



Weekly Message from

# North Canaan Elementary School

May 9, 2025

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Upcoming events:

- **May 12** [NCES Spring Arts Celebration Art Show](#), 5 pm to 8 pm
- **May 12** NCES Band and Chorus Spring Concert, 6:30 pm
- **May 13** Board of Education meeting, NCES library
- **May 14** Kid's Marathon after school (grades 4-8) until 4:15 pm
- **May 15** Kid's Marathon after school (grades 4-8) until 4:15 pm
- **May 16** Walk, Bike and Roll to School at 8am
- **May 22** Kid's Marathon Final Mile
- **May 26** No School, Memorial Day
- **May 28** 8th Grade versus Staff Kickball Game, 3:30-4:30 pm
- **June 3** National Iron Bank, Student Banking Day
- **June 4** PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm (at school or [virtual](#))
- **June 6** Field Day, 1 pm until 2:45 pm
- **June 10** Board of Education meeting, NCES library
- **June 11** 8th Grade Graduation at 6:30 pm
- **June 13** 1 pm dismissal, Last Day of School



**FREE Field Day T-Shirt, SIZE NEEDED:** [Please click here to complete the survey](#) THIS WEEK so we can order the correct size for your child's T-shirt for Field Day on June 6th.

**Field Day** is scheduled for Friday, June 6th from 1:00 pm until 2:45 pm. This event is a student favorite and we are looking for parent volunteers to help at each station. If you are interested in helping, please put your name in the student slot in [this form](#). We will be in touch with volunteers by Friday, May 30th and you will be given your station assignments. Thank you for your help!

[Summer Job Application 2025](#): Students who are ages 14 and 15 are able to work and earn money this Summer through the jobs program. Click the link for details and the application to apply by Friday, May 23rd. Applications can also be picked up in the main office at NCES.



[Walk, Bike and Roll to School:](#) Plan to meet at the Depot at 8 am with your bicycle, scooter or favorite sneakers on to come to school as a group next Friday. Helmets required. Please click the link for more information.

[Annual Douglas Library Plant Sale:](#) Saturday, May 17th from 10 am to 1 pm. We are also having a \$5.00 Fill A Bag Book Sale at the library on the same day as our plant sale! Upstairs books only, bags provided!

[Stop & Shop in North Canaan](#) will be supporting NCES PTO with the sale of reusable bags during the month of May. Purchase a reusable bag for \$2.50 and \$1.00 from each bag will be donated to our organization. Please click on the link for more information.

[NCES PTO Mother's Day Plant Sale:](#) Thank you to Freund's Farm Market for supporting our PTO through the annual flower sale. Proceeds to benefit the NCES PTO. Please click the link for more information.

***BOGO Book Fair:*** Mark your calendars for the next book fair - May 20, 21, and 22. It's a 'Buy One, Get One' event. Details to follow.

***Read to Feed:*** Join the 'Read to Feed Challenge,' a reading campaign that helps raise money for Heifer International, a nonprofit organization that provides livestock, training, and resources to help families around the world escape poverty. As students read books, they unlock corporate funding for the Read to Feed program. To sign your child up for this fun, free program, please contact Debbie Erickson at: [derickson@nceschool.org](mailto:derickson@nceschool.org).

***After School Activities:*** We are once again offering after school activities for our 4th - 8th graders. Classes will run from after school until 4:30 pm from April 21st to June 6th. Each activity is limited to the first 20 students signed up. If you sign up but cannot attend a session, please call the main office. You can [sign up for activities here](#)

[Canaan Kids Artspace:](#) A creative initiative aimed at engaging children in hands-on, eco-friendly art projects. A mobile organization offering free workshops and events to inspire creativity and community among local youth. Please click the link for more information and to register.

[Lunch:](#) We kindly ask you to check your child's lunch account balance and ensure it is up to date. Keeping accounts current helps us continue providing meals smoothly for all students. To check your balance and make a payment, please visit our [online payment portal](#) or contact Tammy McGuire at [tmcguire@nceschool.org](mailto:tmcguire@nceschool.org) for assistance.

[Yearbooks:](#) Pre-order your yearbook now! Please click the link for ordering information.

[AHA! News](#): Please click the link for updates and registration information.

[Summer Camp at Sharon Audubon Center](#): Sessions for grades K through 12. Please click on the link for more information and to register.

[Arethusa Farm 4-H Camp](#): Open to children ages 5 to 13. Please click on the link for details and registration information.

[Robot Rush Accelerator](#): Join the Robot Rush Accelerator for a week of building circuits, programming robots, and designing automated devices! A one-week summer camp for students in grades 6-8. Register is now open: <https://cca.edadvance.org/summer-camp>

**Grumbling Gryphons** has many exciting opportunities to offer: Please read below:

[Grumbling Gryphons Anniversary Celebration and Performance Gala and 2025 Annual Theater Arts Camp](#)

[Grumbling Gryphons Theater Arts Camp](#)

[Time Out Foundation Riding Program](#): Please click the link for details.

**Region One has the following positions available:**

[Robotics Team Mentor](#)

[Robotics Team Assistant Mentor](#)

[Boxtops for Education](#): Click the link for more information on how to earn free money for our school.

[Record Destruction Press Release](#): Please click the link to read the important information.

[NCES Asbestos Management Plan Update](#): Please click the link to read the important information.

Enjoy the weekend,

*Mrs. Johnson*