



Weekly Message from

North Canaan Elementary School

October 17, 2025

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Upcoming events:

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| ● Tonight, 6-8:30pm | 7th and 8th Grade Regional Dance at NCES |
| ● October 20-24 | NCES Warm Clothes and Sports Gear Swap |
| ● October 21 | National Iron Bank Student Banking Day |
| ● October 21-23 | NCES Scholastic Book Fair |
| ● October 22 and 23 | 12:10pm dismissal, Student-Led Conferences |
| ● October 25 | NCES 7th and 8th Grade Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser |
| ● October 29 | Fall Portrait Retake Day |
| ● November 4 | National Iron Bank Student Banking Day |
| ● November 5 | School Spirit Day for The Kara Zinke Fund |
| ● November 5 | 12:10pm dismissal, Teacher Professional Development |
| ● November 5 | PTO meeting, 6:30pm |
| ● November 11 | No School, Veteran's Day |
| ● November 12 | Thankful for Veterans Assembly |

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

[Halloween Dance at NCES:](#) NCES is looking forward to welcoming all 7th and 8th graders from Region 1 for a dance tonight, from 6-8:30 pm. Please complete the online form if you wish to have your 7th or 8th grader attend the dance: [electronic permission slip](#). Please bring the \$5.00 admission to the dance.

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 some available in the main office.

[Fall Student-Led Conferences:](#) Fall student-led conferences will take place on either October 22nd or 23rd. Click on the link to read the details and procedures to create your conference time. We look forward to seeing everyone! Please call the school if you have any difficulties and our office staff will be happy to assist you.

AHA! is excited to share that we will be **open on conference days, Wednesday October 22nd and Thursday, October 23rd** - both are 12:10 pm dismissals. These are not typically days we offer, so more information and required sign ups are located [here](#). Families of students that are already enrolled on Mondays and Thursdays have first priority to any available seats.

The [AHA Afterschool Program](#) is kicking off with active team-building games and hands-on art-and-science projects, including creating custom crayons and fall nature crafts. We are excited to introduce our two new Head Teachers, Mrs. Greenwood and Miss Jenny, who bring fresh energy and a passion for supporting every student's academic and creative growth.

Scholastic Book Fair: NCES Scholastic Book Fair: The fall book fair is coming soon!

Dates: October 21st - 23rd

Location: NCES Library

Hours: Tuesday, 10/21 - Thursday, 10/23: During the school day for students

Wednesday, 10/22: 2 to 4 pm; 5 to 8 pm

Thursday, 10/23: 5 to 8 pm

Lots of great titles available. Hope to see you there!

Scholastic Book Fair Digital Payment Account: If you wish to set up a digital payment account for next week's Book Fair, [click here](#). The Book Fair will take place from Tuesday, October 21st through Thursday, October 23rd in the NCES library. Families are invited during conference times.

[NCES Warm Clothes and Sports Gear Swap:](#) October 20th through October 24th, bring your lightly used gear to the front of the school and feel free to take anything you need. Please no hats or scarves. Please click the link for details.

[National Iron Bank Student Banking:](#) National Iron Bank is working with North Canaan Elementary School to start a student savings program. This program would give your child the opportunity to make a deposit into their savings account monthly, right at the school. Our first Student Banking day will be on Tuesday, October 21st. Beginning in November, Student Banking will take place the first Tuesday of each month. A member of National Iron Bank will come to the school to collect their deposit and provide a receipt monthly. If you are interested in Student Banking, please complete [this form](#) and return it to the main office.

[NCES 7th and 8th Grade Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser:](#) Join us for a fun and active event to support the 7th and 8th grade class trips! Saturday, October 25th from 10am to 12pm at North Canaan Elementary School. If you wish to sponsor a 7th or 8th grader please reach out to Mrs. Davis.

[The Canaan Foundation 25th Anniversary:](#) Join us at the Colonial Theater on Saturday, October 25th from 1pm to 4pm. RSVPs by October 22nd are encouraged. Please click the link for more information.

Halloween at NCES: Students may wear or bring costumes on Friday, October 31st. The school parade will take place at the end of the day. Costumes should follow the dress code, and masks (non-gruesome) can be worn only during the parade. Face paint is allowed if it's not scary. If you are unsure if a costume is appropriate for school, please reach out to Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. Curtiss.

Cub Scout Pack 22: Check out the scouting fun at the North Canaan Congregational Church Calico Fair on Saturday, November 1st from 10 am to 2 pm. Please see the attached flier for details.

Thankful for Veterans Assembly: We have some very exciting news! On Wednesday, November 12th North Canaan Elementary School will host our annual Thankful for Veterans Assembly. The program will start at 9:00am in the school's gymnasium. 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 Tuesday, November 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Sorrell (dsorrell@nceschool.org).

Region One Park and Rec Jr. Basketball: Registration is now open. Please click the link for more information and to register.

Learn to Skate & Play Hockey: Registration is open to learn to skate and play with the Berkshire Rattlers Youth Hockey Organization. Click the learn for more 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.

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. 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.

2025 Holiday Gift Request Form: It is already time to start thinking about holiday gifts. If you would like to participate in North Canaan's Holiday Gift Program, please print and complete the application. Contact the main office if you would like us to send a form home with your child.

The CHET Dream Big! Competition: Please click the link to read more. Competition ends on November 5, 2025.

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



The 6th graders had a fantastic time at Outdoor Classroom! Thank you to Mrs. Asselin, Mr. Weber and all those who made this happen! It was a memorable week full of happiness and adventures!

Enjoy your weekend,
Mrs. Johnson