



Weekly Message from

# North Canaan Elementary School

Friday, October 8, 2021

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*Click on the blue underlined links.*

*SCHOOL IS CLOSED MONDAY.*

**PowerSchool Parent Portal:** Today marks the mid-marking period for trimester 1. Parents/guardians of students in grades 5-8, please login to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and review your child's grades and learning practices progress with them. Yesterday, parents of students in grade 5 (who do not already have an established account) or are new to NCES and in grades 5-8 should have received a letter from us describing how to establish an account in PowerSchool. Contact Brandy Devino at (860) 824-5149 if you are having any difficulties creating an account or logging in to PowerSchool. Do not hesitate to contact the teacher directly should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's academic progress.

***Lunch Menu Changes for Next Week:***

- Tuesday: Baked Ziti with Garlic Bread or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- Wednesday: French Toast Sticks with Sausage or Egg Salad Sandwich
- Thursday: Mozzarella Sticks with a Hot Soft Pretzel or Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Friday: Cheese Quesadilla or PBJ Sandwich

**Fall Student-Led Conferences:** It is time to start thinking about student-led conferences that will take place on October 27 and October 28. Please click on the link to read the details and procedures to create your conference times.

**PTO Pie & Cookie Dough Fundraiser:** The PTO will be accepting forms and checks for the Lyman Orchards Pie and Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough fundraiser THROUGH WEDNESDAY. Please be sure your order form is sent to school no later than Wednesday. We have extra forms in the office if you are in need of one. You may also order online.

***Halloween at NCES:*** Once again this year we are excited to celebrate Halloween at NCES. Our celebration day will be Friday, October 29th. Only the last hour 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 beginning at 2:15 pm over the required mask we all wear due to the pandemic. Please send the mask for the costume to school in the student's backpack. Students may not wear them 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 my costume, too!

**Optional Student COVID Testing Form:** Students who are under the age of 12 can participate in this optional testing. Please read the letter and complete the consent form if you wish for your child to receive the free weekly testing.

***Breakfast Sign-Up:*** If you would like your child to receive breakfast at school, you must fill out the survey sent by the school each week. The survey is sent out each Wednesday for the following week. The survey closes at 1:30 PM on Friday and is the only way for your child to receive the free breakfast.

**Team Spirit Day Next Friday:** Students should plan to wear their favorite team shirt OR just their favorite shirt next Friday. It will be a fun way to end the week--and I have the chance to wear my Red Sox attire! Sorry, Yankees fans.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month:** Women's Support Services is going to honor Leila Wood at the annual observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month at the Town Pavilion on East Main Street (across from McDonald's) next Thursday, October 14th from 6-7 pm. All are welcome.

**Library News:** Did you know that reading for just 20 minutes a day provides amazing benefits for growing children? Studies have shown that reading to and with children for even just 20 minutes a day improves students' academic success and emotional well-being. Read more at [Reading Research](#). Happy Reading!

**AHA October Newsletter:** Much is happening in AHA during the month of October. Click the link to read more.

**Food Drive:** Next Friday is the last day to bring in food for our local community's Fishes & Loaves at the Pilgrim House. We have filled one table in the lobby with non-perishable donations and are working to fill a second.

**Scout Community Carnival:** You are invited to attend this carnival on Sunday, 2-4 pm, on Lawrence Field.

**2021 Holiday Gift Request Form:** All forms must be returned to the Town Hall by November 4th. The Town Hall is closed on Friday, November 5th. Forms can also be returned to school with your child by November 3rd.

**Pumpkin Trail Event:** The Sharon Audubon is hosting a pumpkin trail event, open daily from October 28th thru November 11th. Click the link for additional details.

**Thank you to the Canaan Fire Company:** Special thanks go to the Canaan Fire Company for teaching us about fire safety this week during Fire Prevention Week. We all learned so much. Staff also donated \$91 to the company to show our appreciation.



**Enjoy the long weekend!**

Stay well,

Dr. Roy  
NCES Principal