from the executive director:

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. 2020 has been a year full of uncertainty and surprises, and we aren’t done yet. We at NCE want to be a respite—a place to find community, to dive into your favorite subject or activity, to learn new skills.

Like most of you, NCE is learning to be nimble in ways we never imagined. Thanks to your dedication we’ve been able to carry on. While enrollment is down by approximately half since the pandemic began and in-person classes limited, we are working to find creative solutions for meeting the needs of our community. We’re counting on you to stick with us and to keep letting us know how we can improve.

In serving the needs of the community, we must also consider the operational needs of NCE. Along with the wonderful new catalog offerings, you’ll notice that we raised our registration fee to $9 and suspended the 15% discount for seniors and veterans. We do realize that many of you are struggling as well, so NCE’s commitment to scholarships remains steady, please apply should you need help. We will continue giving scholarships as funding allows. If you have the resources, please consider donating to the NCE scholarship fund to help us meet the needs of all who apply.

I would like to hear how you are doing and how we at NCE can help. Please email me directly with your feedback, questions or concerns.

Be well,
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cover artist: Erin MacLean

I am a senior at NNHS, and I have been taking classes with Ms. Slattery for the past four years. I made this piece back in May when I really felt disconnected from my usual life and from my friends. At that point, the initial relief of having a break from a stressful junior year had worn off, and I was struggling to find the pre-pandemic version of myself. That was when I started showing up at my friend’s houses and taking long, socially distanced walks. These walks, as well as my art, allowed me to feel some sort of control during the pandemic. I felt a responsibility to capture who I was and what I was doing during these difficult times. I made this painting as a reminder of the good we can still find as well as a tribute to the struggles the world is facing together.

our mission

Newton Community Education is a self-sustaining arm of the Newton Public Schools. We are dedicated to your lifelong learning. We offer programs for everyone eager to explore—from toddlers to seniors—from Newton and beyond. We aim to inspire or nurture your passion with quality programs provided at a reasonable cost.

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THINGS TO NOTE ABOUT OUR WINTER CLASSES

- Check your course listing online in case dates, times, or any other details have changed since this catalog went to press.
- Class descriptions list any required materials. Register early and give yourself enough time to acquire any supplies you need.
- We are using Zoom for most of our online classes. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, consider taking our Learn to Zoom class (p. 27).
- Instructors will use the “waiting room” function and only students listed on the roster will be admitted to the class.
- Be on time for your online class! It’s very difficult for instructors to both monitor the waiting room and teach the class. You must arrive within five minutes of the class start time to ensure admittance.
- Zoom support tips are on our website under Quick Links.
- Check your email. Meeting links and other important class information are sent by email before the start of class. Check your registration receipt, as well as your Spam and Promotions folders if you believe you have not received this information from us.
- We respectfully ask you to test out your meeting platform in advance as we will not be offering refunds for last-minute technical difficulties or late arrivals. See the tips under Quick Links on our website to guide you in learning how to use these platforms.

NEW

MFA Art Collections Tour
Pam Shufro, Instructor
Visit Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts without leaving home! This virtual tour will offer an introduction to the museum, highlighting Art of the Ancient World, Asia, the Americas, Europe, and the special collections including Monet and Boston: Lasting Impression. Our instructor will present slides of the museum, its galleries, and specific art pieces. During the final half hour of each class, we’ll carefully consider the art we saw and share our observations and interpretations.

A581-W21 $115
6 Mondays @ 4–5:30pm
January 25–March 8 (No class February 15)

Beyond Basic Drawing
Paola Page, Instructor
If you’ve taken our beginner drawing classes or have beyond basic experience and would like to continue your practice, please join us! Through instruction, critique and exercises you will develop a confident understanding of line, shape, form, composition and tonal value. Each week you’ll focus on a different element and progress from observing single forms to completing a still life. In addition, there will be group discussions and skill-building homework assignments.

A materials list will be emailed.

A756-W21 $249
8 Wednesdays @ 6:30–8:30pm
January 27–March 24 (No class February 17)

Art & Photography
For most art classes you will need to purchase materials before the start of class. Check your course listing on our website for specifics.

NEW

Drawing for Beginners
Jack Neylan, Instructor
Learn to draw, and you’ll have a great foundation to pursue painting, illustration, web design, animation, and more. Through the practice of drawing, you’ll learn to see the world around you and interpret it your own way. In this class, our instructor will provide demonstrations and exercises in basic design, focusing on line, contour, shape, texture, composition, shadow, and light. Projects will range from still life to landscape, portraiture, and figure drawing. In addition, there will be optional homework assignments and weekly critiques.

Materials list will be emailed.

A798-W21 $199
8 Mondays @ 6:30–8:30pm
January 25–March 22 (No class February 15)

Art of Perspective Drawing
Eddie Bruckner, Instructor
Learn to draw in 3-D, create amazing depth effects with your art, and master perspective drawing. An understanding of this essential skill is vital if you want to draw or paint realistically. Our instructor will guide you through a series of exercises on basic shapes, landscapes, interior rooms, and cityscapes. We’ll also cover topics including viewpoint, optical illusions and one-, two-, and three-point perspectives.

See the materials list online. You can purchase supplies on your own or directly from the instructor.

A255-W21 $259
8 Tuesdays @ 2–4pm
February 2–March 23 (No class February 16)
Intro to Watercolor Pencils
Eddie Bruckner, Instructor
Watercolor pencils are a unique medium that lets you experience the joys of drawing and painting simultaneously. When you wash over the pencil lines with a wet brush, the marks instantly transform into a beautiful color wash that looks just like watercolor paint. Perfect for the beginner artist, watercolor pencils are easy to manipulate and offer a lot of control. Your instructor will guide you through a series of drawing/painting exercises. You’ll learn how to create flat washes, transparent glazes, opaque layers, soft gradations, and textured strokes. Demonstrations will include techniques for blending and mixing colors, as well as basic pencil strokes and special effects. Group and individual instruction will be provided with an emphasis on promoting self-expression. All levels welcome.

See the materials list online. You can purchase supplies on your own or directly from the instructor.

A522-W21 $259
8 Tuesdays @ 6:30–8:30pm
January 26–March 16 (No class February 16)

Watercolor for Beginners
Jack Neylan, Instructor
Experience the joy of watercolor on paper. We'll explore the fundamentals and surprises of painting with watercolors as well as a variety of more advanced techniques. Through instructor demonstrations and a series of painting exercises, you’ll develop your own style as you become more comfortable painting with this media. Classes will emphasize personal expression in a creative and relaxed environment. We'll review artwork in class and engage in critiques. New and returning students welcome.

Materials list is available online.

A450-W21 $199
8 Thursdays @ 6:30–8:30pm
January 21–March 18 (No class February 18)

Advancing with Watercolors
Jack Neylan, Instructor
If you have some prior experience with watercolors and drawing and wish to further develop as a watercolorist, join us. You’ll learn design, composition, and watercolor technique through a series of weekly projects. Class time will include demonstrations, a review of homework, and time for practice. Classes will foster personal expression in a creative and relaxed environment. New and returning students welcome.

Materials list is available online.

A722-W21 $199
8 Tuesdays @ 6:30–8:30pm
January 26–March 23 (No class February 16)
Art & Photography

Take Better Pictures With Your Digital Camera
Steve McGrath, Instructor
If you’re just getting to know your digital camera and its features, take this opportunity to learn from an expert. Learn how and when to use your camera’s special settings such as aperture, shutter priority and program and manual modes. We’ll also discuss basic composition and how to best use light for different photos, such as shooting plants, people, extreme close-ups, and landscapes.
Bring your fully charged camera and one or two of your prints to share with the class.
A671-W21 $135
5 Thursdays @ 5:30–7pm
January 21–February 25 (No class February 18)

Organize & Edit Your Digital Photos
Steve McGrath, Instructor
Even those of us who are organized sometimes struggle when it comes to digital photos. With images coming from many different sources, it can be hard to decide which to keep, where to store them, and how to retrieve them if we need them. Join us to learn the basics of managing your digital photos. You’ll learn how to transfer picture files and save files in different formats. You’ll also learn how to rotate, name, and archive your images. Once you’re organized, you’ll want to show off your best shots. Our instructor will cover how to enhance your photos using cropping, resizing, and color balance so you can have stunning shots to share via printing, email or social media.
Bring your fully charged camera to class.
A282-W21 $85
3 Tuesdays @ 6–7:30pm
February 23–March 9

Landscape Painting
Zhanna Cantor, Instructor
Let nature inspire you as you learn to paint landscapes. Working from pictures of open fields, sea, rocks, and/or woods, you’ll create original paintings in acrylic or oil. Our instructor will provide a short demonstration to get you started, and individual guidance to help you with composition, value adjustment, and color-mixing techniques throughout your painting process. You’ll work at your own pace and develop your own style. At the last class we’ll share our accomplishments with an informal display of our work. All levels welcome.
Bring a pencil; acrylic or oil paints (acrylic is recommended for beginners); three or more flat brushes (1/4”, 1/2”, and 1 and a half”); either acrylic paper, canvas board, or stretched canvas; a palette; and a jar for water (for acrylic) or turpentine (for oil paints). See online class listing for full materials list.
A152-W21 $225
8 Wednesdays @ 7–9pm
January 20–March 17 (No class February 17)

Impressionist Painting
Zhanna Cantor, Instructor
If you’re inspired by impressionist artists like Monet, Renoir, and Pissarro, join us! As these artists did, we’ll focus on how light affects color and form. After a short demonstration to get you started, you’ll work independently, painting in oil or acrylic from a picture of your choice. Our instructor will provide guidance to help you with composition, value adjustment, and color-mixing techniques. You’ll work at your own pace, developing your own style. At the last class we’ll share our accomplishments with an informal display of our work. All levels welcome.
See online class listing for a full materials list. Have a phone handy to take pictures of your art in class and email them to the instructor.
A149-W21 $225
8 Mondays @ 7–9pm
January 25–March 22 (No class February 15)
Languages

Landscape Photography Workshop
Steve McGrath, Instructor
Capture the beauty of the outdoors as you explore the basics of landscape photography. In this workshop, we’ll discuss camera shooting techniques—the use of angles, light, shadow, and subject—and apply these skills in the field to produce photos that tell a story. There will be outdoor shooting, instructor presentations and homework to guide your work outside of class, along with in-class critiques to review your photos. All levels welcome. Bring your fully charged camera to each class. Any type of camera is suitable. Instructor presentations and in-class critiques will happen during our online meetings. For the outdoor portion of the class (weeks 2 and 4) we will meet and shoot as a group at scenic Newton area locations (exact location TBD, please dress for the weather).

A146-W21 $125
5 Saturdays @ 11am–12:30pm
January 30–March 6 (No class February 20)

NEW

Digital Up Close: Macro Photography
Steve McGrath, Instructor
If you love photography, you’ve probably admired beautiful close-up images you’ve seen in magazines or on social media. The close-up world is a magical place full of color, patterns, and exquisite details overlooked by the naked eye. Up close, flowers become abstract artwork, rusty doors become textured canvases, stones become polished gems, and insects become sci-fi monsters. Learn the techniques, tools, and lenses you’ll need to capture crisp close-up and macro images so you too can transform everyday subjects into fascinating works of art.
Have your camera handy.

A776-W21 $85
3 Thursdays @ 6–7:30pm
March 4–18

Phone Photography
Steve McGrath, Instructor
Take your phone photography to the next level. Learn how to take high-quality, professional-grade pictures using iPhone or Android devices. Learn your way around your phone’s essential camera controls and get simple tips for making the most of its features. Then we’ll review the best free, or low-cost apps for editing and image management and discuss how to print and share your favorite photos. Whether you’re a beginner looking to up your game for social media, or an experienced pro, this class will help you improve your phone photography skills. Bring your fully charged phone to class.

A892-W21 $85
3 Wednesdays @ 6–7:30pm
January 27–February 10

Photography Mentoring
Julie Williams-Krishnan, Instructor
Join your fellow photographers for supportive monthly critiques. Our instructor will review your photography, propose project ideas, and inspire your ongoing photographic endeavors. You’ll build your skills through feedback from your classmates as well as from the instructor, learning and growing as a group. Bring any photo projects or individual images you’d like to share.

This class is for intermediate to advanced level photographers.

A921-W21 $99
3 Mondays @ 7–9pm
January 25–March 22
Class meets January 25, February 22, and March 22.

Spanish: Beginner
Soledad Phelan, Instructor
¿Habla usted español? If you don’t speak Spanish, here’s your chance to learn the United States’ second most spoken language. We’ll emphasize basic speech patterns and vocabulary, and you’ll learn simple grammar and idioms through fun question and answer drills and conversation.
Required textbook is Practical Spanish Grammar by Prado, 2nd edition.

L210-W21-1 $179
8 Thursdays @ 11:30am–1pm
January 21–March 18 (No class February 18)

L210-W21-2 $179
8 Tuesdays @ 7–8:30pm
January 19–March 16 (No class February 16)

Spanish: Beyond Beginner
Soledad Phelan, Instructor
You’ve passed through beginner Spanish and are ready to learn about conditional, progressive, and compound tenses, adjectives, adverbs and more. You’ll sharpen your conversational, writing, and speaking skills while you improve your vocabulary. Prerequisite: our Spanish: Beginner classes, or comparable experience.
Required textbook is Practical Spanish Grammar by Prado, 2nd edition.

L212-W21 $179
8 Tuesdays @ 5:30–7pm
January 19–March 16 (No class February 16)

This course was excellent. The teacher was dedicated and compassionate! [Señora] Phelan has fantastic teaching skills and the book is thorough and easy to understand... Loved the course during the day, that’s when my brain works.
Spanish for Advanced Beginners

Cecilia McIsaac, Instructor
This course is for students who have completed Absolute Beginner, Spanish I, or its equivalent. Through role-play, group conversation, and humorous readings, you’ll acquire oral proficiency and practical vocabulary and expressions. We will study the present indicative of irregular verbs, prepositions a and de, contrasting uses of verbs ser and estar (to be), cardinal numbers, and more. At the end of the course, you will become more comfortable speaking, listening, writing and reading Spanish.


L293-W21 $175
8 Thursdays @ 12:30–2:30pm
January 21–March 18 (No class February 18)

French: Beginner

Susan Tessier, Instructor
Learn French, one of most wide-spread languages of the world. Through conversation and written exercises, you’ll learn about French culture as well as pronunciation, vocabulary, basic grammar, and verb tenses. Emphasis will be on useful, everyday words and phrases, including greetings, time, weather, travel, and food. This class is for beginners or those who wish to review the fundamentals.

The textbook is Ultimate French: Beginner-Intermediate, by Heminway.

L102-W21 $189
8 Wednesdays @ 6–7:30pm
January 20–March 17 (No class February 17)

French: Beyond Beginner

Phil Kaplan, Instructor
Improve your French, expand your vocabulary and study new verb tenses. You’ll also learn about the culture as well as pronunciation and grammar. Emphasis will be on useful, everyday words and phrases, including greetings, time, weather, travel, food and more. English will be used only when necessary. Prerequisite: our French: Beginner class, or comparable experience.

The required books are a Pocket Book of French Verbs and a copy of Ultimate French: Beginner-Intermediate, by Heminway.

L230-W21-1 $159
8 Thursdays @ 11:15am–12:30pm
January 21–March 18 (No class February 18)

L230-W21-2 $179
8 Wednesdays @ 6–7:30pm
January 20–March 17 (No class February 17)

French: Intermediate

Phil Kaplan, Instructor
If you have some basic knowledge of French—salutations, present tense verbs, and descriptive adjectives—continue to develop your skills. Through conversations and written exercises, you’ll learn more about French culture and pronunciation, vocabulary, basic grammar, and verb tenses. Emphasis will be placed on review and expansion of useful, everyday phrases. Prerequisite: our French: Beyond Beginner class, or comparable experience. This is a continuing class from the fall. New students welcome.

Bring a Pocket Book of French Verbs and a copy of Ultimate French: Beginner-Intermediate, by Heminway.

L109-W21 $159
8 Wednesdays @ 7:30–9pm
January 20–March 17 (No class February 17)

Bon Voyage: Intermediate French & Beyond

Lionel Claris, Instructor
Bonjour! Brush up on your French for your trip abroad or just for fun. Gain confidence in your speaking skills as you learn to use simple, elegant, conversational French effectively. Instead of learning rules with a textbook, we’ll focus on becoming confident speakers through a combination of orally-applied grammar and spaced repetitions to boost your recall. You’ll also learn proper pronunciation through reading and speaking.

Course materials will be available online as a resource. Prerequisite: our Beyond Beginner class, or comparable experience.

L244-W21 $179
8 Mondays @ 10:30am–12:30pm
January 25–March 22 (No class February 15)

French: Advanced Conversation

Sarah Bilodeau, Instructor
Want to become more fluent? Let’s talk! Come share your thoughts and observations with us. Conducted entirely in French, this class will include reading articles, impassioned discussions, and exercises to help build your vocabulary and strengthen your understanding of grammar. Conversations will center around class interests and we’ll tackle themes such as current events, politics, food, work, travel, family, and more.

L129-W21 $149
6 Wednesdays @ 7–8:30pm
January 20–March 3 (No class February 17)

NEW

Livre Ouvert: French Book Club

Michel L’Huillier, Instructor
Join us for a book club in French! We will discuss La Gloire de Mon Père by Marcel Pagnol, an uplifting story about the warmth of summer, childhood, and friendship. We’ll read a few chapters each week, and our French-born instructor will guide the discussion as we share our perspectives and personal stories. If you love literature and French conversation, rejoignez-nous. The discussion will be entirely in French.

La Gloire de Mon Père is available on Amazon (used or new).

