



Weekly Message from

# North Canaan Elementary School

November 9, 2023

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Upcoming events:

- **November 10** No School, Veterans Day
- **November 14, 7 pm** Board of Education meeting in the library
- **November 16, 3:30-5 pm** [PTO Painting and Popcorn](#)
- **November 22-24** No School, Thanksgiving Recess
- **December 7** PJ Day for the Kids
- **December 8** *The Nutcracker*, School Field Trip



North Canaan Elementary School has been named a **School of Distinction** by the State of Connecticut for Highest Growth for Students with High Needs in English Language Arts. Only schools that do not have achievement gaps and that have an accountability index of at least 70 qualify for consideration. Then only the top 10% of schools are named a School of Distinction. Kudos to all at NCES! I am so proud!

**Clothing Drive and Giveaway (in English and en espanol)**: Winter clothing is being collected through tomorrow and will then be distributed free of charge on SATURDAY at the All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church in Salisbury. Click the link for details.

***Thankful for Veterans Assembly***: On Tuesday, November 21st we will host our annual Thankful for Veterans Assembly. The program will start at 9:00 a.m. in the school's gymnasium. Our second graders will be presenting and all other students will attend. We would like to invite veterans you may know to attend as our honored guests. If you have a family member or friend who is a veteran and would like to be an honored guest, please invite this special veteran to attend. Then, please fill out [this form](#) and send it to school by Monday, November 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Sorrell ([dsorrell@nceschool.org](mailto:dsorrell@nceschool.org)) or Dena Noubleau ([dnoubleau@nceschool.org](mailto:dnableau@nceschool.org)).



***Paint and Popcorn***: The PTO is hosting a painting party for students on Thursday, November 16th after school. Students will paint the snowman featured in the flyer to the left. For your child to participate, please [click here](#) to complete the sign up, and then send \$10 in with your child no later than Monday, November 13: *cash or check payable to NCES PTO*. The event will be held in the cafeteria after school. Pick up will be 5 pm. Students will receive free popcorn and water as a snack.

<https://forms.gle/YoLmwBaspjJPqWaz9>

***The Nutcracker:*** On Friday, December 8th we are all going to *The Nutcracker* at the Warner Theater, free of charge. Field trip permission slips will be sent home Monday. Students will be leaving school around 9 am and will be returning to school around noon. I am excited to offer this opportunity to all students in the school!

**[Holiday Crafts at the Douglas Library:](#)** Paint your own Thanksgiving turkey on Saturday, November 18th. This is a free event open to children 5 and up. Please click on the link for more information and to reserve a spot. Space is limited.

***Book Fair Thanks:*** Thank you to all of our awesome NCES families for a successful book fair! Thanks to your support, we were able to add dozens of new titles to both the main library and classroom libraries. We will also be able to purchase much-needed shelving and seating for our primary library. Special thanks to all those who volunteered and helped make the fair a success! Happy Reading!

***Ratatouille*** will be playing (for free) at the Colonial Theatre on Wednesday, November 22, the day before Thanksgiving, at 1pm. Click the link to reserve your ticket:

**<https://www.canaancolonial.com/event-details-registration/free-movie-food-event-ratatouille>**. Seating is limited.

**[Youth Ensemble Program:](#)** Registration is open for a Youth Ensemble program for students in grades 6-12. This visual art and music program allows students to learn from professionals and collaborate with other young musicians around northwest CT. The sessions begin November 30th and culminate in a concert for the public in February 2024. Financial aid is available. Please click the link to read the flyer.

**[Canaan Youth Basketball Kindergarten Program:](#)** Sign ups are now open. Please click on the link for details and registration information. The deadline is November 24th.

**[Regional Park and Recreational Basketball](#)** is open to students in grades 1-6. Please click on the link for details and registration information. Registration deadline is November 24th.

■ **[Hotchkiss opportunities.pdf](#)**: Click the link to learn how you can participate in activities happening at Hotchkiss. The document contains registration links.

***Salisbury Merry and Bright:*** Click the following link to learn about a holiday event on December 1st and 2nd in Salisbury: **<https://merrybrightsalisburyct.com/>**.

Happy Veterans Day!

*Dr. Roy*

NCES Principal