT

Last Friday night was our annual **Science Night**, and what a fantastic evening it was! Fifty-five teams - more than one hundred students - presented projects that they had worked on with varying degrees of adult support. As one of the emcees responsible for interviewing the teams (I shared this role with Mr. Tynes), I was truly impressed by the quality of the experiments and research projects. I was particularly taken by how knowledgeable each team was about its project. Some teams presented true experiments that formulated questions and attempted to answer them through hypotheses and confirming or disconfirming tests (for example, one young man wanted to know whether a heated rubber ball would bounce higher than a cool rubber ball and, if so, why); others presented their research findings on a particular topic such as desalinization, buoyancy, how the rain cycle works, or why popcorn pops; and some presented games and hands-on learning experiences that challenged the expertise of the audience, such as a game that let the participant know he/she had gotten a correct answer by closing a circuit and lighting a bulb! All grades, K-5, were represented and I can say, in all honesty and with no pun intended, the enthusiasm in the gym and in the auditorium was absolutely electric!



At the end of the evening, the winning raffle ticket went to *Day After Day* (they won a DSI), but I think it's fair to say that everyone, even those who did not win the raffle, had a great time. Special thanks to *Michelle Ciurea*, who organized the evening, and the




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 <p>Dr. Seuss Day 2010</p>	<p>following people who helped in significant ways: Kathy Baron, Sheryl Bauer, Jean Chang, Karie Jensen, Emily Norton, David Tynes, Patti Karam, Peter Greene, and Billy Brady!</p> <p>DR. SEUSS DAY Another wonderful annual event occurred this past Tuesday - Dr. Seuss Day! A number of district notables - including Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Joe Russo, Superintendent of Schools Dr. James Marini, and Director of Elementary Education Dr. Patricia Kelly, among others - visited the school and read their favorite Dr. Seuss book to students, often generating a vigorous discussion about theme and meaning (<i>Did Horton do the right thing? Was Maisy a responsible parent?</i>). Tuesday was also national Read Across America Day. To celebrate our love of reading, Ms. Martin, our literacy specialist, asked all 380 Horace Mann students to stop their normal activities and gather in the hallway to read for 15 minutes. This was a wonderful communal event and a great way to honor Dr. Seuss!</p>  <p>by Kayla Delicata gr. 1</p> <p>KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION Finally, to top off a busy two weeks, the kindergarten teachers - Lisa Seyferth, Sara McSwiggan, and Julie Ferland - conducted a comprehensive orientation for 45 new kindergarten parents last Wednesday night. Everyone one seemed very excited - as well they should be - to be joining the Horace Mann community. Jennifer Conley, PTO vice-president, extended a warm welcome to the new families as part of this introductory program, and our school nurse, Maureen Rowley, shared important health and safety information. In a few more weeks, parents will be invited to bring their future HM-ers to school for a play date in their future classrooms!</p> <p>Hope to see you at one of the upcoming morning drop-ins!</p> <p>Best wishes,</p> <p>Greg</p>
	<p>From the PTO</p>
<p>Science Night: A Great Success!</p> 	<p>Dear Horace Mann Families,</p> <p>We sincerely hope you were able to witness the wonders of Science Night! Your child may have participated in a science experiment or attended as a guest. A special thank you to Michelle Cuirea and her Science Night Team; Kathy Baron, Sheryl Bauer, Jean Chang, Kari Jensen and Emily Norton. Mr. Hurray and Mr. Tynes made sure to visit every single station to give each child a sense of accomplishment. And lastly, the night could not have happened without the help of Mr. Green and Mr. Brady. They spent a great deal of time preparing for the evening and cleaning up. Thanks also to Stephanie Rogers and Sandy Malec for your hard "behind the scenes" work, and hooray for D.A.D., the winner of the DSi Raffle! We're sure many children will have the opportunity to enjoy the prize!</p>
 <p>Submit Your Recipes!</p>	<p>The First Edition of the Horace Mann Cookbook is well underway, but recipes are trickling in slowly. Please take a moment to browse through your favorite recipes and submit one or two. Find a great recipe in a cookbook or magazine and send it our way.</p> <p>Here's what to do: Find your favorite recipes from any of the following categories: Breakfast, Appetizers, Soups, Salads, Breads, Entrees, Side Dishes, Desserts. Send in your recipes to: HoraceMannCooks@gmail.com or place the recipe in the box in front of the school office. Be sure to include your child's name so we can recognize them in the cookbook. We have extended the deadline in hopes of collecting some more recipes.</p>
<p>"Springtime In Paris"</p>	<p>The Springtime in Paris auction plans are well underway--make sure you have your calendars marked for Saturday, March 13th! The event will take place at Post 440 on California Street beginning at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person (or 2/\$25). Invitations were</p>