L593-W21 $145
8 Thursdays @ 7–8pm
January 21–March 18 (No class February 18)
Italian: Beginner
Romina Crociani, Instructor
Whether you’re going to Italy or just want to understand some delightful phrases, come study this lively and expressive language. You’ll learn basic grammar concepts and idiomatic expressions while developing your vocabulary and writing skills. Participation is a must, so be ready to have some fun.
The required books are Italian Made Simple by Cristina Mazzoni, and an Italian dictionary.
L103-W21 $159
8 Mondays @ 10–11:30am
January 21–March 22 (No class February 15)

Italian: Beyond Beginner
Romina Crociani, Instructor
Continuamo a divertirci in italiano! Let’s continue to have fun with Italian! Using a communicative and inductive approach, you’ll further develop your language skills through readings and conversations. Prerequisite: our Italian: Beginner class or comparable experience.
The required books are Italian Made Simple, by Cristina Mazzoni, and an Italian dictionary.
L110-W21-1 $159
8 Thursdays @ 9:30–11am
January 21–March 18 (No class February 17)
L110-W21-2 $159
8 Thursdays @ 11am–12:30pm
January 21–March 18 (No class February 18)

Italian: Intermediate
Romina Crociani, Instructor
If you understand the basics of Italian grammar and have developed your reading comprehension skills, this class will help increase your knowledge of the language. Through lectures and in-class exercises, we’ll practice vocabulary, tenses, expressions, and discuss topics of your choice. We’ll also study short texts that will expose you to Italian society and culture. Ciao. A presto! Prerequisite: our Italian: Beyond Beginner class or comparable experience.
The required books are Italian Made Simple by Cristina Mazzoni, and an Italian dictionary.
L310-W21 $159
8 Mondays @ 6–7:30pm
January 25–March 22 (No class February 15)

Italian: Advanced Conversation
Romina Crociani, Instructor
Join us for a stimulating discussion-based round table, conducted entirely in italiano. Our native Italian instructor will guide discussions on current events, literature, culture, travel, art, music, cooking, and much more.
For this class, you should have a strong working knowledge of Italian basic conversation and grammar (verb tenses, pronouns, and a strong vocabulary) and the ability to read the language well, so we can strictly focus on your speaking skills.
Have an Italian dictionary handy.
L126-W21 $155
8 Wednesdays @ 7–8:45pm
January 20–March 17 (No class February 17)

Russian: Beginners & Beyond
Elena Ceban, Instructor
You don’t need to travel to Moscow to learn Russian. Master the fundamentals and start reading, writing, and speaking the primary language of Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine, plus widely spoken in Latvia and Estonia. You’ll learn the Russian alphabet (it’s not as hard as it may seem), pronunciation, and the basics of conversation. We’ll also review grammar and verb tenses, and discuss aspects of Russian history, culture, politics, and religion.
L198-W21 $139
8 Tuesdays @ 7:30–9pm
January 26–March 23 (No class February 16)

Beginner Hebrew
Beth Rosenblatt, Instructor
Would you like to have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, speak conversational Hebrew, or perhaps just learn a new language? Join us online and discover the Hebrew language. We’ll start with reviewing the alphabet, depending on how much you already know. From there, you will work on reading, understanding, and speaking. Our instructor’s knowledge, sense of humor, and passion for the language will help you navigate Hebrew quickly and fluently.
The book for this class, Learn Hebrew Today Alef - Bet for Adults by Yedwab, is available for order online at Amazon.com.
L982-W21 $129
6 Thursdays @ 6–7:15pm
January 21–March 4 (No class February 18)
NEW

**Hebrew: Continuing**
Beth Rosenblatt, Instructor

If you’ve taken our beginner class, or know a little Hebrew, join us to continue your learning. We will review essential conversational words, phrases, and sentences. You’ll learn some grammar to be able to navigate past, present, and future tenses in simple forms and acquire an all-important sense of the structure of the language and its vocabulary. We’ll also engage in conversations and read some texts.

Knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet is a prerequisite for this course.

**L671-W21 $99**
6 Thursdays @ 7:30–8:30pm
January 21–March 4 (No class February 18)

**American Sign Language for Beginners**
Colleen McGilpin, Instructor

Speak with your hands! If you like learning languages, you’ll love American Sign Language (ASL). ASL is a common language among deaf people. It’s different from any other language you may have been exposed to: you use your hands, combined with facial expressions and body postures, to communicate. Join us for an introduction to its concepts and learn basic vocabulary and grammar. This is a full immersion class so there will be no speaking with our voices. All communication will be done by signing. If you’re fascinated by ASL, or just want to learn to sign, this is the class for you.

**Required text is Barron’s American Sign Language Second Edition. All in-class communication will be done by signing or typing into the chat.**

**L498-W21 $115**
6 Tuesdays @ 7:30–8:30pm
January 26–March 9 (No class February 16)

**American Sign Language: Continuing**
Colleen McGilpin, Instructor

Build on your basic knowledge of American Sign Language (ASL). You’ll learn additional vocabulary, grammar, classifiers, and information about Deaf culture in a relaxed environment. We’ll work in small and large groups in class to facilitate language learning. Prerequisite: Our American Sign Language for Beginners class or comparable experience.

All in-class communication will be done by signing or typing into the chat.

**L592-W21 $115**
6 Tuesdays @ 6–7pm
January 26–March 9 (No class February 16)

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NEW

**Barb’s Butternut Squash Soup**
Barb Epstein, Instructor

According to Julia Child, “You don’t have to cook fancy or complicated masterpieces—just good food from fresh ingredients.” Join us as we whip up a delicious and easy-to-prepare vegetarian soup. Our instructor will demonstrate how to make Butternut (Winter) Squash soup from scratch and give recommendations on how to make appropriate substitutions. With small ingredient changes, you can turn this recipe into a variety of different soups.

Recipes will be emailed to registered students.

**F001-W21 $35**
Thursday February 4 @ 5:30–6:30pm

**Passion for Provence**
Sarah Bilodeau, Instructor

Provence—the land of lavender, honey, and olive oil—is a feast for the senses. In this class, you’ll experience the joie de vivre of Southern France by exploring the varied cuisines of this region. In our culinary adventure, we’ll travel from the coast to the mountains, learning about the herbs, produce, and Mediterranean food of Provence. Come ready to cook and eat! We’ll make an olive tapenade, soupe au pistou (provençal vegetable soup), la daube de boeuf (roast beef and vegetables)*, and ratatouille (vegetable stew), and we’ll share a delicious olive oil cake recipe for dessert. Ingredients lists and wine pairing suggestions will be shared prior to class.

*For vegetarians/vegans, you can follow the recipe and omit the meat and it will still be a hearty main course! Recipes will be emailed.

**F001-W21 $49**
Wednesday March 17 @ 5:30–7:30pm

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**NCE Outdoors**

Enjoy the winter months outside. Suit up and join us for these safe, socially distant outdoor activities for kids and adults.

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**NEW**

**Scotch Tasting: Warm Up & Mellow Out**  
*Robert Lublin, Instructor*

Warm up with a dram of scotch and join us for a relaxing evening as we virtually tour the major whisky-producing regions of Scotland: Highland, Lowland, Campbeltown, Speyside, and Islay. Each region has its own distinctive style, flavor, and character. Together we’ll taste and discuss the nuances of each area including the lightly-peated scotch distilled in Campbeltown and the bold, heavily-peated whisky that distinguishes Islay. A selection of samples will be available for safe pickup. We will taste and discuss the different whiskies as a group over Zoom.

*Registration for this class closes on February 21. Scotch pickup location, time and date will be emailed to registered students. You must be 21+ to register for this class.*

**F841-W21 $65**  
Tuesday March 2 @ 7:30–9pm

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**NEW**

**A Taste of Thai**  
*Roberta Hing, Instructor*

Explore fresh interpretations of traditional Thai recipes. We’ll make a full Thai meal, starting with a warming and colorful Thai coconut soup, followed by an authentic Pad Thai, and finishing with a simple and refreshing mango ice cream (no ice cream machine needed!). You’ll learn about aromatic herbs and spices that contribute to Thai cuisine’s unique and delicious flavors. Cook along with the class or sit back and take notes to make these dishes on your own.

*Recipes will be emailed.*

**F921-W21 $55**  
Thursday January 28 @ 5:30–7:30pm

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**NEW**

**Indian Dal-Chawal**  
*Shruti Mehta, Instructor*

Dal—protein-rich comfort food from India—is currently making a name for itself around the world. Dal is a stew-like dish made from split beans, lentils or peas and served with rice. Traditional dals are cooked simply with salt, turmeric, and Indian chilies. With the discovery of dal’s versatility and health benefits, people have begun embellishing the dish with a variety of veggies and spices. We’ll prepare a fancier, spicier version of chana (chickpea) dal with butternut squash and coconut milk. We will also make a sweet and sour moong dal with jaggery and khichdi, the ultimate comfort food.

*Recipes will be emailed.*

**F572-W21 $49**  
Tuesday February 23 @ 6–7:30pm

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**NEW**

**Winner Winner Chicken Dinner**  
*Robin Kalis, Instructor*

Win everyone over with this delicious chicken dinner. Roasted chicken is the perfect comfort food. We will prepare a roasted chicken with root vegetables and tarragon cream sauce. You’ll also learn how to make yummy smashed roasted potatoes with fresh herbs. For dessert, we’ll make a heavenly espresso chocolate mousse. This simple yet flavorful meal will be a hit with your family and friends.

*Recipes will be emailed.*

**F778-W21 $49**  
Wednesday February 3 @ 6:30–8pm

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**NEW**

**Good Chow for Game Day!**  
*Robin Kalis, Instructor*

Want to make the Super Bowl special, even if you’re not hosting a crowd? Join us as we make these winning game day nibbles snacks that are hearty enough to be served as a meal. We’ll be making baked teriyaki chicken wings, white chicken chili, and homemade meatball sliders—a menu so delicious your family will be amazed—touchdown!

*Recipes will be emailed.*

**F778-W21 $49**  
Wednesday February 3 @ 6:30–8pm
Get Away in 2021
Registration is now open for our international travel adventures!

Visit newtoncommunityed.org/travel2021 to join our email list and learn more about our travel plans both near and far.

Dedicated NCE guide, amazing sights, and new lifelong friends.

Bonnie Scotland Tour
July 27–August 6, 2021

Iceland Ring Road Tour
August 18–26, 2021

Secret Croatia Tour
September 17–25, 2021

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Experiences enrich our lives. This holiday season, give the gift of learning to family and friends.

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To purchase, visit newtoncommunityed.org/giftcertificates or call 617-559-6999.
Recreation

NEW
Cupcakes, Buttercream, & Fondant
Sharon Sirwardena, Instructor
Let’s make some divine desserts! To start, we’ll make delicious cupcakes from scratch. (You will freeze them for use in future classes.) During our second meeting, we’ll whip up yummy buttercream frosting and decorate our cupcakes using basic piping skills. In our last class, we will use ready-made fondant to adorn our cupcakes using various fondant modeling techniques. Join us to create whimsical and adorable winter-themed cupcake designs that are perfect for celebrating special occasions. These delectable treats will be sure to add that extra special something to your dessert table.

Recipes will be emailed. If you need vegan recipes, contact our instructor at sharon.sirwardena@gmail.com.

F379-W21 $59
3 Thursdays @ 7:30–8:30pm
February 25–March 11

Homemade Chocolates
Jeff Klein, Instructor
Leave hydrogenated palm oil and blue dye #5 to the mass-producing candy factories. You can make your own chocolate delicacies from scratch! In this class, we’ll create our own delicious versions of York peppermint patties, Mounds bars, and peanut butter cups. We’ll use easy-to-find, natural ingredients. No fancy equipment or candy thermometer required; all you need is a love of chocolate.

Materials list will be emailed.

F516-W21 $39
Tuesday February 9 @ 11am–12:30pm

DON’T WAIT!
Sign up now for the class you want to take. We must decide whether or not a class is running a week or more before its start date, and your registration can make the difference. Some classes fill quickly, so register early to avoid disappointment.

Fermenting Foods for Beginners
Jeff Klein, Instructor
Did you know that a study of homemade sauerkraut found that two ounces contained more healthy organisms than a whole bottle of probiotic pills? Love it or not, fermented foods are good for you, and fermentation is easy to do! Learn the secrets of fermentation in this fun workshop. Over the course of the evening we’ll prepare yogurt, sauerkraut, and kombucha. By the end of class, you’ll know how to make each of these at home and you’ll have starter cultures to get you going.

Materials list will be emailed.

F329-W21 $39
Tuesday January 26 @ 11am–12:30pm

Homemade Chocolates
Jeff Klein, Instructor
Leave hydrogenated palm oil and blue dye #5 to the mass-producing candy factories. You can make your own chocolate delicacies from scratch! In this class, we’ll create our own delicious versions of York peppermint patties, Mounds bars, and peanut butter cups. We’ll use easy-to-find, natural ingredients. No fancy equipment or candy thermometer required; all you need is a love of chocolate.

Materials list will be emailed.

F516-W21 $39
Tuesday February 9 @ 11am–12:30pm

Recreation

NEW
MFA Art Collections Tour
See page 3 for details.

NEW
Winter Walks
Alison Masson, Instructor
Get outdoors and enjoy the local trails you know and love, or WANT to know and love, as they are transformed by New England winter weather. Along the way, you’ll learn about the history of the land, from natural history to native history to local US history. Never explored the outdoors in winter before? No problem—you’ll learn about wilderness preparedness, safety, and first aid, too, so you can be ready for your next winter adventure. Dress for the weather from head to toe!

In order to participate in our in-person classes, you’ll need to agree to safety protocols. Social distancing and masks required. Location will be emailed to registered students. In case of severe weather, the instructor will contact you early in the morning only if the walk is cancelled—otherwise assume the walk is ON.

R125-W20-1 $45
Thursday February 18 @ Newton area Outdoors 2–4pm
R125-W20-2 $45
Saturday March 20 @ Newton area Outdoors 2–4pm

NEW
Movie Date Night: Small Films by Big Directors
See page 20 for details.

Celebrate Newton 2020 is canceled, but you can still support local artists!

Visit celebratenewton.com for links to the websites of your favorite local vendors.
NEW

POUND it!
Ketty Rosenfeld, Instructor
Let’s make some noise in this high energy fitness class. POUND® is a fun workout that uses lightly weighted drumsticks called “Ripstix.” It incorporates drumming with Pilates, isometric movements, and plyometrics to sculpt muscle and burn calories. This full-body workout is so fun, you’ll want to stick with it. You can purchase Ripstix online or use everyday items like drumsticks or salad spoons. All levels welcome.
Z582-W21 $69
3 Thursdays @ 5–6pm
February 25–March 11

NEW

Let’s Dance Party!
Ketty Rosenfeld, Instructor
Let go, feel the beat, and let’s just dance! Part dance party, part fitness class, join us as we move to international dance music. You’ll have fun and feel good during this dynamic, exciting, and effective fitness experience. So come shake it. This dance party / total body workout will leave you feeling rejuvenated. All levels welcome; no dance experience required.
Z583-W21 $69
3 Thursdays @ 5–6pm
January 28–February 11

Get Hooked on Mah-Jongg
Beth Rosenblatt, Instructor
There’s a reason your grandmother loved this game, and you will too. Mah-Jongg is a strategic tile-based game that uses “suits” like rummy. It’s complicated and addictive, so learn the rules, play once, and you’ll want to play again and again. Join us to learn its basic moves and the strategies you need to win; each session will include instruction.
Have a 2020 Mah-Jongg card for class. You can order your card from nmjl.org or mahjongmaven.com.
Z115-W21 $99
4 Wednesdays @ 6:30–8pm
January 27–February 24 (No class February 17)

Bridge for Beginners
Kimberly Gilman, Instructor
Engage your brain — learn and play bridge online! Bridge is an exciting card game of logic and detective work, and it is a great way to be social. Through our online bridge classroom, you will learn by playing, not lecture, getting all the basics, including how to bid, play, and defend in modern bridge. You’ll play this absorbing game with a partner against another pair, so bring a friend (or oursome!) if you can. Singles are welcome and will be paired up in class. Learn bridge, and you’ll enjoy many years of entertainment, mental challenge, and friendship. Bridge Basics 1 textbook is available for purchase online.
This is a beginner class, but it’s also open to players who would like a refresher.
Z724-W21-1 $185
9 Thursdays @ 1–2:40pm
January 14–March 11 (Class does meet February 18)
Z724-W21-2 $185
4 Mondays & 5 Wednesdays @ 7–8:40pm
February 10–March 10 (Class does meet Feb 15 & 17)

Chess Strategy
Ross Eldridge, Instructor
You already know the basics of chess, how to set up the chess pieces, and how the pieces move. Are you ready to go to the next level? We will examine opening principles and simple endgames, and learn about notations for reading (and writing) games. We’ll review illustrative games and delve into tactics and strategy. Novice players: you are welcome as long as you have a basic understanding of chess.
The instructor recommends you create an account on chess.com (it’s free to play) before the first class.
R307-W21 $155; $280/pair
6 Wednesdays @ 7–9pm
January 20–March 3 (No class February 17)

World War I: A Close Look 100 Years Later
Andrew Chatfield, Instructor
Examine the political, social, and diplomatic contexts surrounding the Great War. This class will not only serve as a refresher to the history of World War I but will also introduce you to new fields of scholarship. We’ll begin with the origins of World War I as it unfolded in Europe in the summer of 1914. Then we’ll examine the political and diplomatic responses in the United States to the tumultuous events in Europe. We’ll also explore the Bolshevik Revolution followed by the liberal international foreign policy of Wilsonianism and conclude with the Paris Peace Conference.
R124-W21 $125
6 Thursdays @ 10:45am–12:15pm
January 28–March 11 (No class February 18)

NEW

Bridge for Intermediates: Solve Your Bidding Problems
Kimberly Gilman, Instructor
Looking for better results, or want to bolster your confidence in playing bridge? Now is a great time to study, practice, and improve online! This course will review modern bidding rules and explain the logic and thought process behind many bidding decisions. Topics will include finding the right suit, how to bid on your second and third turns, and how high you should go. We’ll also discuss coping with misfits, forcing bids, and using essential conventions, including New Minor Forcing and Roman Key Card.
Z972-W21 $170
8 Mondays @ 1–2:50pm
January 11–March 15 (No class Jan 18 & Feb 15)

Stories to Connect
See page 20 for details.
**NEW**

**Leave Car Troubles At Home**

*Bruce Gerry, Instructor*

Get to know your car. Here’s your chance to learn basic maintenance skills and gain a solid understanding of what you need to do to maintain and care for your vehicle. You’ll learn how to troubleshoot various functions including the ignition, battery, fluids, brakes, and exhaust. We’ll discuss issues common to any vehicle. When you finish this class, you’ll be better able to diagnose problems, perform routine upkeep, and communicate confidently and knowledgeably with your mechanic. Don’t get stuck on the side of the road—join us!

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**NEW**

**Build a Campfire**

*Jeff Klein, Instructor*

Join us outdoors and learn the basics of fire-building. In this hands-on class, you’ll learn how to start a fire using the materials you find on the ground. We will build a flame using matches, bark, and twigs. In no time you’ll be ready to build the perfect campfire or prepare a crackling fire in your backyard fire pit. Come dressed for the weather and, if you like, bring marshmallows!

