



Weekly Message from
North Canaan Elementary School
Friday, October 1, 2021

Click on the blue underlined links.

Free Book: Each student will be coming home with a free beautiful book courtesy of Arnoff Pack & Ship Service. The book is a photographic narrative of Litchfield County and includes sites from North Canaan. I will be posting photographs from our activity with the books this afternoon on social media and our website. I hope you enjoy the book!

Free COVID Vaccinations in North Canaan Tomorrow: All three shots will be available at the Town Hall from 10 am-4 pm tomorrow. The third Pfizer shot will be available for people who are at least 65 years old or who have a compromised immune system.

Band and Chorus Beginning: I am very excited to resume the chorus and band programs! Students in grades 4-8 received the letter in this link to take home this week. Please strongly consider the benefits of signing your children up to participate and return the signed form no later than WEDNESDAY. Let me know if you have any questions.

Optional Student COVID Testing Form: Students who are under the age of 12 can participate in this optional testing. Please read the letter and complete the consent form if you wish for your child to receive the free weekly testing.

Parent Night Out Flyer: The Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation is sponsoring a free night out next Friday, October 8th, focusing on the wellness of children through age 8 and their caregivers. Registration is required.

Library News: Please take a few minutes to complete this brief survey regarding your child's use of the school's library: <https://forms.gle/8ihAt8D7tCDjxRu47>.

Eversource Hardship and Matching Payment Programs: The COVID-19 moratorium on utility service disconnections ended on September 15 for residential non-hardship customers. Please see the [linked program flyer](#) (in English and espanol) describing Eversource's Hardship and Matching Payment programs.

School Nutrition Program: The State Department of Education has shared that throughout the pandemic, food manufacturers and distributors have incurred costly shifts in their product development, packaging, and distribution to adjust to supply shortages and the changing needs of the consumer food industry. The school food manufacturing and distribution industry is facing many of the same challenges, including staffing and labor shortages, and rising costs of materials and transportation. Therefore, please note that the issues with supply chains may impact school menus, resulting in a decrease in the availability of the usual variety of food items, requiring repeated and unpredictable last-minute adjustments to school menus and offerings. Thank you for your understanding when we do need to adjust menus.

Food Drive: Mrs. Lyon's and Mr. Murray's 8th grade Morning Meeting students are organizing a Food Drive for our local community's Fishes & Loaves at the Pilgrim House. Students can leave their non-perishable donations on a table in the lobby. They are especially looking for peanut butter, tuna, oatmeal (in packets), jelly, and canned fruit, but will accept any donations through October 15th.

Scout Community Carnival: You are invited to attend this carnival on October 10, 2-4 pm, on Lawrence Field.

Enjoy the weekend! Stay well,

Dr. Roy
NCES Principal