 <p>Horace Mann Auction March 13, 2010</p>	<p>e-mailed earlier this week. If you did not receive an e-invitation in your inbox, contact Jenn Conley at jennifer@gooddeedsllc.com. We have over \$11,000 of donated auction items, our raffle with the chance to win hot technology items, and lots of other fun surprises. It's not too late to donate an item for the auction—contact Lisa DiFelice at ldifelice@verizon.net to contribute. And, most importantly, join us—this event is our biggest fundraiser and its success is completely dependent on your attendance. You can purchase your tickets online, via Paypal, using the link on the e-vite invitation, or in the front lobby of Horace Mann before and after school the week of March 8th. Hope to see you there!</p>
<p>Annual Horace Mann Talent Show April 10th, 10 am at F.A. Day Middle School</p>	<p>The annual Horace Mann Talent Show will be at F.A. Day Middle School on Saturday, April 10 at 2:30pm. All children who have signed up should have received confirmation and information from the Talent Show Committee on February 28. Please save the date to come see the wide array of talents including piano solos, magic, Chinese yo-yo, dancing, singing and comedy. It is a great afternoon of fun!!</p>
<p>School Appreciation Day! Sunday, April 25th 9:00am-3:00pm</p>	<p>Sunday, April 25 is the Newton Serves/Horace Mann School Appreciation Day. This is our fifth year doing this service project and it is a wonderful community day! We will be inside and outside the building from 9:00am-3:00pm doing a variety of projects that the school staff has requested. Teachers are sending their requests in and jobs will range from repairing and painting to building and cleaning. The Butterfly Garden is also on our "TO DO" list this year so bring your green thumbs! Please contact Mary Beth DeNucci at denuccifam@rcn.com if you are interested in taking part in this adult-only day of volunteering.</p>
	<p>Lastly, maybe it's too cold, but the ice cream sundae incentive has not brought in one dues payment. If you are one of half the HM families that have not paid your dues for the 2009/2010 school year please submit your payment today! Whatever your family is comfortable giving is well received. The funds go directly into the education of our children. To make it fun for kids, we plan to have an ice cream sundae party before April vacation IF we reach 75% participation. Contribute today for ice cream for the children! THANK YOU!</p>
From the Newton Public Schools	
<p>New Superintendent</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. David Fleishman Appointed as new Superintendent</p> <p>The School Committee voted unanimously on Sunday, February 28th to appoint Dr. David Fleishman as the Superintendent designee pending approval of a site visit to his home district and an agreed upon contract.</p> <p>Dr. Fleishman is currently the Superintendent of Schools in Chappaqua, NY. Prior to becoming Superintendent in Chappaqua, Dr. Fleishman was Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Wellesley, MA. Before that he was an Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources in Ossining, NY. Dr. Fleishman began his career in education as a teacher in the New York City Public Schools. He holds an Ed.D from Teachers College, Columbia University. Dr. Fleishman will begin his term on July 1, 2010.</p>