*Social distancing and masks required. Location will be emailed to registered students.*

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**Beekeeping**

*John Cheetham, Instructor*

Welcome bees to your yard and harvest their honey! Join an experienced local beekeeper to learn the fundamentals of basic backyard beekeeping. You’ll learn all about setting up a hive, acquiring and installing bees, managing bees throughout the seasons, harvesting bee products, and the best local bee supply dealers for required equipment. After the seven classroom sessions, participants will attend a hive opening with live bees later in the spring (date to be determined by the instructor).

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**NEW**

**Winter Wildlife Tracking**

*Shirley Sutton, Instructor*

Have you ever wondered about tracks you noticed on a walk in the woods? The signs animals leave behind can be very revealing if you know what to look for. Join us to learn how to identify the tracks and signs of Newton’s wild (and not so wild) animal population. We’ll cover pattern classification, measuring stride and straddle, and the clues that help distinguish between a walker/trotter, bounder, hopper, and waddler. With a little guidance, you’ll be able to identify the tracks of deer, birds, mice, rabbits, foxes, and more. Learn how to track animals and change how you see the natural world.

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**Dance & Fitness**

Please check with your physician if you have any concerns before starting a program of physical activity. You’ll be asked to sign a liability waiver before you participate in our classes.

**Come Back to Dance**

*Kate Bresee, Instructor*

Where have you been all these years? We know you love to dance. Get back in the groove in this Modern Dance class. You’ll get an authentic dancer’s workout. Class begins with warm-up stretches and strengthening moves. We’ll progress to combinations created for dancing in home spaces on Zoom. Claim your creativity to express yourself. Enjoy great music as you practice your floor work, and regain your moves in Kate’s positive class.

*Wear comfortable clothes; we will be dancing in bare feet.*

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**Belly Dancing for Beginners**

*Christine (“Shadia”) Mirson-Tohme, Instructor*

Shake, strut, and shimmy to the captivating music of the Middle East. This beautiful dance form known as *raqs sharqi* (Eastern Dance) in the Middle East is great for improving your posture and flexibility, and perhaps stretching you as a dancer too. We’ll work on basic posture, Middle Eastern rhythms, arm and leg movements including hip circles, figure eights, shimmies, undulations, and the art of dancing with a veil. All levels welcome; all ages and body types are encouraged to join the fun.

*Wear a fitted top and leggings or loose pants in which you can move comfortably. Bare feet or ballet slippers are best for this class.*

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Zumba!
Janelle Conway & Param Roychoudhury, Instructors
Enjoy the pulsating rhythms of Latin-inspired music as you pump your legs, swing your hips, clap your hands—and achieve a uniquely blended balance of cardiovascular and muscle-toning benefits in the process. Alternating between fast and slow rhythms, Zumba combines the basic principles of aerobics with interval and resistance training to maximize caloric output, cardiovascular benefits, and total body toning. Best of all, you can enjoy the experience even if you don’t know how to dance. Get fit. Have fun. Zumba!
Make sure you have adequate space to dance, a strong WiFi connection, a water bottle, and comfortable sneakers.

D242-W21-Mon $129 (Conway)
8 Mondays @ 7:10–8:10pm
January 25–March 22 (No class February 15)
D242-W21-Tues $129 (Roychoudhury)
8 Tuesdays @ 5:30–6:30pm
January 19–March 16 (No class February 16)

Stretch & Tone
Jesse Ohrenberger, Instructor
Build a stronger core, increase overall muscle tone, and improve posture, stability and alignment with a mixture of low impact floor and standing exercises that target the thighs, seat, back, abdominals, and arms. And that’s just the first part of each class! The second half of class you’ll work on a full body stretch to increase flexibility and decrease muscle tension leaving you feeling relaxed and refreshed.

Have a yoga mat and water bottle handy. You are welcome to use light hand weights if you want a more intense workout (cans of soup or water bottles work well).

D120-W21 $129
7 Tuesdays @ 6:45–7:45pm
January 19–March 9 (No class February 16)

Power 8: Strength & Flexibility Exercises
John Deming, Instructor
Learn these eight sequential exercises and improve your posture, core strength, flexibility, and jogging/walking stamina. This regimen covers every major muscle group, and is designed to be done in only eight to 16 minutes. In this class we’ll practice the moves, make any necessary accommodations so they’re just right for you, and answer all your individual questions.

Have a mat handy as the first set of exercises are performed on your back. Wear comfortable clothes; you can workout in socks or bare feet.

D282-W21 $65
3 Wednesdays @ 10–11am
March 3–17

Total Body Fitness
Rosella Carrelli, Instructor
Raise your metabolism, burn away fat, and build a lean body. This well-balanced, progressive exercise program incorporates the perfect combination of low- and medium-impact aerobic toning and resistance training. You’ll start with a 15-minute low-impact warm up, then work your upper and lower body, and finish with a final relaxing stretch. This coed class welcomes beginners and intermediate students alike.

Have handy an exercise or yoga mat, a water bottle, a hand towel, and a pair of 1-5 pound hand weights. Wear athletic shoes.

D101-W21-W $159
8 Wednesdays @ 6:30–7:45pm
January 20–March 17 (No class February 17)
D101-W21-M $159
8 Mondays @ 6:30–7:45pm
January 25–March 22 (No class February 15)
D101-W21-MW $225/Attend Mon & Weds
D101-W21-Extra $18/Add a class (or two!)

Boxing Fitness at Home
Check our website; we’re working on the class details and will have information posted soon!

Mind, Body, & Soul

NEW
Race, Class, Gender, and Inclusion
Tonia Florence-Walker, Instructor
Gain insight and incorporate more voices, experiences, and history into your current world-view environment. We’ll start by examining the historical perspectives and legal precedents around educational policies and their lasting impact. We’ll then move to an exploration of identity and culture as it relates to race, class, and gender. Be prepared to take an active role in activities and engage in discussion on topics relating to diversity and inclusion. You’ll gain a baseline understanding of the issues so that you’ll be able to discuss and communicate on the topics broadly and meaningfully. You’ll leave with an action plan to make a difference in your community.

Before each class, you’ll receive articles to read that provide historical background, information on educational policies, and expositions of the legal implications of race, class, gender, and inclusion issues.

Y143-W21 $135
6 Thursdays @ 6:30–8pm
January 28–March 11 (No class February 18)
The first and last classes are one hour; they meet from 6:30–7:30pm.

Here’s an Idea: Arrange a Class for Your Group!
See a class that you’d love to take with family or friends? Let us arrange a class just for your group. It’s a great way to socialize yet stay safe during COVID. Email staff@newtoncommunityed.org to make arrangements.
Beginner Tarot
Laura Campagna, Instructor
Unlock the map of your spiritual journey through life. The images on Tarot cards are keys: together we will demystify these symbols and learn to divine your most beautiful future. Our instructor will provide energetic support to strengthen your intuitive sense of knowing and deepen your connection with the cards. This workshop is for beginners who are brand-new to Tarot; also welcome are seasoned students who want to gain confidence reading the cards. Have a Tarot deck handy if you have one.

P465-W21 $139
4 Wednesdays @ 7–9pm
January 27–February 24 (No class February 17)

Introduction to Astrology
Laura Campagna, Instructor
Study your stars. If you love astrology and want to learn to read your own chart, or have never studied astrology and want clues to interpret your chart, join us and get the tools you need to become your own astrologer. We’ll explore the traditional seven planets; ancient whole-sign house system; and classical aspects such as the sextile, square, trine, and opposition. You’ll discover the magic of the stars, gain insight into their own life path, and learn how to make the most of their divine cosmic blueprint. Have at the ready a journal and a copy of Astrology For Yourself by Demetra George to class.

P466-W21 $139
4 Wednesdays @ 7–9pm
March 3–24

Secrets to Relationship Bliss
Judith Swack, Instructor
Are you experiencing strain in your relationships due to coronavirus stress or some other worry? In this class, we will unveil the secrets to maintaining successful relationships during good times and bad. Join us as we explore the common pitfalls that damage relationships and uncover you and your partner’s personal definition of love. You will learn to understand and be understood. It may surprise you how easy it can be to make someone happy once you know what they want or need. Plan to come away with a better understanding of romantic relationships and discover a simple way to gauge the health of yours.

P587-W21 $69
2 Wednesdays @ 7–9pm
February 3 & 10

Verbal Self-Defense
Rona Fischman, Instructor
Have you been verbally sparring with someone over touchy subjects? Learn techniques for setting respectful limits with someone you work with, someone in your family, or someone you see regularly in your neighborhood. Your personal style matters; learn how to respectfully discuss ideas with people you disagree with based on your own verbal style. We’ll practice ways to maintain your integrity while avoiding an argument with someone you disagree with. By the end of the program, you’ll have several go-to techniques to increase your chances of successful dialogue.

Y240-W21 $45
Tuesday March 9 @ 7–9pm

Mind-Body Healing: Why Do I Do That?
Judith Swack, Instructor
Do you feel stuck in some area of your life? Do you know the right solution for a problem, but never actually implement it? If you keep repeating the same mistakes over and over again, you are experiencing unconscious self-sabotage. In this class, you will learn some powerful, yet easy-to-use techniques for communicating directly with your unconscious mind and releasing unwanted emotions and self-sabotaging behaviors. We’ll review the Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) and other strategies to help you get out of your own way and accomplish your goals.

P934-W21 $69
2 Wednesdays @ 7–9pm
March 10 & 17

Stay in the Know
Join our email list to find out more.

NEW

Meditation to Develop Patience and Deal with Stress
Kadampa Meditation Boston, Instructors
If you frequently feel impatient, meditation is a simple and powerful way to relax your mind. This class will explore what it truly means to be patient, as opposed to merely controlling your outward expression of frustration. Join a western Buddhist monk with over 25 years of experience to learn how you can begin a meditation practice on your own and become more patient. Let go of your habitual ways of thinking. Patience is a state of mind you can achieve through regular practice.

Y136-W21 $65
3 Thursdays @ 7–8pm
January 28–February 11

NEW

Meditation & Mindfulness Integrated into Daily Life
Kadampa Meditation Boston, Instructors
The practice of meditation quiets the mind, reduces distractions, and promotes inner peace. Regular meditation enables us to develop a positive mindset and discover the wisdom to change. To derive the full benefits of meditation practice, you must integrate the insights and experience into your daily life. Learn the basics of formal meditation practice and get introduced to methods for training the mind during everyday activities. These are essential topics for anyone who is new to meditation or who wishes to take their meditation practice to the next level.

Y138-W21 $65
3 Wednesdays @ 12–1pm
February 24–March 10
Overcoming Procrastination
Tracy Marks, Instructor

We all procrastinate on activities which require effort and invoke unpleasant feelings. Internal voices saying I don't want to, I don't know how, I'm not good enough, and I don't have the time continually sabotage us and diminish our self-esteem. Join a counselor and self-help author who will guide you to a deeper understanding of your personal reasons for procrastinating. You'll gain insight about your underlying issues, and learn about the process of reprogramming habitual behaviors. Deepening your emotional investment and intention with regards to change, behaviors. Deepening your emotional investment and intention with regards to change, you'll start taking the initial steps to overcome your own patterns of procrastination.

Y242-W21 $65
2 Mondays @ 6:45–8:45pm
March 8 & 15

Stress Less & Learn to Meditate
Richard Geller, Instructor

Reduce stress and improve your health through meditation. Learn different techniques and strategies for integrating meditation into your daily work and life. We'll practice powerful mediation techniques including breath focus, body-scan relaxation, standing and walking meditation, Tai-Chi and Qigong beginning practice, sound and mantra meditation, visualization practice, and mindfulness meditation. At the end of this class, you’ll be able to practice meditation anytime and anywhere that stress occurs and immediately feel the benefits.

P469-W21 $69
4 Thursdays @ 7–8pm
February 25–March 18

Pranayama: The Power of Breathing
Anjana Bhargava, Instructor

Experience pranayama, the art and science of yogic breathing. We’ll focus on our breathing techniques as we practice yoga poses, developing the body as pranayama develops the mind. It is believed that this practice cleanses 72,000 nadis, or channels, in the body, and that it helps purify the blood and respiratory systems. Pranayama’s health benefits include reduced anxiety, lowered/stabilized blood pressure, increased energy, muscle relaxation, improved concentration, and more. It’s great for adults and beneficial for your kids too.

Have a yoga mat handy.

P751-W21 $59
3 Tuesdays @ 6–7pm
February 23–March 9

Alexander Technique: Improve Posture & Relieve Pain
Jill Geiger, Instructor

Interested in improving your posture, moving with ease, and relieving stiffness, pain, and tension? Poor posture, stress, and neck/back/shoulder pains are often caused by unrecognized habits of tension. By learning how to recognize and unlearn these common habits, you’ll restore your innate good posture, balance and poise. For over 120 years, performers, athletes, and individuals of all ages have used this method to reduce tension and stress and experience lasting relief from chronic pain. You’ll be introduced to the technique, including its history, principles, and application to everyday activities. Tuition includes one private lesson outside of class.

Y103-W21 $45
2 Thursdays @ 7:30–8:30pm
February 4 & 11

Tap Away Stress
Holly Bassin, Instructor

Experience emotional freedom using your own fingertips. Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) involves tapping your body’s energy points in order to alleviate stress. It’s a simple technique that’s been around for over 5,000 years, and anyone can learn to do it. It’s been used for war veterans with PTSD, for stress and trauma relief with survivors of the genocide in Rwanda, and for the Newtown Stress and Trauma Relief Project. Learn this technique and you can apply it for yourself whenever and wherever you want for relief from your stress.

P146-W21 $39
Tuesday January 26 @ 7–8:30pm

NEW

De-stress with Qigong
Martha Oesch, Instructor

Relax your body, calm your breathing, and settle your mind at the end of the day. Learn gentle exercises to help open and stretch your spine, loosen up your joints, and release the muscle tension from your neck and shoulders. Wind down before going to bed and relax so you can get a better night’s sleep.

While this class is designed for the evening, you can use this practice at any time during your day.

Wear comfortable clothing and either be barefoot or wear soft shoes.

Y134-W21 $109
6 Wednesdays @ 7–8pm
January 20–March 3 (No class February 17)

NEW

Ayurvedic Approach for Anxiety & Depression
Anjana Bhargava, Instructor

Achieve calm and well-being with Ayurveda, one of the world’s oldest holistic healing systems. Many of us experience bouts of depression, anxiety, irritability, or general dissatisfaction. While these are usually attributed to genetic, environmental, or personality factors, Ayurveda has a different perspective on the causes of these disorders. Join us to learn about the Ayurvedic approach. You’ll get tips on breathing exercises and meditation, and learn about calming foods for your mind. By making changes to your routine, you’ll be better able to cope with daily challenges and bring positivity to your life.

P173-W21 $45
Tuesday February 9 @ 6–8pm
NEW

Ayuveda & Food to Stay Well
Anjana Bhargava, Instructor

Ayuvedic food-combining is a philosophy that has roots in ancient India but has found a new popularity in recent years. It maintains that eating certain foods together during the same meal can impact not only your digestion but also your overall health. Each food has its own taste, energy, and post-digestive effect. When two or more foods with different effects are combined, the body may produce indigestion, fermentation, and even toxins. Yet these same foods, if eaten separately, might be digested with ease, boost your absorption of nutrients, and improve your health. Join us and learn how to eat well to stay well.

P998-W21 $39
Tuesday January 19 @ 6–7:30pm

NEW

Immunity Boost Workshop
Holli Bassin, Instructor

Now more than ever, it is important to make sure that your immune system is in tip-top shape. Your immune system is your first line of defense against infection and disease, and there are steps you can take to boost its performance. We'll explore how your diet, lifestyle, and environment can impact your immune system and discuss strategies for making positive, sustainable choices to improve your health.

P883-W21 $39
Monday March 1 @ 7–8:30pm

NEW

First Aid/CPR for Cats and Dogs
Laura McCallion, Instructor

Accidents do happen. As a pet parent, you should know how to respond in case of an emergency. Learn how to recognize and react to dogs and cats in distress for common problems such as choking, heatstroke, frostbite, dehydrations, bleeding, and more. You'll learn how to do a head to tail check of your pet, take vital readings, and perform CPR. We'll demonstrate how to handle, restrain, and transport an injured animal and discuss the importance of having a disaster preparedness plan. After class, you'll receive a certification card that's good for two years. Best of all, you'll have the know-how to protect and safeguard your pet's health and wellbeing.

Have a stuffed animal handy to practice with during class. Registration deadline is January 7; the instructor needs time to mail you supplies and a practice packet.

Y144-W21 $105
Tuesday January 12 & Thursday January 14 @ 9–10am

Morning Yoga
Barbara Perlo, Instructor

Relax and refresh to start your day. We'll start this gentle yoga class with stretching, breathing, and guided relaxation. You'll learn traditional yoga poses with modifications to make them accessible to everyone. You'll practice yogic breathing, gain flexibility and strength, and find new ways to be at ease in your body and mind. Our instructor will provide individualized instruction for each student. All levels welcome.

Have a yoga mat handy for class.

Y101-W21 $136
8 Wednesdays @ 9–10am
January 20–March 17 (No class February 17)
Qigong
Roger Wood, Instructor
Discover a new way to relax and revitalize—well, it’s not really new, since it’s been practiced in China for centuries. Qigong (pronounced Chee Gung), is a gentle sequence of mind, body, and breath exercises that benefit your overall health. These simple, mindful movements allow your internal energy (qi) to circulate throughout your body, promoting relaxation and revitalization of your body and mind. Qigong’s many benefits include improved blood circulation and posture, centeredness, mental clarity, enhanced energy, and overall well-being. Join us to learn and practice these exercises and make them part of your everyday life.

Y114-W21 $65
6 Wednesdays @ 8:30–9:30am
January 27–March 10 (No class February 17)

Music & Theatre Arts

NEW
Sing Broadway Show Tunes
Topher Keene, Instructor
It’s time to belt it out with fellow singers! If you sing in the car, love Broadway musicals, or step up to the mic on Karaoke nights, this class is for you. We will sing together loud and proud (if not perfectly in tune) to whatever songs we’re in the mood for. Solos are encouraged, but not required! Song selections will come from our favorite movie and musical soundtracks—from Wicked to Mamma Mia! to Hamilton. If you love to sing, join us! Lyrics and fun provided.

