



Weekly Message from

North Canaan Elementary School

April 25, 2025

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Upcoming events:

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| ● April 26 | NCES PTO Bingo, Doors open at 5 pm |
| ● April 30 | Kid's Marathon after school (grades 4-8) until 4:15 pm |
| ● May 1 | Kid's Marathon after school (grades 4-8) until 4:15 pm |
| ● May 6 | National Iron Bank, Student Banking Day |
| ● May 7 | 12:10 pm dismissal, Teacher Professional Learning |
| ● May 7 | PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm (at school or virtual) |
| ● May 8 | Kid's Marathon after school (grades 4-8) until 4:15 pm |
| ● 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 22 | Kid's Marathon Final Mile |
| ● May 26 | No School, Memorial Day |

[State Assessment Schedule for Families 2025](#): The annual state assessments will continue next week. Please take time to read the letter and enter the dates into your calendar so that students will be prepared on testing dates. Thank you, as always, for your support.

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](#)

[NCES Field Day T-Shirt Contest](#): Calling all artists! NCES invites all students and staff to submit a design for our field day t-shirt. Designs must be submitted by **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**. Please click on the link for details.

[Drug Take Back Day](#): Tomorrow, April 26th from 10 am to 2 pm at Troop B Barracks in North Canaan. Please click on the link for more information.

[NCES PTO Bingo](#): Tomorrow, Saturday, April 26th at North Canaan Elementary School. Doors open at 5 pm. Please help support the PTO Scholarship Fund.

[North Canaan Earth Day Clean Up](#): Due to the rain that is being forecast for Saturday, the annual town-wide Earth Day clean up event has now been scheduled for Sunday, April 27th. The time of the event is 12:30pm to 4:00pm. Hi-Viz vests, gloves, and heavy duty waste bags will be supplied to all participants at no charge. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please meet at Town Hall, 100 Pease Street, to receive your clean up items and to select your area(s)/street(s)/fields(s).

[HVRHS PTO Bingo](#): Friday, May 2nd at HVRHS. Doors open at 6 pm, bingo starts at 6:30 pm. All proceeds will go towards the PTO General Fund and HVRHS Project Graduation Transportation. Please click the link for more information.

[North Canaan Events Committee Mother's Day 5K](#): Saturday, May 3rd at 11:30 am. Please click the link for details and to register.

[Canaan Kids Artspace](#) is hosting a free activity for students 6+ on May 7th (NCES has a half day) at the Douglas Library in North Canaan. Kids can build cozy houses for their stuffed animals using recycled materials. Registration is required.

[NCES Spring Arts Celebration Art Show](#): Monday, May 12th from 5 pm to 8 pm.

[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 for assistance.

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

Upcoming Hotchkiss Opportunity: Click the links to learn how you can participate in activities happening at Hotchkiss: [Junior Ink](#)

[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*](#)

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