<p>Plea for Support From the Newton Public Schools Custodians Association</p>	<p>The Newton School Committee has commissioned a study to review the possible outsourcing of the jobs of approximately 65 cafeteria worker in the Newton School Department. These workers, almost exclusively female, have dedicated many years of service to the system and are among the lowest paid workers in the system. Nonetheless, they depend on their jobs to meet the needs of their families for food, shelter, health care and other necessities of life. We believe that outsourcing of any jobs within the Newton School system is a bad idea. We think that outsourcing these jobs will inevitably cost taxpayers more money and that the quality of service will drop. Your children deserve to have someone handling their food who has a strong connection to the community and is concerned about the quality of food services for those children. The employees who live in this community and whose children also have attended Newton Schools will provide that service; contracted employees with no connection to Newton will not. If you agree that the Newton Schools should not begin the use of outsourcing to generate marginal cost savings, <i>we ask you to call or write the Newton School Committee members you know and Mayor Warren to register your opposition to job outsourcing.</i> Thank you.</p>
<p>WANTED: Research Study Participants Ages 8-17</p>	<p>OVERWEIGHT CHILDREN NEEDED FOR RESEARCH STUDY. Are you looking for a way to help your overweight child to eat healthy foods? Consider participating in the PowerUp research study! This study, run by a Mason-Rice parent at Children's Hospital Boston, will evaluate the efficacy of two heart healthy diets in the treatment of adolescents with some heart disease risk factors associated with being overweight, such as high blood pressure, pre-diabetes, and cholesterol problems. Participants will receive most meals and snacks for 8 weeks, in an amount designed to induce weight loss. Parking or travel expenses for each visit to the hospital will be reimbursed, a small gift certificate (\$10), and an iPod shuffle. A gym membership, either at UMASS Boston GoKids designed specifically for children, or at a site close to home to the amount of up to \$300 will be provided at the end of the study. Your child will undergo 4 study visits for cardiovascular risk factors and the results will be provided to you and their primary care provider. Recruitment info: overweight children between the ages of 8 and 17 years old with two or more cardiovascular risk factors, but no other major medical issues, who are willing and eager to follow a healthy diet may be eligible. Contact Erica Denhoff at 617-355-0485 or erica.denhoff@cardio.chboston.org if interested.</p>
	<p>From The Community</p>
<p>Concerts in the Kitchen</p> 	<p>Sunday March 7th at 5pm. Geoff Bartley: Fingerstyle Acoustic Guitar and Harmonica. A mix of blues, folk and roots jazz, Geoff Bartley music aims to send people home feeling better than when he walked in. A fixture on the local folk scene, a 4th grader once told him he was "better than Madonna." Suggested minimum donation is \$15 (25% discount for Historic Newton members). Advance reservations recommended. Please email: notlobmusic@gmail.com</p>
<p>Historic Newton Upcoming Event:</p> <p>"WHAT WOMEN WORE: A FAMILY PROGRAM"</p>	<p>Sunday, March 14, 2 pm What did women wear in the 1800s in New England? How was it different or similar to what they wear today? Get an exclusive view of historic dresses pulled from the museum's collection in this hands-on program for all ages. Look at styles of the time and consider how women's day-to-day lives would have been impacted by their clothes. Complete the afternoon by designing your own fashions for a nineteenth-century paper doll. Cost: \$15 per family (\$10 for members); includes museum admission, materials, and snack. Prepaid registration is recommended; call 617.796.1450 to register. Historic Newton is located at 527 Washington Street, Newton. www.historicnewton.org</p>