M654-W21 $99
6 Tuesdays @ 5–6pm
January 26–March 9 (No class February 16)

NEW
Voice Lessons for Beginners
Topher Keene, Instructor
With a little practice, everyone can learn to sing and develop confidence in their voice. Master the basics of healthy, beautiful singing techniques and unlock your vocal potential. After taking this class you will feel more confident in practicing and developing your singing voice, selecting songs to suit your voice, joining local choirs or musicals, performing at open mics/karaoke nights, or just singing alone at home. You’ll receive recorded vocal warmup and exercise tracks that you can use to continue your practice on your own. An optional performance opportunity will be offered.

M651-W21 $145
8 Mondays @ 6–7pm
January 25–March 22 (No class February 15)

NEW
Acting for Beginners
Topher Keene, Instructor
Do you dream of becoming an actor? Develop basic acting techniques for theater, film, television, and personal development. You will develop your stage presence and strategies for using your voice, body, and facial expressions to convey emotion. In no time, you’ll feel ready to audition for an acting job. Even if you don’t make it big, you can apply the skills learned to real-life situations like job interviews, work presentations, and public speaking. An optional performance opportunity will be offered at the end of the course.

M582-W21 $145
8 Mondays @ 7–8pm
January 25–March 22 (No class February 15)
New Stories to Connect
Cindy Rivka Marshall, Instructor
Sharing stories of our life experiences is a great way to connect with others and help sustain us. Our stories can resonate with one another even if our journeys are different. Exchange stories of times in our lives when we felt a sense of connection—to other people, nature, animals, or a shared purpose. We will prompt memories and facilitate a supportive environment. No preparation or storytelling experience necessary.

M555-W21 $49
2 Tuesdays @ 7–8:30pm
February 2 & 9

New Movie Date Night:
Small Films by Big Directors
Kevin Carson, Instructor
Join us at the cinema, virtually! Each week we’ll meet to discuss two different movies you’ve viewed at home and our instructor, an award-winning local filmmaker, will guide the conversation. We will be exploring “small” films by “big” directors — lesser-known works by some of today’s most prominent filmmakers, including Spielberg, Coppola, Scorsese, Kubrick, Lynch, and Eastwood. These notable directors typically create hit movies with big-time production budgets. In this class, we will consider their inaugural films or small, passion projects. Films to be discussed include Play Misty for Me (1971), Duel (1971), After Hours (1985), and more.

M557-W21 $95
4 Thursdays @ 7–8:30pm
January 28–February 25 (No class February 18)

New Songwriting for Beginners
Phil Kaplan, Instructor
Take that line or two of lyrics or snippet of a melody that you’ve been thinking about, and turn it into a song with verses, a chorus, and maybe even an instrumental bridge. We’ll examine song-forms, as well as rhythm, melodic, and lyrical devices and models that the masters use. Just like writing a short story, learn to recognize and/or uncover the story you want to tell through song, and then choose the devices that will enable you to fully realize your idea. You don’t need to know anything about music or music theory; all you need is to be able to carry a tune.

Come ready with ideas, an instrument if you have one, a notebook and pen.

M439-W21 $115
5 Wednesdays @ 7:45–9pm
January 27–March 3 (No class February 17)

Learn to Read Music
Phil Kaplan, Instructor
If you’re a music lover but have no musical training, join us to learn the essential tools for understanding and reading music. We’ll cover basic vocabulary, including clefs and note names, and you’ll see how these are used in written music. We’ll also introduce elements of music theory, and review key signatures, scales, and common chords. You’ll even try some ear-training exercises to help with your growing musical understanding. This class is great for those who want to sing, play an instrument, or simply better appreciate music.

A keyboard or piano is highly recommended.
Questions? Contact pkmaltoy@comcast.net.

M456-W21 $79
5 Mondays @ 5:30–6:30pm
January 25–March 1 (No class February 15)

Harmonica Blues for Beginners
Phil Kaplan, Instructor
Learn to play the blues on the harmonica this winter and lift your spirits. We’ll practice some favorite tunes and riffs on this simple, take-anywhere instrument that requires no extras—other than what you have in your lungs! We’ll introduce basic skills including proper harmonica positioning in your mouth, and hand techniques to create nuance in your playing. We will also work on breath control and provide tips on music fundamentals such as chords and rhythm. There will be in-class exercises, plus homework if you’d like extra practice to improve your sound.


M653-W21 $99
5 Mondays @ 6:45–7:45pm
January 25–March 1 (No class February 15)

Play the Ukulele
Arnold Rosen, Instructor
Whether you’re a fan of Amanda Palmer, Don Ho, or Tiny Tim, you can entertain friends with a favorite tune as you learn to play this fun instrument. A cross between the guitar and the banjo, the ukulele has been around since the 1890s. We’ll cover the basics, including chord progressions, single-note playing, and right-hand strumming techniques. We’ll also demonstrate and teach you numerous playing styles. No experience necessary.

Have your ukulele ready along with the book, How To Play Ukulele for the Complete Ignoramus.

M470-W21 $109
6 Wednesdays @ 6:30–7:30pm
January 20–March 3 (No class February 17)

I loved the relaxed pace of the course and its loose structure allowed me to make decisions on where I want to go next with music.
Writing & Literature

Writing Children’s Books
Margo Lemieux, Instructor
Writing a book for children is easy. Or is it? This hands-on class will focus on the most important aspects of making good stories for children—a creative approach, and knowing how to apply the literary aspects of fiction (plot, character, setting, point-of-view, and style). We will have writing exercises and critiquing of works-in-progress in a supportive atmosphere. In addition, we’ll study some award-winning children’s books and the children’s book industry to develop marketing strategies for your work.
Bring writing materials and a story idea or work-in-progress; previous students can continue ongoing projects. All levels are welcome.
W103-W21 $115
4 Tuesdays @ 7–9pm
January 26–February 23 (No class February 16)

Writing Short-Form Poetry: Haikus, Clerihews, & More
Tracy Marks, Instructor
You don’t need to be an experienced poet to easily express yourself creatively by writing traditional short-form poetry of two to six lines. In this online course, you’ll learn about and then write in ten different forms from all over the world, many based on counting syllables, and most non-rhyming. Have fun discovering your talent for writing haikus, tankas, cinquains, shadormas, sijos, clerihews, landays (the daring poetic form of Afghan women), and more. Half our sessions will be devoted to constructively workshopping your poems.
W109-W21 $115
5 Wednesdays @ 6:45–8:45pm
January 20–February 24 (No class February 17)
Crafts

Your Life, Your Story: Guided Autobiography
Dorothea Black, Instructor
Have you been meaning to write down some of your life stories and experiences? Writing life stories is an ideal way to appreciate your own life and share valuable history and lessons with your family, friends, and future generations. In this class, we'll help you recall, organize, and share your life experiences using exercises and prompts that evoke memories of family, work, health, and other common threads in the fabric of life. You'll develop a record of your personal history, two pages at a time. For all levels, and former participants are welcome.

W194-W21 $145
5 Tuesdays @ 9:30–11am
February 2–March 9 (No class February 16)

Grammar 101 for Adults
Tracy Marks, Instructor
That or which? Who or whom? Affect or effect? Even the best-educated people can struggle with basic grammar and punctuation. If you're yearning to know the difference between commas and semicolons, how to avoid dangling participles, and whether it's ever okay to split an infinitive, join us for this fun and funny foray into grammar. We'll focus on several dozen common mistakes, do practice exercises in class, and go over easy-to-remember rules to help you improve your writing and speaking.

W211-W21 $45
2 Wednesdays @ 6:45–8:45pm
March 10 & 17

Like everything! Teacher was excellent in every way. I enjoyed the material and learned a lot.

NEW

Contemporary Poetry II
Tracy Marks, Instructor
Whether or not you’re a lover of poetry, you are likely to enjoy discovering and discussing some of the best poems by contemporary poets. Our focus will be on accessible (not obscure) poetry which is likely to be meaningful to you today. We’ll read the work of ten contemporary poets including Pulitzer Prize winners Natasha Trethewey and Charles Simic, National Book award recipients Mark Doty and Arthur Sze, the poet/novelist Margaret Atwood, and Zen-ordained Jane Hirshfield.
Poetry collections in PDF format will be emailed to students before each class.

W121-W21 $135
5 Mondays @ 6:45–8:45pm
January 25–March 1 (No class February 15)

NEW

Boris Pasternak’s Dr. Zhivago
Tracy Marks, Instructor
In the acclaimed novel Dr. Zhivago, a young poet-doctor is torn between his love for the devoted Tonya and the sensual Lara during the Russian Revolution. Facing innumerable obstacles, he struggles to maintain a personal life, during a time in which the political is all that matters. We’ll read approximately 90 pages of this beloved classic each week. During class we’ll engage in stimulating discussion, learn more about the historical period, and view video clips from two Dr. Zhivago films.
Please read Part One and Part Two of Book One before the first class. The instructor recommends the contemporary translation by Pevear and Volokhonsky.

W117-W21 $165
7 Thursdays @ 6:45–8:45pm
January 21–March 11 (No class February 18)

NEW

Sewing Masks For A Cause
Danielle Larosee, Instructor
Make wearing a face mask fashionable and fun! Grab some fabrics that make you smile and get ready to make bland face masks a thing of the past. We’ll work together to sew three kinds of CDC-compliant face masks: pleated, no-fog, and duck-billed (contoured). Donate your mask creations to organizations in need, give them to friends and family, or keep them for yourself. Either way, let’s sew to help slow the spread.
A materials list will be emailed. Basic sewing skills are required. You can hand sew if you prefer but a sewing machine is recommended.

N568-W21 $79
3 Mondays @ 7–8:30pm
January 25–February 8

NEW

Sew “Pawesome” Pet Accessories
Danielle Larose, Instructor
Spoil your furry best friend with these “pawesome” do-it-yourself accessories. Select a fabric that captures your pet’s personality and make a stylish bandana and a matching mouse or bone-shaped toy. You’ll also make a fleece snuffle mat, a fun way to give your pet treats while also providing them with mental and physical stimulation. These crafts are fun to make and even more fun to give. Your pet will love them!
This class is for experienced sewers. Have your sewing machine ready. A materials list will be emailed.

N681-W21 $99
3 Thursdays @ 11am–1pm
February 4–25 (No class February 18)
NEW

Quilting Workshop
Danielle Larosee, Instructor
Turn your keepsake or leftover cotton fabrics into a charming scrap quilt. Working by hand or with a sewing machine, you’ll decide what to sew choosing from the many simple patterns available: crazy-patch, rail fence and strip quilts, among others. If you have already made a scrap quilt, this class will introduce you to new patterns that look complex but are easy to put together. For this project, 100% cotton is best and discarded cotton clothing can be cut up if you do not have a collection of scraps! Small or large, these designs make wonderful gifts. Possible projects include table runners, placemats and tortilla warmers. Although some sewing experience is helpful, it is not required.
A materials list will be emailed.

N222-W21 $125
4 Tuesdays @ 7–9pm
January 19–February 9

Crochet Today for Beginners
Danielle Larosee, Instructor
You can crochet! In this class we’ll start by learning the basic stitches—the single, half-double, and double-crochet—that are used in most patterns. We’ll also cover the essential skills you’ll need to read patterns, practice different crocheting techniques, and plan a project from start to finish. So don’t be intimidated by yarn, metal hooks, and complicated patterns—by the end of this course, you’ll have the knowledge and confidence to turn colorful yarn into something you can use and love.

Have ready crochet hooks F-K, one skein of worsted weight yarn, and two skeins of bulky yarn in colors that you love. If you have a half-finished project, have that handy too!

N723-W21 $109
4 Wednesdays @ 7–8:30pm
January 20–February 10

Crochet: Warm & Cozy Blanket
Danielle Larosee, Instructor
Crochet your way to warmth with us! In this intermediate class you will learn blanket patterns, hook sizes, tension, and custom pattern-making. You can make anything from a baby blanket to a cover for your king-size bed. Choose a one-color design or mix it up with some fun stripes or squares. Get creative and crochet a cozy covering for yourself or a loved one. This class is for students who have taken our beginner class or have past crochet experience.

Have large crochet hooks and bulky or super bulky yarn ready.

N193-W21 $109
4 Wednesdays @ 7–8:30pm
February 24–March 17

Zen Quilling
Danielle Larosee, Instructor
Learn to twirl and whirl paper into whimsical shapes and designs. Quilling is an art form that uses tiny strips of paper to create beautiful ornaments and elaborate pieces of art. The quilling process is very calming; it gives you peace and provides you with an artistic outlet to keep you zen. The pieces you create will make great wall art or wonderful gifts for family and friends.

A materials list will be emailed. Order your supplies in advance to be sure they arrive on time.

N733-W21 $139
5 Mondays @ 7–9pm
February 22–March 22

Zentangle
Lauren Comando, Instructor
Start slow and create amazing, non-representational art with Zentangle*. Using this relaxed yet structured method, you’ll draw simple lines that lead to complex designs. We’ll begin with the basics, using black ink patterns on white paper tiles guided by a step-by-step presentation; then you’ll learn to shade your drawings to make them pop. Everything you draw is okay—no erasers and no mistakes will be our mantra! Each week you’ll gather your creations into an individual sampler. All levels welcome—surprise yourself and see what you can create!

A Zentangle Kit will be available for pick up for $10. Materials fee is payable to the instructor. Details will be emailed.

N872-W21 $119
6 Thursdays @ 7–8:30pm
January 28–March 11 (No class February 18)

Beaded Jewelry Workshop
Danielle Larosee, Instructor
Create beautiful beaded jewelry pieces for yourself or a special friend. You’ll learn basic wire-wrapping techniques to make beaded earrings, and using string and wire, you’ll design a necklace and bracelet with beads of your choice. You’ll learn how to start and end a beaded string piece and how to use pliers to do this neatly. We’ll discuss jewelry-making terminology and practice using basic jewelry tools, materials, and findings. You will finish the class with an original set of jewelry that you made yourself and with the knowledge you’ll need to make additional projects on your own.

A materials list will be emailed.

N333-W21 $85
3 Tuesdays @ 7–8:30pm
February 23–March 9

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International Travel

Samantha Mandel, Tour Director
Travel abroad with fellow community members. We’ll take care of every detail; you just have to pack your bag and book a flight! You’ll enjoy a variety of group activities, with time for spontaneous encounters and independent exploration too. Register now! For more details, visit www.newtoncommunityed.org/travel2021. To receive a travel brochure, join our travel mailing list, or get answers to your questions email mandels@newton.k12.ma.us.

We know that the situation at home and abroad is evolving and that plans may need to change. Please see our website for details on our flexible refund and safety policies.

Bonnie Scotland Tour
Travel with us to bonnie auld Scotland, a land of history, nature, and Highland charm. With its soulfully beautiful scenery, castles, fascinating history, down-to-earth people, vibrant cultural scene, and distilleries making scrumptious whiskey, Scotland is a hidden gem. Our trip will be perfectly timed in case you want to extend for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

TR141-W21
Travel Dates: July 27—August 6, 2021

Home & Garden

Jump-Start Your Spring Garden
David Gordon, Instructor
If you’re planning to plant a vegetable or flower garden this spring, now is the time to prepare. We’ll work on designing your vegetable garden and review flower planting ideas. You’ll learn about companion planting, raised beds, growing in pots, and to grow from seedlings. You’ll get to pick seeds from dozens of packets and learn how to grow plants that are started indoors. Learn the difference between cool and warm weather crops, and to prepare your garden with good top soil, organic fertilizer, and compost. Get all the tips you need for a great garden this spring!

G137-W21 $45
Thursday March 4 @ 7–8:30pm

Organize it!
Faina Shapiro, Instructor
Behold: your clutter-free and organized home! Learn how to transform and organize each space in your home, and keep it that way. From kitchens and laundry rooms to home offices and garages, we’ll tackle every room in your home and provide step-by-step tools, tricks, and checklists to help you declutter. You’ll also get tips on essential cleaning products that will help you save time and maintain your home’s value and appeal. You’ll learn secrets to get permanent markers off granite and goop off your furniture, and even to fix cracks in your tile to make it look like new—no handyman required! Get liberated from the burden of your clutter, and bring serenity to your home.

Have photos handy of specific areas you need help organizing.

G773-W21 $45
Wednesday January 27 @ 7–8:30pm

Teach for us! Or suggest what we can offer.
We’re always on the lookout for new class ideas and enthusiastic instructors who want to share their expertise with our students. Use the Course Suggestion Form on our website to submit your idea.
Neither NCE nor Newton Public Schools can give specific advice concerning personal investments. Do not make any financial decisions based on recommendations from our independent instructors without first checking with your advisors about the suitability of such actions. For all our Money & Real Estate classes, bring a friend and save! Just change the quantity at checkout.

**New Planning for Retirement**

David Dirks, Instructor

Get the broad foundation of financial literacy you’ll need to invest for retirement confidently. You’ll feel more in control of your financial future whether you want to take a do-it-yourself approach or wish to hire help. Topics to be covered include a broad survey of investment options and how to build a portfolio, taxation and deferred tax investment vehicles (401ks, IRAs, Roth IRAs, 529s, HSAs, etc.), life insurance, and long term care insurance. We’ll also cover how to go about estate planning including wills and trusts, charitable giving strategies, protection from credit fraud. Finally, we’ll share our list of “red flags” to look out for. This course is for people preparing for retirement and those who have already retired. All levels of financial sophistication are welcome, and there will be plenty of time for questions.

S110-W21 $35; $60/pair
Tuesday March 9 @ 7–9pm

**New Spring Pruning & Early Season Gardening**

Jeff Klein, Instructor

Set your garden up for success. Early spring—before the leaves and blossoms return to the trees—is a wonderful time to wake your garden beds up from their winter slumber. Our instructor will teach you what and how to prune during this crucial time and provide guidance on seeding wildflowers, amending soil with compost or fertilizer, and adding mulch. This class is for novice and experienced gardeners alike and will meet off-site in the yard of a participant. Please reach out if you’d like to volunteer your space, especially if you have a variety of different perennials and shrubs.

Location will be emailed. Masks and social distancing required.

G325-W21 $55
Tuesday March 30 @ Newton outdoors 11am–1:30pm

**New Declutter with One Another**

Maya Reisz, Instructor

Feeling overwhelmed by a sea of stuff and waves of memories? You’re not alone! If you can’t bring yourself to start or continue the “dreaded” process of decluttering, this course is for you! Instead of facing your project alone, you will connect with a group to bring fresh insights and supportive vibes into your decluttering process. Join a professional organizer who declutters everything from old storage spaces to family histories to writing projects. Together, we will bring personal values into the organizing process, explore roadblocks, and create fun and meaningful solutions. Get ready to get rid—together!

