



Weekly Message from
North Canaan Elementary School
Friday, February 18, 2022

Click on the blue underlined links.

Remember that school will be closed on Monday, February 21, and Tuesday, February 22, for February Break. Enjoy the time with your family.

School Calendar 2022-2023: At the February meeting of the Board of Education the school calendar for 2022-2023 was approved. Please note that the majority of the early dismissal dates are the same throughout the Region; however, all of the early release dates are not the same. As noted, all early dismissal days in yellow are 12:10 pm dismissals. Early dismissal days in red for conferences are 1 pm dismissals.

Reading Challenge: We have begun a new Reading Challenge at NCES. Students read a book, write a review, and submit it to their teacher to give to Mrs. Erickson before they leave on Thursday so that we can announce two winners (one from grades K-3 and one from grades 4-8) on morning announcements on Friday. A special school celebration will occur if students continue to read and share their reviews. Paper copies of the attachments below are available in school.

- [W PK-3 Book Review Template.docx](#)
- [W GR 4-8 Student Book Review Template.docx](#)

Survey from the Town: If you work in the Town of North Canaan, please take the three-minute Housing Needs Survey by [clicking here](#).

Upcoming Band Rehearsal: There will be a full band rehearsal for all participating 5th and 6th graders on Tuesday, March 1st during the school day. Pages 8 and 9 in the red workbook are the ones to practice. Thank you for reminding your child to practice, practice, practice. Students will need to bring their instruments that day as we will not have extra instruments to give out. We also will be working diligently to help students play pages 8 and 9 during lessons next week in preparation for this exciting first full band rehearsal this year.

After-school opportunity for 5th graders: Mr. Nelson, our physical education teacher, is volunteering his time to work with interested 5th graders after school on Thursday, March 3rd and 17th until 4:30. He will be working with students on units covered in class as well as introducing some additional activities. Please send him an email (lnelson@nceschool.org) if you are interested in registering your child and he will send the permission slip home for you to sign. Signed slips must be returned by Friday, February 25th, to participate. Thank you, Mr. Nelson!

Library News: In celebration of Presidents' Day, here are some fun facts: George Washington's birthday became a federal holiday in 1872. Even though we celebrate his birthday on February 22nd, George Washington was actually born on February 11, 1731, but America switched from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, so everyone born before 1752 had to add 11 days to their birthdate (Old Farmer's Almanac). To find out more interesting facts about our presidents, click here-[Presidents' Fun Facts](#)-or check out one of the many great biographies in our library collection. Happy Reading!

Pinewood Derby: Click the link for details on how to participate.

Regional Recreation Gymnastics/Tumbling Program: Click the link for details on how to join.

Be well,
Dr. Roy
NCES Principal