<p>FOR PARENTS: Cyber-Bullying Educational Workshops</p> <p>March 15th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM & March 20th, 8:30 am - 1 pm</p>	<p>Is cyber-bullying just for parents of older children to worry about? No. According to Dr. Elizabeth Englander, Founder and Director of the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center, parents should begin talking with their children "as soon as children begin to go online and play interactive games - usually first or second grade.</p> <p>Learn more: Monday, March 15 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.: <u>Eyes on Bullying: Practical Tips and Strategies for Parents of Elementary School Aged Children</u> at Mason Rice Elementary School. RSVP not required. Cyber-bullying and traditional bullying are closely linked. To learn more about what you can do to prevent and intervene with bullying, come to a talk by Dr. Kim Storey.</p> <p>Saturday, March 20 8:30 A.M.-1:00 PM at <u>Parenting Newton Kids in 2010: Keeping Our Kids Safe and Enhancing Learning in the Digital Age</u> at Brown Middle School. This half day parent conference will feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Englander, Founder and Director of the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC). RSVP not required.</p>
<p>Want a Sneak Peek into a 21st Century Classroom?</p> 	<p>Take a sneak peek into a 21st Century Classroom in Newton - March 23rd 7-8:30 at Brown Middle School (125 Meadowbrook Road, Newton Center). Director of Information Technology for the Newton Public Schools (NPS), Shelley Chamberlain will be on hand to explain the advantages of upgraded technology in the classroom as she demonstrates the latest and best of what new technologies have to offer our children. Eighth grade science teacher Michelle Fox will walk you through an interactive lesson. Sponsored by Newton Schools Foundation (NSF). RSVP by 3/23 to tori_filler@newton.k12.ma.us or 617-559-6120. Info:www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org</p>
<p>THANKS, From the Science Night Team</p>	<p>Thank you to all who joined us last Friday for a wonderful Science Night! The gym and DAD/Music Room was abuzz with excitement as over ONE HUNDRED eager young scientists showcased their projects. Thank you to Greg Hurray and David Tynes for a wonderful job emceeding; to classroom teachers for their exciting classroom announcements; to the Science Night Committee (Sheryl Bauer, Jean Chang, Michelle Ciurea, Kari Jensen, and Emily Norton); to custodians Peter Greene and Billy Brady; to Stephanie Rogers for the sound work; Sandy Malec for our first-ever website; the Boys and Girls Club for the loan of the additional PA system; the PTO and Day After Day for their support - and most importantly, to the kids and parents that proved that every child who asks "what if...?" has what it takes to be a great scientist! See you next year!</p>
<p>CALLING ALL MUSIC LOVERS!</p> 	<p>ALL NEWTON MUSIC SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS:</p> <p>Pianist Constantine Finehouse performs Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 4 pm. Works by Mozart, Beaudoin, Brahms, Scriabin, Rachmaninoff, Chopin, Bolcom. Tickets are \$25. Students and seniors \$15. ANMS students always free when accompanied by a paying adult.</p> <p>CoN BRIO Performance Luncheon Series Friday, March 19, 2010 at 11:00 am. Dr. Gregory Smith will present a delightful program entitled "Damsels in Distress: The Changing Role of Music in Expressing Women's Woes". Tickets are \$20 and include lunch catered by Bakers Best.</p>
<p>Farmer-in-Training Summer Program</p> 	<p>This summer program for Middle School Students (going into 6th through 9th). Spend a week outdoors with friends and staff from Newton Community Farm. Learn to plant, maintain and harvest a farm garden. Discover how food is produced and enjoy camaraderie as you work at the farm and maintain garden plots at Nahanton Park, growing food for the Newton Food Pantry. Sign up for one week or as many weeks as you'd like. Learn a lot, work hard and have fun. Mon - Fri 8:30 am to 1:30pm at Newton Community Farm, 303 Nahanton Street. Weekly sessions run July 5th through August 27th. Weekly fee: \$135 for members, \$150 others. 6 student limit per week, so sign up early. For more info or to register: www.newtoncommunityfarm.org. Questions? education@newtoncommunityfarm.org or 617-916-9655</p>

