



Weekly Message from  
**North Canaan Elementary School**  
January 9, 2026

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Upcoming events:

- **January 12** NCES Band and Chorus Concert
- **January 13** Board of Education meeting, NCES library
- **January 16** Staff vs. 8th Grade Basketball Game
- **January 19** School closed to observe Martin Luther King's birthday
- **January 21** 12:10pm dismissal, Teacher Professional Development
- **February 3** National Iron Bank, Student Banking Day
- **February 4** [NCES School Spirit Day](#) for The Canaan Foundation
- **February 4** [PTO](#) meeting, 6:30pm

[Regional Middle School Athletics and Activities Program - Weekly Schedule](#)

**Outdoor Recess Reminder:** The cold weather has arrived! Please make sure your child has a coat for recess. If you are in need of a coat, we have all sizes available in the main office.

**A Message from Nurse Foley:** There have been a number of cases of Flu A and B diagnosed in the Northwest Corner. Please refer to [this chart](#) and always contact your medical provider if you are not feeling well.

**PTO Poppin Popcorn Fundraiser:** The popcorn fundraiser forms went home earlier this week with students. All return orders and money are due on Friday, January 16th. The PTO thanks you for your ongoing support enabling field trips, programs, and other opportunities for students.

**NWCT Steve Blass Little League Spring Registration** is now open. Please click the link for registration details.

**After School Activities:** We are offering after school activities for our 4th - 8th graders. The next session will begin the week of January 19th. Classes will run from after school until 4:30 pm. Each activity will be limited to the first 20 students signed up. We will send an email next week with sign up information.

**NCES School Spirit Day:** Get ready to show your NCES pride! Every first Wednesday of the month is School Spirit Day! Wear your NCES spirit wear or dress in blue and white to show your support! Please click the link for more information.

**Staff vs. 8th Grade Basketball Game:** Hello NCES Families and Friends! We are excited to announce that the Staff vs. 8th Grade Basketball Game will take place on Friday, January 16th, in the NCES gymnasium! We invite all NCES students to join us in cheering on both the 8th Grade and our staff. The game will begin at 3:30 pm, and pickup will be at 4:30 pm. Please note that no snacks or drinks are allowed in the gymnasium during the event. Please click [here](#) to complete the online permission form so that your child can attend. Any student who is planning to stay after school to watch or play in the game must complete the permission slip. We hope to see you there for a fun afternoon!

**Someone Special & Me Dance:** SAVE THE DATE! AHA! Invites you to share the dance floor with someone special. Friday, February 13, 2026 from 5 pm to 7 pm at HVRHS. Tickets will be on sale starting in January. Complimentary photos will be taken by Sonja Zinke. Mark your calendar and make it a night to remember with your family! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Maribeth Marchi 860-601-3130.

**Lunch Payments:** Please help us keep lunch accounts current by checking your child's balance regularly. Payments can be sent to the school office or made easily through our [convenient online payment portal](#). Thank you for your attention and support!

**Brooker Memorial Pediatric Dental Services:** Brooker Memorial Pediatric Dental Center is offering Dental Cleanings, Oral Health Screenings, Fluoride and Sealants at North Canaan Elementary School at the end of the month. The program is open to all Pre-K to 8th grade students at no cost to your family. If you would like your child to receive preventive dental care through this program, simply fill out the attached forms and return them to the school nurse. If you need a hard copy, please contact the office and we will send it home with your child.

**Boxtops for Education:** Click the link for more information on how to earn free money for our school.

Enjoy your weekend,  
Mrs. Johnson