

John E. Newton - director, co-teacher

Dr. John retired from public school teaching in 2008 to follow his dream of over 35 years to provide a healthy, humanistic learning environment.

He has a Bachelor of Science in Human Development from St. Lawrence University, a Masters of Science in Early Childhood from SUNY-Cortland, and a Doctorate in Elementary Education from Temple University.



He has worked as:

- Adjunct instructor for Daemen College, Buffalo State College, and SUNY-Fredonia
- Grades 3, 4, 5 classroom teacher
- Remedial math teacher K-10
- Gifted/talented teacher

Dr. John was the New York State recipient of the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship for 1997-1998. This allowed him to be the East Aurora School naturalist for a sabbatical year.

Always innovative, his work with students has included:

- one of the first internet projects, an AT&T Learning Circle in the 1980s featured around the world
- an environmental project on zebra mussels that resulted in a United Nations presentation and a spot on Japanese television
- the creation of the Great Lakes Student Summit
- student presentations to the International Joint Commission as well as to the Canadian ambassador to the United States
- the student-created Friends of Emery Park.

Dr. John was one of the founders of Explore & More Children's Museum. He serves on the East Aurora Historic Preservation Commission, Bicycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and the Elm/Riley Planning Group.