<p>"Sharing the Journey"</p> <p>Mental Health Program</p>	<p>SUPPORT GROUPS FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES</p> <p>"Why is my child so moody?" "How do I help other family members understand this behavior?" Come join with other parents in similar boats and understand the diagnosis, the myriad of services, medications and complex issues families face. Whether your family is just starting the journey or well along the path, these helpful forums will allow you to ask questions and explore answers. All groups are free of charge and held at Newton Community Service Center, 492 Waltham Street, West Newton 02465. // For parents of elementary school-age children, 10 Wednesdays starting March 10th from 7-8:30pm. Register with Susan Sklan LICSW 617-969-5906 x 125.</p>
<p>Offer A Room To A Patient In Need</p>	<p>Here's a great way to make a difference and get an enriching experience. Out-of-town patients receiving treatments at Boston's top-notch hospitals often need short term accommodations...a home to come home to. If you have a spare room, please consider "Hospitality Homes": www.hosp.org</p>
<p>History Book Club</p> 	<p>Open to the Public at the Newton History Museum/Jackson Homestead. New members always welcome. Next meeting Thursday March 18th at 7:30pm when the Pulitzer Prize winning "Slavery by Another name, the Re-enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II," by Douglas Blackmon, will be discussed. Blackmon, longtime Atlanta Bureau Chief for the Wall Street Journal, focuses on this largely unexplored aspect of American history. At the History Museum.</p>
<p>Newton Discussion:</p> <p>The Angino Community Farm</p>	<p>The 2.25 acre homestead on the corner of Winchester and Nahanton Streets was a family farm for 300 years. Generations of the Angino family farmed there from 1917 to 2005. Now it's owned by the city and operated as a non-profit, preserving a valuable cultural and historical landscape and serving as a model for sustainable agriculture in our community. Newton Community Farm Board Member and Landscape Designer Ted Chapman gives a talk about what this special piece of land can tell us about the history of Newton and the vital role of farming in daily life. Thursday, March 25th at 7pm at the Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street. Free. Part of the 'Roots in our History - The 2010 Newton History Series'</p>
<p>Survey Request</p>	<p>Newton Parks & Recreation Dog Owner Survey. Please help Newton Parks & Recreation Department better meet the needs of Newton's dog owners. Complete the dog owner survey at: www.ci.newton.ma.us/Parks/DogInformation/index.htm</p>
<p>Donate Your Prom Dress</p> 	<p>Clean out your closets and put those Prom Dresses to good use. Two Newton South Juniors are collecting "gently worn" prom dresses, shoes and bags for "Becca's Closet", a global non-profit that provides formal attire to students in need. Donations may be dropped off at Holly's Cleaners, 1314 Centre Street in Newton Center by March 24th. Questions? Contact: dressdonation@gmail.com.</p>
<p>"Stand for Children's Day"</p> <p>Beacon Hill</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 23, 9 a.m. - noon. Parents and other community members from Newton are being encouraged to join with hundreds of education advocates from around the state on Beacon Hill to show support for public education. There will be speakers from the field of education policy and practice during the indoor rally, and an opportunity to tell legislators what matters to Newton. The event is free and open to the public. Transportation will be provided, but advanced registration is requested. For more info and to register: www.stand.org/ma/dayonthehill. Optional online rally for those who can't be there: Here is a way to make an online "sign" to send to Beacon Hill's legislators. Go to www.stand.org/ma/signs</p>

