



Weekly Message from

North Canaan Elementary School

May 3, 2024

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Upcoming events:

- **May 6, 20** Board game activity after school (grades 4-6) until 4:30 pm
- **May 6, 13, 20** Marching Band Practice for grades 5-8, 3:15-4:15 pm
- **May 6, 9, 13, 16, 20** Kid's Marathon after school (grades 4-8) until 4:15 pm
- **May 7** National Iron Bank, Student Banking Day
- **May 7, 14, 21, 28** Recreational activity after school (grades 4-6) until 4:30 pm
- **May 7, 9, 10** [SBAC Math](#) for grades 3-8
- **May 8** 1pm dismissal, Teacher Professional Development
- **May 9, 16, 23, 30** STEAM activity after school (grades 4-6) until 4:30 pm
- **May 13** Nature and Art activity after school (grades 4-6) until 4:30 pm
- **May 14** Board of Education meeting, 6:30 pm
- **May 17** [Walk, Bike & Roll to School](#), 8 am at the Depot/Collin's Diner parking lot
- **May 22** [Spring Arts Celebration, 5-8 pm](#)
- **May 27** No School, Memorial Day
- **May 31** [Salisbury Central School 8th grade Dance](#), 6-8:30 pm, [Permission Slip](#)
- **June 10** 8th Grade Graduation at 6:30 pm

UPDATED CALENDAR CHANGE

- **1 pm dismissal days:** Monday, June 10th
Tuesday, June 11th
Thursday, June 13th (last day of school)
- **Full day of school:** Wednesday, June 12th

Field Day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5th from 1:00 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 [click here](#) to complete the form. We will be in touch with volunteers by Friday, May 31st and you will be given your station assignments. Thank you for your help!

📄 **Mother's Day Plant Sale.pdf:** Thank you to Freund's Farm Market & Bakery for supporting our PTO through the annual flower sale. Today students are bringing home a copy of the flyer you can see through the link. Students must bring the flyer to Freund's to receive the special rate.

[Summer Job Application 2024](#) 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 May 24, 2024. Applications can also be picked up in the main office at NCES.

Last Chance for Summer AHA Sign Ups: [Click here](#) to check off dates you would like your child(ren) to attend Summer AHA. More information is available through the link.

☰ State Assessment Schedule for Families 2024 The annual state assessments continue next week. Please help your child/children by giving them a good breakfast or asking them to eat the free breakfast at school. Also, be sure they are getting enough sleep. We all work hard during the school year and now is our time to shine! Thank you, as always, for your support.



Congratulations to the 8th graders for their unique Troutbeck presentation yesterday. Every eighth grader created one of the clay tiles you see in the photo and those students standing presented their talk, *Discovering Connecticut's Rich Indigenous History*, to the audience of about 200. As one audience member said, "They hit it out of the park." I am very proud of all of the eighth graders for their diligence in creating the tiles that will be mounted in our school and to those students who shared their knowledge at the

symposium. I am also very thankful to Debbie Erickson and Abby Fifer who made the presentation possible, from start to finish. Outstanding work, everyone!

Our ***school-based health center*** is open! The following packet of forms went home with each student before conferences: [School-Based Health Center Overview and Forms](#). You can complete the forms at any time and send them with your child to school.

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

- [Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater Arts Camp](#) at Rumsey Hall School, July 15th - 18th.
- [Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater Annual Art Camp](#), July 29th - August 3rd.

Hotchkiss School is offering a [free tennis clinic](#) on Sunday. Click the link to register.

Douglas Library Annual Plant Sale: May 18 from 10am to 1pm. Plant donations welcome! Please click the link for details.

The ***student lunch price will increase*** to \$3.20 (an increase of \$.10) beginning in the 2024-2025 school year to be in compliance with the federal requirement as calculated through the paid lunch equity tool. I am still going to do all I can to secure free lunches for next year.

Free Summer Counseling: If your student could benefit from counseling this summer, please click the link and then let me know so that I can help coordinate the services.

Thank you,
Dr. Roy
NCES Principal