G216-W21 $79
3 Wednesdays @ 7–8:30pm
February 4–25 (No class February 18)

**Online Learning with ed2go**

There’s online learning beyond the NCE catalog. We’ve partnered with ed2go to offer a wide range of online courses as well as career training and certificate programs. There are two ways to learn. You’ll find six-week instructor-led courses during which you interact with your teacher and classmates and, for the independent learner, self-paced courses which provide access to all lessons immediately with up to three months to complete. Ed2go offers classes in categories such as Business Administration, Healthcare & Medical, Law & Legal, Technology, Writing & Publishing, and more. Check the Online Learning category on our website for details.
Your Retirement Countdown with TIAA-CREF
Rose Thompson, CRPC®, Instructor
Do you or your spouse/partner participate in a TIAA-CREF retirement plan? Come hear the ins and outs of these plans from a former TIAA-CREF financial consultant. The five years before and after retirement are critical planning years for a successful retirement. Are you 50 years old or concerned about outliving their retirement? Hear independent thinking about the strengths and limitations of your TIAA-CREF retirement plan and how it may or may not fit into your overall planning.
We’ll discuss the different strategies for designing withdrawals, creating a sustainable income stream, asset allocation, following Required Minimum Distribution rules, and deciding whether annuitization is relevant for you.

S108-W21 $45; $90/pair
Tuesday February 2 @ 5–6:30pm

Trading Equity Options
Craig Forman, Instructor
Trading in equity options has exploded in recent years due to low commissions, excellent free trading tools, and the emergence of weekly options. Learn how options work, how to trade them, and how to use them to control risk while enhancing your returns. You’ll also discover strategies for naked options, option spreads, and stock/option combinations. We’ll explore risk management, volatility, and adjustments. This class is for beginning and seasoned investors who want to add options to their trading toolset.

S314-W21 $115; $210/pair
4 Tuesdays @ 7–9pm
January 19–February

I Was Sold an Annuity... Now What?
Deborah Goodman, CFP, CPA, Instructor
We’re living longer and many people are concerned about outliving their retirement assets. Annuities have become an extraordinarily popular investment for retirement income planning. At heart, annuities are simple mathematical concepts: lump sums of money paid out in equal installments over time. In practice, the concept is more complex, so it’s important to be knowledgeable before purchasing an annuity. We’ll guide you through annuity basics, contract structure, and analysis.

S241-W21 $29; $48/pair
Wednesday February 3 @ 6:30–8pm

Play the Stock Market Game
Peter Yaffe, Instructor
Learn how to become a savvy investor. Imagine you’re handed $100K — how would you transform that into a top-performing investment portfolio? Explore how investing actually works by conducting research and examining various aspects of the US Financial Markets, types of investment products, use of stock charts, and the impacts of national and global events. Learn about buying and selling stocks, risk, diversification, and borrowing on margin. Compete in this SIFMA Foundation-sponsored game using a realistic online trading platform. Warning: The Stock Market Game™ is played by budding investors as young as 4th grade. Can you do better than an elementary schooler? No experience necessary!

S319-W21 $125; $230/pair
8 Tuesdays @ 7–8:30pm
January 19–March 16

A First-Timer’s Guide to Home- or Condo-Buying
Marie Presti, Instructor
Get an overview of the entire home-buying process, from finding the perfect neighborhood and selecting a real estate broker, to obtaining favorable financing and hiring an attorney to protect your investment. Learn how the rights and responsibilities of condo owners differ from those of homeowners, and learn how to understand legal documents related to each. Use the knowledge you gain in this class to avoid crises. Our unbiased, comprehensive approach can help you avoid disastrous situations — from the loss of your hard-earned deposit, to buying a property with latent defects such as termites, lead paint, or water damage.

S228-W21 $45; $80/pair
Thursday February 4 @ 6:30–8:30pm

You Can Afford College If...
College Funding Advisors Inc, staff, Instructors
... you plan in advance, understand the financial aid process, and act early enough to be successful. Aid goes to the families who plan in advance — ideally before December 31st of your child’s sophomore year of high school. We’ll teach you how to maximize your financial aid by understanding the process, and how to implement strategies that increase your eligibility even if you have a “high income” or own a business. Remember: Procrastination equals less financial aid. All schools are not alike, so it’s important to know your options and opportunities. A free financial aid analysis will be offered to all attendees.

S104-W21 $35; $60/pair
Wednesday February 24 @ 6:30–8:30pm

Money & Divorce: Avoid Costly Mistakes
Renée Senes, Instructor
You keep the house with $150,000 in equity; your spouse takes the stock portfolio worth $150,000. Five years from now, is one of you struggling to pay bills while the other has a growing net worth? If you are contemplating divorce, starting the process, in mediation, or looking at settlement options, we can help. We’ll look at common financial mistakes made in divorce settlements and discuss how to avoid them. You’ll gain an understanding of how cash flow, liquidity, income taxes, capital gains, retirement account rules, insurance, debt, and credit could impact your future well-being. We’ll also look at the Alimony Reform Act of 2011 that made significant changes to alimony in Massachusetts. Be knowledgeable about your finances before you sign your settlement agreement.

S328-W21 $45; $80/pair
Thursday February 4 @ 6:30–8:30pm

Money & Real Estate
Introducing Yourself or Your Business in 30 Seconds (or less)

Deb Elbaum, Instructor
Imagine that you have 30 seconds (or less!) to explain what you do, what projects you are passionate about, or what your business is all about. Can you do it? If not, we’ll help you learn to give an “elevator speech” with ease and poise. It’s not just about the rehearsing, though we’ll cover that—we’ll go over body language, word choice, getting feedback, and above all else, how to grab someone’s attention with a compelling and interesting story. Be prepared to practice.

B304-W21 $35
Wednesday March 17 @ 7–8:30pm

Resume & Cover Letter Writing Workshop

Samantha Mandel, Instructor
Spiff up your resume and write a compelling cover letter. Join us for easily-applicable tips on how to add that “wow” factor, and learn about common mistakes you should avoid. Our instructor will also review your resume and cover letter and provide you with some individualized hints. You’ll leave class with a stellar job application. We’ve got your back! After you register, you’ll receive an email address to which you can submit any current resume and cover letter you may have. If you don’t have drafts yet, don’t worry. We’ll help you get started!

R600-W21 $20
Tuesday February 9 @ 12–1:30pm

NEW

Thriving in the Gig Economy

Michael Nir, Instructor
Learn how to succeed in the gig economy. Even during an economic downturn, it is possible to find jobs offering a short-term contract. Employers like to reduce costs by hiring short-term expertise. Employees often appreciate gigs for the flexibility they afford in the amount of time they work and the types of work they do. Get tips on goal-setting, starting with your job search, building resilience, networking, and more. This class is for those who have recently lost a job, are looking to build their own business, or would like to improve their standing with their current employer.

B116-W21 $55
Wednesday February 24 @ 6–9pm

Interviewing Online

lau lapides company staff, instructors
It’s a fine time to get a new job! Join us to polish and perfect your interviewing skills. Our tips, tools, and techniques will help you gain the confidence and hard-core skills you need to step in front of your computer’s camera and be your best self. We’ll cover verbal, physical, and psychological challenges that might hinder your success, as well as strategies to help you get a positive mindset. We’ll build in practice time for role-playing with instructor and peer feedback. Zoom your way to your next job, starting with this class. Have a notebook and water handy. Students receive a complimentary consultation and assessment with lau lapides company studio.

B107-W21 $49
Thursday February 25 @ 7–9pm

Becoming a Real Estate Agent: Do You Have What It Takes?

Marie Presti, Instructor
Discover what it takes to become a real estate agent with this introduction from a pro who has 14 years of experience. Learn about Massachusetts’ licensing requirements, what skills you’ll need to thrive in this profession, and how to select a brokerage that will help you find your first clients.

B210-W21 $35
Wednesday February 10 @ 6:30–8pm

Computers & Technology

NEW

Computer Skills for Today’s Job Market

Howard Loewinger, Instructor
If your computer skills aren’t where you’d like them to be, join us for an introduction to two of the most widely used software programs in today’s workplace: Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office. We’ll demonstrate how to navigate Windows 10 and review common tasks such as opening and saving files; using the menu bar; and how to cut, copy, and paste. Then we’ll spend time with the three main applications in Office: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. You’ll practice your new skills during class by creating basic word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation documents and leave with tips on where you can learn more online.

We’ll demonstrate with Office 2019 but the skills learned apply to all versions of Office since 2010. You will be able to practice the skills demonstrated. You should have some experience with a Windows-based computer, some typing and mouse skills, and know how to save files.

C119-W21 $151
4 Thursdays @ 7–9pm
February 11–March 11 (No class February 18)

Learn to Zoom

Samantha Mandel, Instructor
Get step-by-step help to increase your comfort and ease on Zoom. In this class, our savvy instructor will provide personalized instruction. In bite-sized chunks, she’ll take you through the Zoom online conferencing platform and cover all the latest updates until you’re comfortably “Zooming” along. Beginners and intermediate users welcome.

C344-W21 $20
Tuesday January 26 @ 12:30–2pm
Getting the Most From Your iPhone

Howard Loewinger, Instructor
Did you know your iPhone can do virtually all the things your computer can do? Plus, of course, make calls. We’ll start with the basics: different ways to touch the screen, calling options, and managing contacts. Then, we’ll talk about apps: getting new ones, finding open apps, and deleting ones you no longer use. Learn about settings, syncing with iCloud, giving voice commands, and you’ll get tips for using that pesky screen keyboard. If time allows, we’ll go over frequently used apps such as Messaging, Email, and the Camera.

While we’ll focus on iPhones running the current version of iOS, most of what we discuss will apply to older iPhones as well. Bring your questions and iPhone to class!

C298-W21 $69
2 Wednesdays @ 7–9pm
March 10 & 17

MS Excel: Macros, VLOOKUP, & Pivot Tables

Michael Toon, Instructor
Expand your basic Excel skills to efficiently organize, summarize, and interpret your data. First we’ll explore macros, which record and save your steps so you can “play back” or repeat your commands later. Then, you’ll learn about VLOOKUP (vertical lookup) to find a value in a list or table, similar to looking up a person’s name in a telephone book. Finally, you’ll discover how pivot tables automatically sort, count, total, or give the average of the data stored in one table or spreadsheet to a second table or spreadsheet.

We’ll be using a Windows-7 based computer running MS Office 2010 for class demonstrations; this is not a Macintosh class. Prerequisite: An intro MS Excel class or comparable experience. You must have MS Office installed on your computer to do the class exercises.

C276-W21 $125
3 Mondays @ 6–8pm
March 8–22

Tech Tutoring

Howard Loewinger, Instructor
Get one-on-one help on your smart phone, tablet, or computer. Our instructors will meet with you to answer your questions about an individual program or provide more general help with simply organizing your desktop, phone, photos, and more. Sessions must be scheduled in advance with the instructor. The instructor will send you a Zoom link after a date and time is set.

Our instructor will meet individually with you over Zoom. If you’d like to inquire about whether they can address your particular tech problems, email staff@newtoncommunityed.org. You can arrange additional sessions, as needed.

C316-W21 $175/2 hours
January 1–March 31

English Language Learners (ELL)

ELL: Private English Lessons

Sharon Wanunu, Instructor
Improve your English while working one-on-one with an instructor. The instructor will focus on core language skills to help you feel more confident communicating. Plus, fun tasks to inspire you to incorporate English naturally into your day-to-day lives.

Once you register, you will get an email to contact your instructor to schedule your individual English lessons.

E707-W21 $360
8 one-hour sessions
January 19–March 18

ELT: Let’s Talk!
Conversational English

Elena Ceban, Instructor
Put away those textbooks and let’s just talk! In a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, you will improve your English by taking everything you have learned and putting it to practical use. Each week we will engage in lively discussions on a variety of topics. Get ready to meet new people, enjoy interesting conversations, and improve your English.

E892-W21 $139
8 Tuesdays @ 6–7pm
January 26–March 23 (No class February 16)

ELL: Speak Better English

Sharon Wanunu, Instructor
If you know vocabulary and grammar but are still having trouble being understood, or are too nervous to talk in front of others, join us. We’ll work on building your confidence when speaking; we’ll address especially challenging situations like talking over the phone and casual small talk with native English speakers. In this warm and supportive environment, we’ll practice conversational English so you’ll feel more comfortable opening up and speaking English. Expect fun practice for homework.

E141-W21-1 $139
8 Tuesdays @ 10–11am
January 19–March 16 (No class February 16)

E141-W21-2 $139
8 Thursdays @ 7–8pm
January 21–March 18 (No class February 18)

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Things you need to know:

- All classes are running online except where noted otherwise.
- Our classes are listed by category. But sometimes a class is too unique for a category. Please read them all!
- There are no classes on Newton Public Schools vacations or holidays. We will hold classes on snowdays this winter.
- **Be on time for your online class.** It’s very difficult for instructors to both monitor the waiting room and teach the class.
- **Check your email.** Meeting links and other important class information will be sent by email before the start of class. Check your registration receipt as well as your Spam and Promotions folders if you believe you have not gotten this information.
- Please test your meeting platform in advance. We will not be offering refunds for last-minute technical difficulties or late arrivals. See tips under Quick Links on our website for help with this.
- Some Kids classes may require supplies you’ll need to purchase or pick up before class. Check your class listing and emails from us for details, and sign up early for those classes.
- Make your planning easier. See our Winter At a Glance chart on pages 44-45 for an easy-to-navigate listing of all our Kids winter classes.
- We hope to add new classes throughout the winter. Check our website and look for emails from us for updates.

**Science**

**NEW**

**DIY Science Toys & Discoveries**

_Wicked Cool for Kids staff, Instructors_

Make your own toys and gadgets and learn the science behind them. We’re pairing two wicked cool classes, combining creative engineering and sensory science. You’ll learn about energy and motion as you make a mini-catapult, build a moving magnet car, create a custom marble maze, and design a house for an action figure. You’ll also explore sensory science by classifying creepy crawlies, neutralizing smelly smells, making model mucus and alien slime, and creating a celestial swirling bottle. These experiments are not for the easily queasy! Join us for hands-on fun and discovery. **Grades K-2.**

We’ll provide a safe pickup location for the class materials; the fee is included in the tuition.

12 sessions $295

**Mondays January 25–April 26 3:30–4:30pm**
KE386-W21-M

**Wednesdays January 27–April 28 3:30–4:30pm**
KE386-W21-W

**Thinking about summer?**

Normally, we’d be busy planning our Kids summer program and getting ready for Camp Fair. Due to the continuing uncertainty around the pandemic, we will not begin summer planning until later this winter. Check our website or sign up for our email newsletter to receive regular updates.
**NEW**

**Super Science: Radical Reactions**

*Super Science staff, Instructors*

Break out the beakers and flasks! It’s time for slime, combustion, and exothermic reactions. Make your own indicator, test energy-releasing reactions in a water bottle, and study the rates of chemical changes for clues to identifying reactions. Learn about laboratory safety and standards as you build batteries, vaporize solids, and create colorful art. This class will include a combination of virtual games, at-home projects, and science demos by our super scientist instructor. **Grades K-2.**

We’ll provide a safe pickup location for the class materials; the fee is included in the tuition.

8 sessions $195

**Tuesdays January 26–March 23 3:30–4:15pm**

**KE395-W21-Tu**

**Thursdays January 28–March 25 3:30–4:15pm**

**KE395-W21-Th**

**Fridays January 29–March 26 3:30–4:30pm**

**KE395-W21-F**

**Tiny Worlds**

*Rachel Kaufmann, Instructor*

Your backyard is full of drama: dragonflies hunt mosquitoes, ants work together to gather food, and slugs eat the vegetables in your garden. Dive into these tiny worlds through close observations and projects. Create your own “pooper” (a device for catching insects), construct a fairy or creature home, and build an insect amusement park. We’ll consult online resources to learn about the different creatures that inhabit tiny worlds, see some close-up footage of them at work, and also share our findings from our individual outside explorations. **Grades 1-3.**

You’ll receive a list of materials to gather from home. We’ll provide a safe pickup location for additional materials; a $20 fee is payable at pickup.

8 sessions $195

**Wednesdays January 27–March 24 2–3pm**

**KE369-W21**

**Visual Arts & Crafts**

**NEW**

**Attention Muggles!**

*Susan Paquette, Instructor*

Apparate to NCE. Join other wannabe witches and wizards for the schoolyear version of this popular summer program, with all-new activities. We’ll explore the world of Harry Potter through a variety of magic-themed art projects. You’ll build a paper mâché Hedwig, create a golden snitch with metallic paint and feathers, design the Monster Book of Monsters with faux fur and fangs, and paint and embellish wand crafts. You’ll also learn to draw Scabbers, Crookshanks, and Hedwig; make a whomping willow with wire and clay; and construct an Aragog spider—eww! Non-magicians welcome. **Grades 1-5.**

We’ll provide a safe pickup location for the class materials; a $20 fee is payable to the instructor at pickup.

8 sessions $195

**Fridays January 29–March 26 3:30–4:30pm**

**KE381-W21**

**Clay Creations**

*Sharon Siriwardena, Instructor*

Roll up your sleeves and create with clay. Using hand-modeling and pinch pot techniques, you’ll make a variety of sculptural and functional pieces to enjoy for years to come. Each week you’ll learn a new technique and work on a different project. Projects will include textured turtles, long-legged animals, bobbleheads, self-portraits, and Salvador Dali-style garden gnomes. For that finishing touch, you’ll paint select pieces with acrylics. **Grades 3-8.**

See our website for the materials list.

10 sessions $235

**Tuesdays January 26–April 6 3:30–4:30pm**

**KE400-W21**

**Comics**

*Jack Neylan, Instructor*

Join us and learn every step to making comics: you’ll design your characters, create a simple three-panel strip, ink and color a page, and finally, make a dynamic multi-page comic in the genre of your choice. We’ll look at a wide range of comics—from early 19th century newspaper strips to Japanese Manga to modern-day digital web comics. You’ll learn a variety of drawing styles, gain an understanding of story structure, and leave class with several copies of your original comics and a new appreciation for this art form. **Grades 4-8.**

Bring the following to each class: paper, a pencil, colored pencils, a pen, and Sharpies or markers.

