



Weekly Message from

North Canaan Elementary School

October 20, 2023

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Upcoming events:

- **October 20, 6-8:30 pm** 7th-8th Grade Regional Dance at NCES
- **October 25 and 26, 1 pm dismissal** Fall Conferences and Book Fair
 - Wednesday, 2-4 and 5-8 pm
 - Thursday, 5-8 pm
- **October 31, Halloween** Students may wear or bring costumes.

Dance at NCES Tonight: NCES is looking forward to welcoming all 7th and 8th graders from Region 1 for a dance tonight from 6-8:30 pm. Click the link for the [NCES Dance Poster](#). The following link is the electronic permission slip. Please complete the form online if you wish to have your 7th or 8th grader attend the dance: <https://forms.gle/vqHAD9TpkFAQHMUb8>. Bring the \$5 admission to the dance. The form will close at 5:30 pm.

Letter from Superintendent The letter explains the change in legislation regarding the entrance age for kindergarten beginning in 2024. Please read and share with any families who have children turning five in the fall.

Fall Student-Led Conferences: Time is running out to sign up for a student-led conference that will take place on either October 25th or 26th. Click on the link to read the details and procedures to create your conference times. Families with middle school students may schedule an additional conference if space permits beginning Monday.

Book Fair Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to help with the Scholastic book fair which will be held during the week of student-led conferences. Please contact Mrs. Debbie Erickson at: derickson@nceschool.org to sign up or if you have any questions about the book fair. Happy Reading!

Book Fair Digital Payment Account: If you wish to set up a digital payment account for next week's Book Fair, [click here](#) or [aquí en español](#). The Book Fair will take place from Wednesday, October 25th through Friday, October 27th in the NCES library. Families are invited during conference times.

Scarecrow Making: Each community group will be making a unique scarecrow during the last hour of the school day next Friday, October 27th. Students may bring in items to add to the scarecrow, which will be displayed outside. Know that the item you donate may not be returned in the best condition after being outside for a month, so please consider carefully what you allow students to bring for the scarecrow.

Audubon Pumpkin Trail: Click the link to read more about the Audubon Pumpkin Trail beginning on Friday, October 27th with a special evening of activities called *Light the Night*. Join the fun!

Halloween at NCES: Students may wear or bring costumes on Tuesday, October 31st. Only the end of the day will be designated for any parties and for a school parade. The remainder of the day will be spent learning. Note that costumes worn all day may show some wear by the end of the school day. Also, all students must wear costumes that follow the school's dress code. Masks that are not gruesome will be allowed, but may only be worn during the school parade. Please send the mask for the costume to school in the student's backpack. Students may not wear masks to school for safety reasons. Face paint may only be worn if it is not scary; e.g., does not contain images of blood. Remember that we have very young students in our school. Parents of students who do not follow protocol will be called to bring appropriate attire. I am looking forward to seeing many student costumes and to wearing mine too!

[Cub Scout Pack 22 First Annual North Canaan Trunk or Treat:](#) Join the Cub Scouts on October 31st from 5-7pm. Please click the link for more details.

[Online School Store Link:](#) The NCES online store to purchase clothing and accessories will be open through November 6th. Purchases will be sent to the school. Proceeds will benefit the 7th and 8th grade class trips.

Oliver Wolcott Technical High School: Are you interested in learning more about the programs at Oliver Wolcott Technical High School? Plan to attend their Open House scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st, from 5-7 pm.

Enjoy the weekend,

Dr. Roy

NCES Principal