<p>Boston Symphony Orchestra "Days in the Arts" Summer Camp in the Berkshires.</p>	<p>Pre-application forms are now available from your school's music or visual arts teacher. This popular overnight camp for 5th, 6th and 7th graders is entering its 42nd year. For one week, August 2-6, 15 Newton students join kids from around Massachusetts in the beautiful Berkshires, a hotbed of professional arts activity. Selection is by lottery. Pre-application forms must be mailed or dropped off at the Fine Arts Office at the Education Center, 100 Walnut Street by the deadline, 5pm Friday March 19th. Questions? Contact Richard P. King: richard_king@newton.k12.ma.us or 617-559-9090.</p>
<p>Newton Schools Foundation 4th Annual Winter Dinner Series</p>	<p>"Global Education Leadership Fund Dinner" Friday March 12th, to help deserving high school students take part in study-abroad programs. "Tailgate 2010" on Saturday March 27th, funds technology in the classroom. "4th Annual Winter Dinner" April 10th, raises more funds to keep classrooms technologically up-to-date. "Turkish Delights" Sunday April 11th helps fund The Newton Schools Foundation. Find out more about these great nights out at www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org.</p>
<p>7th Annual "Hoopin' for Newton"</p>	<p>(Formerly "3 on 3 for Charity") Sunday, March 21st at 2 pm at the Newton North High School Gym. Here is one of the last chances to play in the old NNHS gym. This event is for everyone from 2nd grade and up and all levels of experience, beginner to college hoops. Teams are matched by experience and play for fun. This charity event benefits Newton families in need, providing seed money for Newton ASC, ONE Newton (the fund inspired by the plight of the Beatrice family and designed to help other families as well) and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. For more info or to reserve a place: westmanj@comcast.net or 617-285-2632.</p>
<p>"Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North"</p>	<p>A New England family confronts its legacy as the largest slave-trading dynasty in US history. Come view and discuss this award-winning film...discussion led by Newton resident James DeWolf Perry, direct descendant of this 18th century slave-trading family. Thursday March 11th 7-9:30pm. Boston College Law School, 885 Centre Street, East Wing Building, Room 120. This free program is presented by The Newton Human Rights Commission, Historic Newton/Jackson Homestead, Mayor's Office for Cultural Affairs, Newton Foundation for Racial, Ethnic & Religious Harmony and www.TracesoftheTrade.org. More info at: www.newtonhumanrights.org.</p>
<p>Girl's Soccer Clinic</p> 	<p>The BC Lady Eagles Soccer School will be holding their April Vacation clinic for girls ages 6-14 during April 20-23, 9:00am-3:00pm at the BC Newton campus. Come join us for soccer fun and development. Registration may be found at: http://bceagles.cstv.com/camps/bc-w-soccer-camps-april.html.</p>
<p>NEWTON ART CENTER: April Vacation Week</p>	<p>Two programs for students, grades K-9. Painting, drawing, sculpting, ceramics and drama. Extended days and sibling discounts available. Summer arts programs also available. For info and to register: www.newartcenter.org or call 617-964-3424.</p>
<p>Newton Community Education April Vacation Week And Beyond</p>	<p>Programs for April vacation: Marble Machine Madness, Create a TV Show, Engineering with Legos, or Painting. Older kids can choose to take our Babysitting Certification class over spring break. We also have openings in some of our ongoing winter classes. Private violin lessons are available at Mason Rice, Bowen, and Countryside. For weekend fun, young ones can sign up for Soccer Tots, Play Soccer, or our Spring Nature Walk.</p> <p>Registration has also begun for all of our summer programs. New offerings this year: Check I.T. Out, Fiber Arts, Engineering Workshop, Sew...What's New, Clay Workshop, Domino Physics, Club Invention, and more. Call our office at 617-559-6999 or visit our website at www.newtoncommunityed.org for information or to register.</p>

HALE RESERVATION SUMMER CAMP	For grades 1-8. June 28-August 27. "Everything a summer camp should be". Extended days and transportation available. Reasonable rates. Highly recommended by Newton families. Newton Community Service Center. Visit the website at: www.NCSCweb.org or call 617-969-5906 x 224.
JCC Kaleidoscope Camp Open House	Open House: Sunday, March 28, 2-4pm. Meet the director, tour the facilities, and learn about this day camp where boys and girls in grades K-8 make new friends, learn new skills, stay active, and nurture their "inner artists." 2010 Camp dates: June 28-August 20. www.kaleidoscopecamp.org

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CAPTAIN'S BED/DRESSER/DESK/BOOKCASE: In light Birchwood. NPS family in Newton Corner originally paid about \$1,000 at Jordan's Furniture. Free for a generous donation to your PTO. Height: 52" overall including side safety panels, 38" to top of mattress. Length: 81" includes ladder at end (uses regular twin mattress - original mattress included at no extra cost), Width: 41" standard twin, but with 3-foot desk pulled out from side, width is 77". 3-drawer dresser beneath needs new metal sliders, otherwise in excellent condition. Solid. No scratches or marks. Come and get it! Please email me if you are interested, and I'll email photos: bhoward617@aol.com.

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YOGA FOR KIDS & TEENS: The next Yoga 6-week session begins **March 10, 2010**. Empower your children to learn how to achieve a strong, flexible body and a calm, balanced mind. The course is designed to be **FUN!** Instructor: Liz Mansfield. **Wednesdays: kids age 7-11** from 4-5PM and **teens age 12-17** from 5-6PM. Location: Beacon Hill Athletic Club, 1089 Wash St., Newton. Bring water and a good attitude! Mats provided. Register **NOW!** www.kidyogastars.com or call 617.799.9991.

PHOTOGRAPHER: With Spring around the corner plan for your family holiday portraits with professional photographer Donna Stanger. Get 10% off packages if you book by March 8th. Donna Stanger Photography. www.donnastangerphotography.com. 617-304-1819.

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