12 sessions $275

**Wednesdays January 27–April 28 3:30–4:30pm**

**KM75-W21**

**Crafty Collage & Mosaic**

*Michel L’Huillier, Instructor*

Apply your ingenuity to make elaborate mosaic and collage artwork. Using specialty papers and interesting accessories, you’ll decorate a variety of projects, including a picture frame and a mirror on a canvas panel backing. You’ll also construct 3-D collages with newspaper, string, cardboard, and supplied materials. As we work on our projects we’ll explore the development of collage as an art form, and get to know artists who made art from paper, such as Matisse and Picasso. Our instructor taught our popular in-person *Glass Class* and has adapted those activities for safe materials you can work with independently at home. You’ll leave class with several unique works of art to proudly display. **Grades 2-5.**

We’ll provide a safe pickup location for the class materials; a $65 fee is payable to the instructor at the time of pickup or by Venmo.

10 sessions $275

**Wednesdays January 27–April 7 2–3:15pm**

**KE363-W21**

**Crafty Collage & Mosaic**

*Michel L’Huillier, Instructor*

Apply your ingenuity to make elaborate mosaic and collage artwork. Using specialty papers and interesting accessories, you’ll decorate a variety of projects, including a picture frame and a mirror on a canvas panel backing. You’ll also construct 3-D collages with newspaper, string, cardboard, and supplied materials. As we work on our projects we’ll explore the development of collage as an art form, and get to know artists who made art from paper, such as Matisse and Picasso. Our instructor taught our popular in-person *Glass Class* and has adapted those activities for safe materials you can work with independently at home. You’ll leave class with several unique works of art to proudly display. **Grades 2-5.**

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10 sessions $275

**Wednesdays January 27–April 7 2–3:15pm**

**KE363-W21**
Decor by Me
Nicole Donson, Instructor
Create cool keepsake crafts from the comfort of your home. Explore the art of mosaics and decorate wooden planks and picture frames; create a funky mirror made from hand-painted clothespins; and decoupage a keepsake box using decorative papers, colored tissue, fabric, glue-on jewels, and colorful beads. You'll also decorate and build desk accessories from cardboard and recycled materials; paint a bulletin board to hang on your wall; and make a hardbound journal using classic bookbinding techniques and then decorate its cover with fabric or fancy papers, stickers, ribbons, or glue-on jewels. Grades 3-8.
We'll provide a safe pickup location for the class materials; a $75 fee is payable to the instructor at pickup.
7 sessions $245
Fridays January 29–March 19 3:30–5pm
KE365-W21

Drawing Club
Jack Neylan, Instructor
If you love to draw, get ready to take your drawing to the next level. We'll work on techniques to help you draw the way you want to; you'll learn how to draw faces, bodies, objects, landscapes, and perspective, with step-by-step individual attention so you can progress at your own rate. We'll provide challenges for the more experienced artists and encouragement for the newer ones and you'll all end up drawing better than you ever thought you could. New and returning students welcome. Grades 2-5.
Bring paper (preferably an 8x10 sketchbook), pencils (regular and colored), erasers, and markers.
12 sessions $275
Mondays January 25–April 26 3:30–4:30pm
KE149-W21-M
Fridays January 29–May 7 3:30–4:30pm
KE149-W21-F

NEW
Fine Art Drawing
Eddie Bruckner, Instructor
Become a better artist. Master the fundamentals of drawing through step-by-step guidance from our expert instructor. We'll focus on different drawing concepts in each class to help you see the world in new ways and develop your unique artistic style. Working with artist-quality materials including graphite, charcoal, chalk, and pastels, you'll learn the elements of contour, texture, and proportion; explore the principles of light and shade; and discover how line helps to suggest form. We'll work on a variety of projects in class, including imaginative and observational drawings, landscapes, seascapes, still lifes, and more. All levels welcome. Grades 3-8.
See our website for a materials list.
8 sessions $285
Wednesdays January 27–March 24 3–4:30pm
KE385-W21
Wednesdays March 31–May 26 3–4:30pm
KE385-P21

Knitting
Deanna Mustachio, Instructor
Learn an ageless craft to complement your at-home online time. You can say “I made it myself!” when friends admire your stylish scarf, and you'll never be bored again—you can take your yarn and needles anywhere. We'll work on basics such as knit and purl stitches, and how to cast on, bind off, increase, decrease, make stripes, and read a simple knitting pattern. Once you've mastered the basics you can really have fun. We'll email you a variety of patterns to choose from, including some more challenging ones like monsters and flowers, which use double-pointed needles for a really cool result. All levels welcome. Grades 3-9.
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10 sessions $285
Thursdays January 28–April 8 3:30–4:45pm
KE384-W21

NEW
Mixed Media
Sharon Siriwardena, Instructor
From foil to shaving cream, clay to acrylic skins, join us to make mixed media art with unusual as well as tried-and-true materials. We'll use flat and raised stencils to create eye-catching patterns, layer different materials to make interesting textures, combine acrylics with watercolor pencils and crayons for glistening color, and apply sgraffito techniques to etch extraordinary designs. Harness the unique properties of these special materials as you learn a host of mixed media techniques from our versatile and talented instructor. Grades 1-3.
See our website for the materials list.
10 sessions $235
Fridays January 29–April 16 3:30–4:30pm
KE401-W21
Kids

Modern Art Adventure
Nicole Donson, Instructor
Get inspired by famous artists like Picasso, Monet, Van Gogh, and more. Make whimsical and abstract paintings like Miro and Kandinsky and spatter paint like Jackson Pollock. Create kinetic wire sculptures and mobiles like Calder, and paper collages like Matisse. Use watercolor paints to create art in the style of Monet’s water lily paintings and make dot paintings like Georges Seurat. You’ll learn a bit of art history as we focus on one artist per week, see images of their work, and create art inspired by each artist’s style.

Grades 1-5.
We’ll provide a safe pickup location for the class materials; a $35 fee is payable to the instructor at pickup.
10 sessions $235
Tuesdays January 26–April 6 3:30–4:30pm
KE293-W21

Photo Projects
Danielle Larosee, Instructor
Take photos and make them great. At each class you’ll choose a theme for your photographs—anything from portraits to nature to still lifes; then you’ll transform your photos into expressive pieces of art with the magic of Apple’s Photos program. You’ll use Photos’ editing tools to enhance your pictures, and you’ll turn them into thematic slideshows to share with family and friends. You’ll finish the class with digital files of your work.

Grades 3-8.
You’ll need a Mac computer or iPad for this class, as well as a digital camera, a memory card, and a card reader.
10 sessions $235
Wednesdays January 27–April 7 3:30–4:30pm
KE402-W21

NEW
Paper Quilling
Danielle Larosee, Instructor
Twirl and whirl paper into whimsical shapes and designs. Quilling is an ancient Chinese art form; you use tiny strips of paper to create unique ornaments, icons, or elaborate pieces of art. Starting with paper you’ve cut into shapes for projects you’d like to make, you’ll do a bit of geometry as you work out the composition of your projects to achieve your desired effect. And then you’ll twirl. Projects will include snowflake ornaments, Valentine’s Day cards, creepy bugs, and more. Take your 2-D art to the 3rd dimension and join us for this crazy fun class. Grades 5-8.

See our website for the materials you’ll need for this class.
10 sessions $235
Tuesdays January 26–April 6 3:30–4:30pm
KM94-W21

Picture Book Artists
Nicole Donson, Instructor
Calling all Eric Carle fans! Join us to create artwork inspired by your favorite children’s books. We’ll investigate the artistic approaches in books like Where the Wild Things Are, Rainbow Fish, Leaf Man, Harold and the Purple Crayon, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, and more. We’ll paint textures on paper and make collages as Eric Carle did, paint on paper leaves and apply a watercolor resist technique to make a leaf man, and use colored tissue paper to decorate rainbow fish and Elmer the elephant. We’ll create monsters like the wild things and collages with dots and drawings using a purple crayon. Each week we’ll explore a new book and enjoy art projects inspired by that book.

Grades K-2.
We’ll provide a safe pickup location for the class materials; a $35 fee is payable to the instructor at pickup.
10 sessions $235
Mondays January 25–April 5 3:30–4:30pm
KE358-W21-M

Remembering Chip Piatti: 1946-2020

On Thursday October 8th we lost Chip Piatti, a great friend and family member to NCE. Chip taught a variety of NCE classes for kids and adults, but he was best known as the Director of our beloved Camp Innovations.

Former campers, students, and co-workers gathered to share memories and stories over Zoom and many others emailed us their fond remembrances. Chip made a lasting impression on everyone he met.

We have established a scholarship fund in Chip’s honor. The proceeds will be used to help students with financial need attend our programs. Visit newtoncommunityed.org/chip to make a donation.
**Pottery at Home**  
*Lisa Walker, Instructor*
Dig into the past from the comfort of your computer. Using air-dry clay, paper, and other materials, we’ll create two- and three-dimensional mixed-media artworks. You’ll learn how civilizations through the ages and around the world have used pottery: we’ll enter the Ming Dynasty and design vases using mixed media, get fired up building Chinese dragon sculptures, and explore Native American culture as we make pinch pots with air-dry clay. You’ll also learn about African mask-making with collage. Join us for a window into the worlds that came before ours and make your mark in ceramic art history. Grades 1-5.  
See our website for the materials list. New and returning students welcome; returning students will work on new projects.

10 sessions $235  
**Wednesdays January 27–April 7 3:30–4:30pm**  
**KE357-W21-W**  
**Thursdays January 28–April 8 3:30–4:30pm**  
**KE357-W21-Th**  

**NEW**  
**Story Theatre**  
*See page 34 for details.*

**Zentangle**  
*Lauren Comando, Instructor*
Start simple, and create amazing, seemingly complex drawings. If you can draw the letters *i, c, s*, and *o*, you can design cool Zentangles. Zentangle is a structured drawing method with infinite possibilities. We’ll start with a series of steps including setting up, tangling/drawing, shading, and making your drawing pop. Then your unique black and white artwork will develop quickly, to be celebrated by your fellow artists. By the end of class you’ll have a collection of Zentangle drawings that look like they were years in the making. Grades 3-8.  
We’ll provide a safe pickup location for class materials; $10 is payable to the instructor at pickup.

10 sessions $235  
**Tuesdays January 26–April 6 3:30–4:30pm**  
**KE356-W21**  

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**NCE Outdoors**

To participate in these classes, you will need to read and sign the NCE Kids COVID Safety Sign-off form. Parents/guardians must personally hand deliver the form to the instructor at every class session. Kids who do not meet the criteria on this form or arrive without it will be unable to participate in that day's class.

**NEW**  
**Ecology in the City**  
*Nathan Phillips, Instructor*
See your city in a new way. Discover the relationships among plants, people, and the built environment right here in Newton. Starting from Cold Spring Park we’ll venture out in all directions—to Crystal Lake, the Newton Cemetery, Bullough’s Pond, and the Charles River—learning enlightening ecological secrets along the way. Our classroom is our city, a living laboratory for exploring interconnected roads, pipes, waterways, and greenways. Trace where our water, energy, and food come from; find out how our waste moves between origin and destination, and learn to detect clues about healthy and unhealthy ecosystem conditions using your senses and handheld air quality meters. We’ll pause in quiet places to consider how our city’s ecology connects to our largest shared ecosystem, Planet Earth. Grades 6-8.  
Bring a pencil and a waterproof notebook and dress for the weather.

6 sessions $225  
**Wednesdays January 27–March 10 3–4:30pm**  
**KM95-W21 Cold Spring Park**  

**NEW**  
**Outdoor Adventure**  
*Hale Reservation staff, Shirley Sutton Instructor*
Escape the confines of COVID and explore the outdoors with us this winter. We’ll construct an overnight shelter, learn fire-building and safety, and look for animal tracks and signs. We’ll also sample Pine Tree tea, discover what “bugs” us, and hear our echoes under Echo Bridge. Nature is not just for summer—join us to enjoy its wondrous winter offerings. Dress for the weather, including boots if it’s messy out, since we’ll meet in the cold and snow. We will follow all state mandates for safety and all participants will be required to wear masks. Grades 1-3 & 3-5.

We’ll meet at Hemlock Gorge Reservation at the parking lot on Ellis St. at Boylston St./Route 9.  
5 sessions $175  
**Wednesdays March 3–31 2:30–3:30pm**  
**KE403-W21-W-1-3 Hemlock Gorge (Gr 1-3)**  
**Fridays March 5–April 9 3:30–4:30pm**  
**KE403-W21-F-3-5 Hemlock Gorge (Gr 3-5)**
Dramatic Arts

Actors Studio
Gabrielle Siani, Instructor
Break a leg! Aspiring actors: whether your goal is to be a star someday or you just like to perform, join us and get ready to shine. We’ll learn basic acting concepts, play improvisational theatre games, perform scenes from plays and books, and prepare you to make a lasting impression on your audience. So whether you’re trying out for a show or just want to express yourself, this class is for you. The last class will include a performance for family and friends. Grades 1-4.
10 sessions $235
Fridays January 29–April 16 3:30–4:30pm
KE313-W21-F

NEW
Broadway from Home
Broadway from Home, Instructor
Belt it out with Broadway stars. If you aspire to be on stage in the future, join us to learn from the experts now. Through a combination of individual instruction and group lessons, you’ll work on a song of your choice and scenes from popular Broadway shows. Each class will include vocal and physical warm-ups, coaching sessions solo or with your scene partners, and practice performances for the group. Our instructors are Broadway performers, some of whom got their start right here in Newton. This is a unique opportunity to build your skills and get an insider’s view of the world of professional theatre. Our final class will include a livestreamed cabaret-style performance for family and friends. All levels welcome. Grades 5-8.
6 sessions $275
Wednesdays January 27–March 10 3:30–5pm
KM93-W21

Improv
Michelle Fineblum & Gabrielle Siani, Instructors
Make something up. Improv is for everyone—whether you’re someone who always has a funny line ready or you’re more on the quiet side, join us to create some seriously funny or just plain serious characters in this online class. Our time will be filled with games and laughter as you gain the tools and confidence you need to develop characters, scenes, and stories, all by working together on the spot. So take some risks and expect the unexpected in this fun and funny class. All levels welcome, including new and returning students. Grades 2-4.
10 sessions $235
Tuesdays January 26–April 6 3:30–4:30pm
KE374-W21-Tu-2-4 (Fineblum)
Wednesdays January 27–April 7 3:30–4:30pm
KE374-W21-W-3-5 (Fineblum)
Wednesdays January 27–April 7 3–4pm
KE374-W21-W-6-8 (Siani)
Thursdays January 28–April 8 3:30–4:30pm
KE374-W21-Th-1-3 (Fineblum)

Podcast Pros
Gabrielle Siani, Instructor
If you have an opinion on something, you can make a podcast. Bring your passion, curiosity, or burning interest and join us to explore the art of podcasting. Through a range of activities including improv games, dramatic interpretation, and storytelling, you’ll turn that passion into an informational and inviting show. Come see how your favorite celebrities are pulling thousands of viewers to their blogs, news shows, and podcasts, and learn to do the same. Grades 5-8.
8 sessions $195
Mondays January 25–March 22 3:30–4:30pm
KE387-W21-M
Thursdays January 28–March 25 3:30–4:30pm
KE387-W21-Th

NEW
Story Theatre
Carol Yourman, Instructor
Tell your tale with puppets. Create a cast of entirely original characters and a plotline that connects them. Our instructor will adapt your stories for a puppet play that you and your puppets will rehearse and star in. You’ll design and construct the puppets and costumes, and add sound effects and background visuals to enhance the production. Highlights from previous story theatre shows include mean teachers who turn students into squids, kids who rescue the rainforest from alien beings, and Halloween heroes who save the town’s children from cannibal zombies. The last class will include an online performance for family and friends. Grades 2-4.
10 sessions $195
Mondays January 25–March 22 3:30–4:30pm
KE387-W21-M
KE387-W21-Th
Kids

Chess

Beginning Chess
Santiago Ruiz Castro, Instructor
Be part of the COVID chess craze. If you’re yearning to play but haven’t yet learned the basics of the game, now’s your chance. Join us to start your chess journey. You’ll learn the rules of the game as well as how the pieces move, how to properly set up your board, and more. By the end of this class you’ll have the skills you need to take on your more experienced opponents. Grades 1-5.
12 sessions $285
Tuesdays January 26–April 27 3:30–4:30pm
KE405-W21-Tu
Fridays January 29–May 7 3:30–4:30pm
KE405-W21-F

NEW
Continuing Chess
Santiago Ruiz Castro, Instructor
This class is for kids who took our beginner class this fall or are beyond beginner level and want to continue to grow their skills and compete against other players. Grades K-5.
12 sessions $285
Wednesdays January 27–April 28 3:30–4:30pm
KE382-W21-W
Thursdays January 28–April 29 3:30–4:30pm
KE382-W21-Th

Intermediate Chess
Ross Eldridge, Santiago Ruiz Castro, & Nicholas Sterling, Instructors
Learn the basics or expand your knowledge of this remarkable game of strategy. Chess originated in India over 1500 years ago and has been growing in popularity ever since, especially here in Newton. Learn the principles of the game, positional tactics, and basic to advanced moves according to your level of ability. As you match up with various classmates to play games coached by our expert instructor, you’ll gain the confidence to play against any opponent. You’ll finish class with new appreciation for one of the best games ever invented. Grades 1-5.

Advanced Chess
Ross Eldridge & Nicholas Sterling, Instructors
Expand your knowledge of chess and improve your playing. Learn positional tactics and advanced moves according to your level of ability. Play games against formidable opponents! This class is open to returning advanced students or by permission of the instructor only. Grades 1-8.
12 sessions $285
Mondays January 25–March 8 3:30–4:30pm
KM91-W21

Cooking

Cook with the Pros
Newton’s finest local restaurant chefs, Instructors
Join some of Newton’s best chefs to create culinary delights at home. You’ll zoom into three local restaurant kitchens and work alongside the pros to cook up some of their favorites. Each week you’ll work with a different chef to learn skills and add to your recipe repertoire. The chef will guide you with step-by-step preparation instructions and you’ll get tips, tricks, and an insider’s look at a professional kitchen. Participating chefs include Kate and Trevor Smith from Thistle & Leek; Dave Punch from Sycamore, Little Big Diner, and Buttonwood; and Rob Wong from Bianca. Recipes will include a trifle, meatballs, sushi, Sicilian Chickpea & Tuna Salad, Thai Fresh Rolls, and more. Grades 5-8.
Each chef will provide a prepacked ingredient kit for you to pick up before class; the cost is included in the tuition. Please contact us at staff@newtoncommunityed.org if you have any allergy concerns.
6 sessions $225
Mondays January 25–March 8 3:30–4:30pm
KM91-W21

NEW

Bianca
Sycamore.
Thistle & Leek
NEW
Cupcake Creations
Sharon Siriwardena, Instructor
It’s time for something sweet! Apply your artistic talent to cake and cupcake decorating. Learn to bake perfect little cupcakes, master buttercream frosting, and work with fondant to build incredible shapes and characters. You’ll start by baking simple cupcakes and learning basic frosting techniques, and then move on to more complicated shapes and designs. Our star sugar artist instructor will share modeling techniques as you create your own confectionary masterpieces for any special occasion, including just staying at home during COVID. Grades K-3 & 4-7. See our website for the materials list.
8 sessions $205
Wednesdays January 27–March 24 2–3pm
KE388-W21-W-K-3 (K-3)
Adult participation is required throughout this class.
Thursdays January 28–March 25 3:30–4:30pm
KE388-W21-Th-4-7 (4-7)
Adult assistance may be needed for the first few sessions.

Technology
3-D Printing, Coding, & Design
BlocksCAD Inc staff, Instructors
Learn the foundations of coding, along with basic computer-aided design (CAD) principles, in order to take digital files and transform them into real, everyday objects. You’ll learn introductory concepts including loops, variables, and modules, and make unique, personalized, three-dimensional designs, such as a tablet or iPhone accessory, a science fiction character, or a vehicle. You’ll each create two printable designs that demonstrate the concepts you’ve learned; our instructor will print these projects outside of class and provide instructions at the end of class for safe pickup or shipping. All levels welcome; returning students will work on new challenges. Grades 3-5.
10 sessions $245
Fridays January 29–April 16 3:30–4:30pm
KM82-W21

App Inventors
Circuit Lab staff, Instructors
Explore the inner workings of mobile electronic devices in this hands-on class and make fun, creative apps for Android phones and tablets. Using MIT App Inventor software, we’ll program Android apps to respond to user inputs, read data from the environment, and design interactive games. You’ll learn fundamentals of programming and app design while building your projects, and you’ll have guidance from our expert instructors along the way. There’s plenty of room for your own ingenuity here, and the concepts you’ll learn apply to Apple products as well. Grades 5-8.
You’ll need a computer for video conferencing and writing code, as well as an Android phone or tablet for testing your apps. A $60 rental fee will be payable to the instructor at pickup; this will be refunded to you upon completion of class if you return your tablet at a designated location and time.
8 sessions $275
Thursdays January 28–March 25 3:30–5pm
KM81-W21

Circuitry 101
Circuit Lab staff, Instructors
Light up the world! Learn all about circuitry and create your own electronics. You’ll explore the inner workings of electrical components—like wires, lights, switches, and motors, and design custom light-up greeting cards, electric games, mazes, and more. We’ll get into advanced engineering concepts too, like how using different voltages can change the speed of a motor. Each class will include a circuitry lesson and a hands-on project.
Grades 1-3.
We’ll provide a safe pickup location for the class materials; the fee is included in the tuition.
8 sessions $275
Wednesdays January 27–March 24 3:30–4:45pm
KE367-W21-W
Fridays January 29–March 26 3:30–4:45pm
KE367-W21-F

NEW
Coding with Tynker
Wicked Cool for Kids staff, Instructors
Tinker with Tynker to write programs applying art, music, and math. Collaborate with friends to plan and build amazing projects using visual programming. You’ll animate dragons, create your own Whack-a-Mole game, and code sounds and music to make a band with beatboxing gnomes. You’ll learn about conditional programming as you build an alien adventure game, integrate directions to make a race car move, and launch projectiles. To finish off, you’ll win big and create a multi-level, multi-player game. If you love Scratch, Minecraft, and other visual programming and games, join us to go the next step with Tynker. All levels welcome, including returning Tynker students. Grades 2-5.
You’ll need a modern desktop computer, laptop computer, Chromebook, or Netbook with internet access, and a Chrome (29+), Firefox (30+), Safari (7+), or Edge (20+) browser.
12 sessions $295
Mondays January 25–April 6 3:30–4:30pm
KE392-W21-M
Thursdays January 28–April 29 3:30–4:30pm
KE392-W21-Th

Make your planning easier. See our Winter At a Glance chart on pages 44-45 for an easy-to-navigate listing of all our Kids winter classes.

617 559-6999
Hands-on Electronics

Circuit Lab staff, Instructors

Tinker with electronics while learning the basics of computer programming. We'll begin by exploring the fundamentals of electronics and circuit building, then move on to design your own interactive and programmable devices. You’ll use Arduino microcontroller boards to learn about computers and coding, and you’ll experiment with LEDs, resistors, motors, and sensors to create interactive flashlights, digital musical instruments, and more. Each day you’ll design a hands-on project under the guidance of your skilled Circuit Lab instructor. Grades 4-6.

You will need a PC or Mac for this class; other devices (Chromebooks, iPads, etc.) cannot run the required software. We’ll provide a safe pickup location for the class materials. A $70 fee is payable to the instructor at pickup; this will be refunded to you upon completion of class if you return your provided kit at a designated location and time.

8 sessions $275

Tuesdays January 26–March 23 3:30–5pm KE390-W21

Intro to Programming: Scratch

Circuit Lab staff, Instructors

Get with the program and learn Scratch, a popular, free programming tool created at MIT. Learn the fundamentals of writing code through fun yet challenging tasks, and apply your creativity through inventive game designs. You’ll create thematic animations, interactive stories, and short video games while mastering different skills and concepts daily. You’ll finish the class with the tools you need to continue making Scratch projects on your own, and knowledge that will apply to your future programming endeavors. This is a beginner class; no experience necessary. Grades 3-6.

8 sessions $275

Mondays January 25–March 22 3:30–5pm KE324-W21

Intro to Python

Coding with Kids staff, Instructors

Learn to program with Python, one of the most widely-used programming languages in the world. Python is a versatile and easy-to-learn starter language that’s popular with software developers, scientists, and data analysts working in all fields from medical research to space science at NASA. In this class you’ll learn and practice core coding concepts such as data structures and algorithms, and learn Python-specific concepts and syntax as well. Your projects will range from trivia quizzes to competitive two-player games. Grades 6-9.

10 sessions $245

Wednesdays January 27–April 7 3:30–4:30pm KE370-W21

Intro to Robotics

Coding with Kids staff, Instructors

Can your computer take your temperature? Join us to learn the essentials of robotics programming with microbit and see how the software you write can tell a hardware device what to do. You’ll write code on your computer, then plug in your microbit and turn it into different types of electronic devices, such as a compass, decibel reader, or thermometer to measure your temp. Then you’ll learn how to enable wireless communication between your devices, as is done in the Internet of Things. Hey Alexa: sign me up for this class! Grades 3-6.

You’ll need a microbit to participate in this class. Check our website for instructions on how to purchase one. Please check delivery times before completing your registration.

10 sessions $245

Mondays January 25–April 5 3:30–4:30pm KE389-W21-M

Thursdays January 28–April 8 3:30–4:30pm KE389-W21-Th

Math Meets 3-D Printing

BlocksCAD Inc staff, Instructors

Explore new math concepts through our 3-D printing platform. You’ll investigate and manipulate shapes in a three-dimensional environment as you learn practical applications for rigorous mathematical concepts such as volume, fractions, coordinates, and transformations. You’ll create and design that demonstrates the concepts you’ve learned; our instructor will print your projects outside of class and deliver them to a safe pickup location in Newton that we will reveal later. All levels welcome; we’ll tailor our instruction for each student’s ability and/or experience with 3-D printing concepts. Grades 3-5 & 6-8.

10 sessions $245

Mondays January 25–April 5 3:30–4:30pm KE354-W21-M 6-8 (Gr 6-8)

Tuesdays January 26–April 6 3:30–4:30pm KE354-W21-Tu-3-5 (Gr 3-5)

Minecraft Modding

Coding with Kids staff, Instructors

Attention Minecrafters: build your own mods and make your favorite game even better. In this class you’ll apply your creativity and problem solving skills as you build your computer programming prowess. You’ll customize the game with original world maps and features on your own Minecraft server. Using a simple drag-and-drop coding environment, you’ll code mods to create all-new items, environments, non-playable characters, game modes, and more. Enjoy the game like never before with your new and unique Minecraft features. You should have some basic coding experience to take this class. Grades 6-9.

You must have Minecraft Java Edition to participate in this class. Other versions of Minecraft (iPad, Xbox, Windows 10, etc.) will not support the modding for this class. See our website for purchase instructions. The tuition includes a $20 fee for a Code Kingdoms license that we will purchase for you. Code Kingdoms is the platform we’ll use for doing the modding; instructions will be emailed.

10 sessions $265

Fridays January 29–April 16 3:30–4:30pm KM89-W21
**Kids**

**Photo Projects**
See page 32 for details.

**NEW**

**Python Multiplayer Games**

*Coding with Kids staff, Instructors*

Python pros, take your coding to the next level. Learn the basics of multiplayer game design and code your own two-player games. You’ll learn concepts such as nested conditionals, vectors, projectiles, event handlers, and how to code multiple controllers for different characters. Projects may include Wizard Battle, Snowball Chucker, Air Hockey, and more. At the end of class you can enjoy playing your game on your computer against your favorite opponent.

**Grades 3-6.**

*This class is for kids who have some experience coding with Python.*

10 sessions $245

**Mondays January 25 – April 5 3:30 – 4:30pm**
KE398-W21-M

**Wednesdays January 27 – April 7 3:30 – 4:30pm**
KE398-W21-W

**Roblox**

*iCode of Wellesley staff, Instructors*

Create a game and share it with millions of kids around the country—what a great way to stay connected in the time of COVID! Learn game design and block coding in Roblox, a wildly popular online platform that hosts user-created games in many genres, including racing games, role-playing games, simulations, and obstacle courses. You’ll design, develop, and test popular themes, and build video games filled with characters, object interactions, and physics. Whether it’s building a spaceship and racing it to Mars or creating a more down-to-earth game, Roblox is a great way to apply your creativity and new coding expertise.

**Grades 3-5.**

*You must have a Mac or a PC for this class; mobile devices are not compatible. You’ll also need a Roblox account; see our website for a link to get one.*

10 sessions $275

**Thursdays January 28 – April 8 3:30 – 4:30pm**
KE376-W21

**NEW**

**Advanced Roblox**

*iCode of Wellesley staff, Instructors*

Stay connected with Roblox. Learn to use advanced features in Lua, a fast and powerful language for embedded code. You’ll code and create new objects and characters in your Roblox world and give them power-ups (special abilities that can make them super fast, invisible, or able to fly). You’ll define game mechanics, establish the rules by which your game world will be governed, and create a leaderboard to display player stats. You’ll also learn the concepts of complex interactions and monetization. Join us to grow your Roblox and coding skills.

**Grades 3-5 & 6-8.**

*This class is for kids who have some experience with Roblox.*

10 sessions $275

**Tuesdays January 26 – April 6 3:30 – 4:30pm**
KE399-W21-Tu-3-5 (Gr 3-5)

**Wednesdays January 27 – April 7 3:30 – 4:30pm**
KE399-W21-W-6-8 (Gr 6-8)

**NEW**

**Web Development**

*Coding with Kids staff, Instructors*

Apply your creative and technical talents and build your own website and online game. You’ll learn to create engaging web pages that include pictures, sound, and video. We’ll explore HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, the technologies that are “under the hood” of all websites, and we’ll work on ways you can organize layouts, colors, and content to make your pages pop. At the end of this class you can share your projects with family and friends and continue programming at home.

**Grades 6-9.**

*This class is for kids who have some prior coding experience.*

10 sessions $245

**Tuesdays January 26 – April 6 3:30 – 4:30pm**

KE398-W21-M

**Wednesdays January 27 – April 7 3:30 – 4:30pm**

KE398-W21-W

**NEW**

**Write Your Own Adventure Game**

*See page 41 for details.*

**Languages**

**Chinese Club**

*Greer Swiston, Instructor*

*Ni hao!* Welcome to our Chinese language and culture class, a little Chinese immersion in an intimate and fun setting. You’ll learn the Mandarin language; work on crafts such as calligraphy, origami, and paper cutting; and enjoy singing Chinese songs and playing games. All levels welcome.

**Grades K-2 & 3-5.**

12 sessions $215

**Wednesdays January 27 – April 28 3:30 – 4:15pm**

KE201-W21-W-K-2 (Gr K-2)

24 sessions $345

**Tuesdays & Thursdays January 26 – April 29**

3:30 – 4:15pm

KE201-W21-Tu/Th-3-5 (Gr 3-5)

**NEW**

**New Python Multiplayer Games**

*iCode of Wellesley staff, Instructors*

Python pros, take your coding to the next level. Learn the basics of multiplayer game design and code your own two-player games. You’ll learn concepts such as nested conditionals, vectors, projectiles, event handlers, and how to code multiple controllers for different characters. Projects may include Wizard Battle, Snowball Chucker, Air Hockey, and more. At the end of class you can enjoy playing your game on your computer against your favorite opponent.

**Grades 3-6.**

*This class is for kids who have some experience coding with Python.*

10 sessions $245

**Mondays January 25 – April 5 3:30 – 4:30pm**
KE398-W21-M

**Wednesdays January 27 – April 7 3:30 – 4:30pm**
KE398-W21-W
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French & Spanish Clubs
IES National Language Foundation staff, Instructors
Bonjour! Hola! Learn French or Spanish in a fun and engaging atmosphere. Through games, songs, and drama, you’ll get a feel for the language and culture. We use a natural immersion approach to get you comfortable with basic communication skills, just as you learned your first language. We also provide activity books and online audio support for working on vocabulary at home. Our classes are divided by age, but advanced younger language enthusiasts are welcome to join classes with their older peers, and older students are free to join a younger group. Grades K–2, 2–5, & 3–5.

French Clubs
Mondays January 25–April 26 3:30–4:30pm
KE257-W21-M-K-2 (Gr K–2)
Tuesdays January 26–April 27 3:30–4:30pm
KE257-W21-M-Tu-K-2 (Gr K–2)
Wednesdays January 27–April 28 3:30–4:30pm
KE257-W21-M-W-K-2 (Gr 3–5)

Spanish Clubs
Mondays January 25–April 26 3:30–4:30pm
KE259-W21-M-K-2 (Gr K–2)
Tuesdays January 26–April 27 3:30–4:30pm
KE259-W21-M-Tu-K-2 (Gr K–2)
Wednesdays January 27–April 28 3:30–4:30pm
KE259-W21-M-W-K-2 (Gr K–2)

NEW

Sports
Batter Up Online!
Andrew Philips, Instructor
Get to know your favorite baseball players up close and personal. Explore the age-old hobby of baseball card collecting. Learn about the history of the game, player profiles, ballpark geography, team mascots, and more. You’ll get an intro to card-collecting terminology, online resources, and card maintenance and storage. We’ll play a variety of baseball card games, trade cards to assemble your own all-star team, and construct and decorate your own card storage box. You’ll receive a baseball card binder, your storage box, and enough cards to get you started on your new hobby. Grades 3–6.
We’ll provide a safe pickup location for class materials; $30 is payable to the instructor at pickup.
5 sessions $195
Mondays January 25–March 1 6–7:30pm
KE366-W21

NEW

Batter Up Online: All Stars!
Andrew Philips, Instructor
Continue your baseball card-collecting journey with this advanced class. Improve your card-collecting terminology, learn about online resources, and open the latest baseball card offerings. For students who have completed at least one session of Batter Up. Grades 3–6.
We’ll provide a safe pickup location for class materials; $50 is payable to the instructor at pickup.
5 sessions $195
Mondays January 25–March 9 6–7:30pm
KE407-W21

NEW

Fitness Skills from Home
Ana Horowitz, Instructor
Get strong while stuck inside. Join our expert instructor for strength and cardio training to maintain or improve your fitness this winter. Our class will include a balance of body-weight exercises for your arms, legs, and core, with some added cardio to get your heart pumping. Expect to break a sweat and build your muscles. All levels welcome, including non-athletes. Grades 2–5 & 5–8.
8 sessions $175
Tuesdays January 26–March 23 4–4:45pm
KM88-W21-Tu-2-5 (Gr 2–5)
Thursdays January 28–March 25 4:30–5:15pm
KM88-W21-Th-2-5 (Gr 5–8)
Fridays January 29–March 26 3:30–4:15pm
KM88-W21-F-2-5 (Gr 5–8)

NEW

Karate
Aidan Murray, Instructor
Build strength of body and character. Learn the fundamentals of Kenpo Karate including blocking, punching, kicking and the stances to substantiate those strikes. We’ll begin each class with bowing in; we’ll discuss what it means to be a martial artist; and we’ll cover the five Principles of Conduct: Effort, Etiquette, Self-Control, Sincerity, and Character. We’ll proceed with warm-up activities; karate moves; and basic bodyweight exercises including push-ups, crunches, burpees, and more. We’ll bow out to close the class. Grades 3–5 & 6–8.
8 sessions $195
Sundays January 24–March 14 9–10am
KE391-W21-3-5 (Gr 3–5)
Sundays January 24–March 14 10:15–11:15am
KE391-W21-6-8 (Gr 6–8)

Parkour at Home
Parkour Generations Boston staff, Instructors
Turn your living room, bedroom, or backyard into a playground. We’ll use commonly available household items like pillows, cushions, tables, towels, and foam rollers to explore the basic movements and techniques of Parkour. Parkour’s unique exercises, games, and drills are designed to build your general fitness and endurance and improve your strength, spatial awareness, flexibility, and balance. Join us to explore new possibilities for exercise at home. Grades 1–7.
8 sessions $195
Tuesdays January 26–March 23 4–5pm
KE373-W21-Tu-2-5 (Gr 2–5)
Thursdays January 28–March 25 4–5pm
KE373-W21-Th-2-5 (Gr 2–5)

Kids online class, we’d like to help. See our Policies on page 47 for details.
**Extras**

**Babysitting & Safety Training**
*AllenKingsley staff, Instructors*

Become an expert babysitter with this American Academy of Pediatrics course. Get all the information you need to care for infants and older children: how to react responsibly to medical emergencies and injuries, perform first aid for common childhood injuries and illnesses, and set up and run your own successful babysitting business. You will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the course, as well as our BLAST (Babysitter Lessons and Safety Training) manual for your future reference. **Grades 5-9.**

1 session $85  
Tuesday February 16 2–4pm  
KM85-W21-1  
Thursday March 18 3:30–5:30pm  
KM85-W21-2

**Business Sharks**
*Right Brain Science staff, Instructors*

Make a million! Start with an idea for a product or business and take it through the entire entrepreneurial process. You’ll make prototypes, develop a business plan, and create a marketing strategy (like in the TV show Shark Tank, but better). You’ll learn important information about wages, profits, and branding as you design print ads, act out TV commercials, research real estate locations, and create mock storefronts. If your product is the next big business story, say you got your start here at NCE! **Grades 2-5.**

See our website for a link to see business sharks in action.

6 sessions $225  
Wednesdays January 27–March 10 3:30–5pm  
KE300-W21

**Podcast Pros**
*See page 34 for more information.*

**Dungeons & Dragons**
*Chris Barbieri, Instructor*

Calling all warriors, wizards, and healers! Your kingdom requires your aid in defending it against invaders and your best friend requires you to save them from a band of orcs! From large adventures that bring you fame to more intimate adventures alongside friends escaping a dragon, we’ll do it all in this online class. You’ll create your own character from the boots up, choosing your class, race, starting skills, and stats; your instructor will be your Dungeon Master. We will conquer foes or laugh as we fail trying—only to rise up and try again! Bring your imagination and sense of adventure. Novice and experienced players welcome. **Grades 3-6.**

8 sessions $275  
Mondays January 25–March 22 3:30–5pm  
KM72-W21-M  
Thursdays January 28–March 25 3:30–5pm  
KM72-W21-Th

**Expert Architects**
*Right Brain Science staff, Instructors*

Congratulations! You’ve just been named head of Newton’s newest architectural firm! Your team must build the tallest building in town and you’re in charge of the design. First, your team must learn the history of skyscrapers; then you’ll create a blueprint for your own stylized tall building. You’ll determine the perfect location for your project, weighing its impact on the environment, traffic, and surrounding buildings. Once your blueprint is done, you’ll create a computer-generated 3-D model using Minetest, an open-source platform that’s similar to Minecraft. Apply your math, writing, and presentation skills as you embark on your new career as an architect. **Grades 3-6.**

You will need to download Minetest to participate in this class (registered students will receive download instructions). You must have a Mac or PC; Minetest does not work with Chromebooks or iPads.

6 sessions $225  
Mondays January 25–March 8 3:30–5pm  
KE397-W21

**Home Alone Safety**
*AllenKingsley staff, Instructors*

Take the first steps towards independence. Learn about internet safety, phone- and door-answering techniques, accident and fire protection, and first aid. We’ll watch an instructional video, discuss how to manage your time when you’re home alone for short periods, and explore scenarios through role-playing. **Grades 3-6.**

1 session $45  
Tuesday February 16 10am–11:30pm  
KE230-W21-1  
Tuesday March 16 3:30–5pm  
KE230-W21-2

**NEW**

**Journey to Summoner’s Rift**
*Chris Barbieri, Instructor*

Choose your champion and make your way to the rift—join us for a new approach to online gaming. Team up to play League of Legends (LoL), a game of strategy where powerful champions face off to make epic plays and take down enemy towers. Individuals need to make plays, but if you don’t work as a team you won’t have much success. Our LoL-obsessed instructor will create custom games just for us and provide strategic tips such as which items to use and how best to position your champions. If time permits, we’ll schedule matches with other players too. We’ll foster teamwork, communication, and healthy competitive spirit in the eSports realm. Build your foundational skills here and see where it takes you—perhaps to an eSports scholarship at your favorite college one day! **Grades 3-8.**

You must have a Windows or Mac computer; this game will not work on an iPad or Chromebook. You’ll also need to sign up for a free League of Legends account; see our website for the link.

8 sessions $275  
Wednesdays January 27–March 24 4–5:30pm  
KM92-W21
**NEW**

**Learn the Ukulele**

Rob's Guitar School staff, Instructors

Take up the perfect winter/COVID pastime. Join us and learn to play the ukulele. It's a versatile instrument that's easy to learn and provides a great starting point if you'd like to play guitar someday. In our small online class format (just three kids per class!), you'll get lots of individual instruction while also learning along with your fellow students. You'll learn basic chords and strumming patterns to build a strong foundation, and we'll work on a variety of songs (sing along if you wish!). By the end of class you'll be able to play a basic version of most of your favorite tunes. **Grades 3-5**.

You'll need your own ukulele to participate in this class. See our website for one we recommend.

8 sessions $245

**Mondays January 25—March 22 4–4:45pm**

KE404-W21-M

**Fridays January 29—March 26 4–4:45pm**

KE404-W21-F

**Minecraft Metropolis**

Right Brain Science staff, Instructors

Create a city within a virtual Minecraft world. Learn all about what it takes to make a great city and answer important questions such as: What will you name your city? How many structures can you afford to build? Will you allow gas-powered cars, electric cars... no cars? Use Minecraft to design and build your buildings, explore economics as you discuss consumer markets and supply and demand, and apply your math skills to make sure you come in on budget! Join us to test the limits of your Minecraft skills. **Grades 3-6**.

We’ll use a free public domain version of Minecraft called Minetest; it’s nearly identical to Minecraft, but works much better for our civics-based purposes. We’ll provide detailed instructions and links to a tutorial for how to download and install the program. A PC or Mac laptop is needed for Minetest; Chromebooks and tablets are not compatible.

6 sessions $225

**Fridays January 29—March 12 3:30–5pm**

KE326-W21

**NEW**

**Pre-K MakerSpace**

Kayla McQuade, Instructor

**Note: This is a morning class.**

Make creative inventions from familiar at-home objects. Turn egg cartons into mountain ranges or CDs into crystal chandeliers... when we put our heads together, we’ll find infinite possibilities for unexpected projects. During class we'll brainstorm as a group, think outside the box as we present our project plans and strategies for building them, and construct our individual creations together over Zoom. By the end of class, you'll have a range of projects to play with and/or proudly display. Join us to imagine, invent, and find inspiration all around you. **Ages 4-5**.

Bring the following materials to class: markers, crayons, colored tempera paint, glue sticks, paste, scissors, and tape. We may ask you to gather additional materials from home once the class is underway.

8 sessions $195

**Tuesdays January 26—March 23 10–11am**

KE394-W21

**The Stock Market Game**

Peter Yaffe, Instructor

Make big money fast (virtually, that is). Play 'The Stock Market Game' and you'll learn about the real world of investing, which incorporates academic concepts that relate to what you learn at school, as well as real-life concepts such as risk, diversification, buying and selling stocks, and borrowing on margin. In this fun and high-spirited setting, you’ll try to grow a virtual $100,000 cash account into a top-performing portfolio, using a lifelike online trading platform to buy and sell stocks. You’ll learn how daily events that shape our world affect our finances, and you’ll compete against your classmates and other schools across the state to win big in this exciting competition. **Grades 4-5 & 6-8**.

11 sessions $255

**Tuesdays January 26—April 13 4–5pm**

KM45-W21-Tu-4-5 (Gr 4-5)

**Thursdays January 28—April 15 4–5pm**

KM45-W21-Th-6-8 (Gr 6-8)

**Write Your Own Adventure Game**

Rachel Zakuta, Instructor

Make the wrong move and you disappear into the galaxy—select a different path and arrive in Paradise. You choose the ending, because you write the game. Join other wannabe fiction writers and aspiring computer programmers and write your own interactive online story. Using a specialized program called Choicescript, you’ll learn the computer code you need to design action-packed multiple-choice adventure games. You’ll work as a team to craft the story, create the characters, write the code, and of course try out the finished product. No problem if you’re new to computer programming; this is a great place to start. But you must love to be creative and to write. Your final games will be hosted on the NCE website for friends and family to play. **Grades 4-6 & 6-8**.

8 sessions $275

**Mondays January 25—March 22 3:30–5pm**

KE383-W21-6-8 (Gr 6-8)

**Tuesdays January 26—March 23 3:30–5pm**

KE383-W21-4-6 (Gr 4-6)
February Vacation-Week Programs

All classes will run Tuesday through Friday, February 16-19.

Acrylic Painting
Eddie Bruckner, Instructor
Make brilliant paintings with acrylics, the medium of choice for many amateur and professional artists. In each class, you’ll create your own masterpiece as you learn about values, color, brushwork, and more. We’ll cover acrylic painting techniques, color theory, the basics of composition, and how to mix and apply paint. Our projects will include landscapes, seascapes, still lifes, and perhaps some silly subjects too. All levels welcome; we’ll provide a guided, step-by-step approach so you can progress at your own pace. Grades 3-8. See our website for information about materials. 4 sessions $245
KV43-W21 (10am–12:30pm)

Attention Muggles!
Danielle Larosee, Instructor
Apparate to NCE Online. Join other wannabe witches and wizards for a week of Harry Potter immersion. We’ll explore the world of Harry and the Magical Beasts through art, science experiments, and games. We’ll test your Harry Potter knowledge and determine what house you belong in. You’ll create spell books, wands, potion jars, castle paintings, winged keys, maps, magic light switches, bookmarks, and more. The world of magic awaits you! Grades 2-5. See our website for a list of the materials you’ll need, including links to purchase each item. 4 sessions $195
KV51-W21-1 (10am–12pm)
KV51-W21-2 (2–4pm)

Babysitting & Safety Training
See page 40 for details.

Chess Intensive
Ross Eldridge, Instructor
Serious chess players: why take a week off from your favorite game? Use this vacation-week class to build your chess-playing skills. You’ll review chess principles, looking at positions from real games played by grandmasters, and we’ll focus on strategy and positional tactics. You’ll learn about notation for reading and writing games as well. Each day will include a combination of instruction and games; on the last day we’ll have an in-class tournament. Keep your mind sharp this break and join us to play the ultimate game of strategy. This class is for students with prior chess experience. Grades 3-6. 4 sessions $195
KV42-W21 (10am–12pm)

Creative Photo Editing
Coding with Kids staff, Instructors
Put some personality into your photos. Learn the ins and outs of GIMP photo-editing software to fool your family and friends and express yourself through your altered photos. Create a fake vacation photo, put yourself into a famous painting, or crown your cat as king. You’ll learn the basics of pixels and color manipulation, work with layers and masks, and adjust textures so your photos really say you. Grades 4-9. 4 sessions $225
KV47-W21 (10am–12:15pm)

Engineering Workshop
Wicked Cool for Kids staff, Instructors
Spend your vacation at the Wicked Cool engineering lab, where you’ll design and build useful yet fun objects. You’ll learn about the engineering and design process to create crazy catapults and ping pong cannons, make your own balloon-powered and air-powered cars to compete in a big race, and construct a birdhouse and a toothpick tower to withstand an earthquake. Every day there’s a new project to test your engineering prowess. Grades 1-4. We’ll provide a safe pickup location for materials; the fee is included in the tuition. 4 sessions $225
KV49-W21 (10am–12:15pm)

Home Alone Safety
See page 40 for details.
**Minecraft Mythicraft with Tynker**
*Wicked Cool for Kids staff, Instructors*
Turn your Minecraft madness into a coding craze with Tynker, an educational programming platform based on Scratch. Join us to build Minecraft add-ons and revive mythical creatures in the Minecraft world. We’ll journey around the world—visiting Ancient Greece, Atlantis, Japan, and Transylvania to transform the appearance and behaviors of Minecraft mobs. You’ll write the code for your pursuits, and then you’ll deploy your creations to your Minecraft Windows 10 or iPad. **Grades 2-5.**

*You must have a computer or iPad for this class; a phone will not work. You’ll also need your own Minecraft account and an account on Tynker—you can create one at www.tynker.com.*

4 sessions $225  
KV50-W21 (2–4:15pm)

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**Python Game Development**
*Coding with Kids staff, Instructors*
Learn to code with Python, an easy and versatile starter language that’s used in everything from medical research to applications at NASA. In this class you’ll learn the fundamentals of Python to create your own games. You’ll practice core coding concepts such as data structures and algorithms, and learn Python-specific concepts and syntax. Our projects will range from simple trivia quizzes to competitive two-player games. Whether you’re new to programming or have experience with drag-and-drop tools such as Scratch, Python’s easy-to-read yet powerful nature makes it a great starting point for writing your own code. **Grades 5-9.**

*You’ll need a computer for this class; an iPad or Chromebook will not work.*

4 sessions $225  
KV48-W21 (2–4:15pm)

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**Watercolor Pencils**
*Eddie Bruckner, Instructor*
Experience the joys of drawing and painting with watercolor pencils. A unique artistic invention, watercolor (or water-soluble) pencils are incredibly versatile. They are easy to manipulate yet offer a lot of control. Join us to see what you can do in this medium. You’ll learn basic pencil strokes and special effects, layering and blending techniques, and how to create flat washes. We’ll provide demonstrations and a series of drawing/painting exercises, revealing tips and tricks along the way. Projects will include landscapes, seascapes, still lifes, and perhaps some silly subjects too. Amaze yourself with your work with watercolor pencils! All levels welcome. **Grades 3-8.**

*See our website for a materials list.*

4 sessions $245  
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**SAT Math Review**
*Mike Mosbrooker, Instructor*

Tackle the math section of the SAT Reasoning test with confidence. We'll practice problems from the College Board's sections: Heart of Algebra, Problem Solving and Data Analysis, Passport to Advanced Math, and Additional Topics in Math. We'll examine the structure of the exam, discuss test-taking strategies, and practice under simulated test-taking conditions to build your skills and self-assurance. **Grades 9-12.**

Please purchase *The Official SAT Study Guide*, published by the College Board, and bring it to the first class.

- 5 sessions $225
- **Mondays January 25–March 1 4:30–6:30pm**
- KH16-W21

**SAT Verbal Review**
*Alan Reinstein, Instructor*

Master the verbal section of the SAT Reasoning test. We'll review the structure of the exam as well as the sentence completion, critical reading, and writing components of the test. You'll practice under simulated test-taking conditions to build your skills and confidence so you'll be ready for any question test-makers throw your way. **Grades 9-12.**

Please purchase *The Official SAT Study Guide*, published by the College Board, and bring it to the first class.

- 5 sessions $225
- **Wednesdays January 27–March 3 4:30–6:30pm**
- KH17-W21

**Driver’s Ed**
*CS Driving School staff, Instructors*

Complete a course in Driver’s Education and you can get your license before the age of 18. Per state requirements, you must be 15 years and 9 months by the time the class starts. A one-session parent training class is required as part of the curriculum. The winter class dates are as follows:

- **10 sessions $670**
- **Mondays-Fridays January 11–22 5–8pm**
- **Mondays-Fridays March 15–26 5–8pm**
- 5 sessions $670
- **Saturday-Wednesday December 26–30**
  - 10am–4:30pm
  - **Monday-Friday February 15–19 10am–4:30pm**

For more information or to register, go to csdriving.com.

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**Parting with Patty**

If you've ever called or visited the NCE office, there's a good chance you've spoken to Patty Mason. After 23 years of serving as the warm and welcoming face of NCE, Patty has retired. Patty was a tireless worker for NCE and brought cheer to our office and all who met her. She was dedicated to providing all NCE students with exceptional customer service and is beloved by many. All of us here at NCE wish Patty the best in her future endeavors. We will miss her a lot!
Adults & Kids

Access
Our classes are open to everyone from all communities.

Age Requirements
Adult classes are open to students 16 years of age and older, except where noted online. Age requirements for Kids classes are listed per class.

Changes
We may cancel under-enrolled classes and change times and instructors as necessary.

Financial Aid & Scholarships
NCE strives to make our classes accessible to all. Financial aid is available for all Newton residents and NPS students (regardless of residence) who qualify based on the Community Development Family Income Guidelines. A short online scholarship application is available on our website. Please apply by Monday, January 11 for winter scholarships. We will give priority to those who apply by this deadline.
We’re eager to help. If you have questions, contact us at scholarships@newtoncommunityed.org.

Gift Certificates
Gift certificates are available in any amount and can be used for any class we offer. Email us at staff@newtoncommunityed.org to purchase one.

Meeting Links and Supplies
For classes that meet online, we send links via email three days before class begins. If you did not receive your link or list of class materials, there may be an issue with your email server. Check your Spam and Promotions folders and notify us at least a day in advance so we can send you all the information you need for a successful class experience. You are responsible for making sure you get the link and all needed supplies before class.

One Person Per Computer
Your registration in an online class is just for you. Please register individually if more than one person will be using your screen.

Permissions
We may occasionally post student work to our website or take pictures of students in our classes for use in promotional materials. Your enrollment in a class indicates your approval for this.

Refunds/Withdrawals
You may withdraw from an Adult class three business days before the start date printed in this catalog, and from a Kids class seven business days before the printed start date to receive either a refund minus a $10 processing fee or a credit-on-account (no fee). Beyond these dates, no credits or refunds will be given. The registration fee is not refundable. Email withdrawal requests to staff@newtoncommunityed.org during our business hours; requests that come outside of those hours will be considered on the next business day. There are no partial refunds for student absences or late arrivals.

Registration Fee
We charge a $9 registration fee per person per session.

Trial Classes
We do not offer trial classes at this time.

Troubleshooting Online Classes
We strongly recommend that you test your meeting platform in advance as we cannot offer refunds for last-minute technical difficulties or late arrivals. See Tips under Quick Links on our website for help using Zoom.

Waitlist Status
If the class you want is full, sign up for the waitlist! It’s free, and you can always turn down a spot if it’s offered to you.

Weather Cancellations
In inclement weather, call NCE’s weather hotline line at 617-559-6993 to find out if your class is running. Virtual classes will typically run in inclement weather. If your class is cancelled, we will notify you of makeup dates as soon as possible. We cannot offer refunds for weather-related date changes.

We are Inclusive
At NCE, we welcome students of all races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, gender identities, religions, abilities, statuses, and every other category protected by federal or state law. Our goal is to provide safe, accessible, and comfortable classes for all.

Just for Kids

Behavior Policy
NCE wants all children to be successful and safe in all of our classes. We ask our instructors to be clear with expectations and to deliver curriculum in an engaging way. We ask that students be respectful to their peers, instructors, class materials, and class space whether online or in-person. If your child is engaging in a challenging behavior, we will try to help your child re-engage appropriately. If we are unsuccessful in helping your child re-engage, we will strategize with you about the best way forward and hope to come up with a positive solution, which may include class withdrawal. Refunds are not given to families of children who need to leave a class due to inability to engage appropriately. NCE asks students to follow Newton Public Schools’ online practices and guidelines found on the NPS website.

Special Needs
Please share any additional information that will help us support your child. Email us at staff@newtoncommunityed.org and we will follow up with you.

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FOR CATS AND DOGS
Accidents happen. Learn how to care for your furry friend in an emergency.

WATERCOLOR PENCILS
Kids: It’s the best of both worlds! Get the beautiful look of watercolor paints while enjoying the control of a pencil in this vacation-week program.

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Explore the collections of the Museum of Fine Arts from the safety and comfort of home.