



Weekly Message from

North Canaan Elementary School

October 6, 2023

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Dear North Canaan Elementary School Parents and Guardians,

North Canaan Elementary School has recently encountered an increased population of bees on school grounds, primarily in the area of AHA and the art room. The bees have created a serious disruption to student safety at our school, resulting in numerous bee stings over the last few days.

In order to address this situation, we have contacted a Connecticut Licensed Applicator to spray Drione Insecticide Dust for bees. The application will occur in the courtyard area outside the cafeteria early tomorrow morning when no students are on campus. When applied according to product instructions, Drione Insecticide Dust is safe to use around children and pets.

We take student safety very seriously here at North Canaan Elementary School, and desire to take the appropriate measures to remedy this matter. If you have any further questions or require additional information, please contact me, Dr. Alicia Roy, via telephone at 860-824-5149 or email at aroy@nceschool.org.

Upcoming events:

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| ● October 9 | No School, October break |
| ● October 11 | FULL DAY of School at NCES |
| ● October 18 | Lifetouch Picture Retake Day |
| ● October 20, 6-8:30 pm | 7th-8th Grade Regional Dance at NCES |
| ● October 25 and 26, 1 pm dismissal | Fall Conferences |

PowerSchool Parent Portal: Today marks the mid-marking period for trimester 1. Parents/guardians of students in grades 5-8, please click the link to login to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and review your child's grades and learning practices progress with them. Contact Michelle Hewins 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.

SBAC scores: Student SBAC scores from May 2023 have arrived. Students in grades 4–8 will be bringing them home today in their folders. An explanation of the report, entitled the *Connecticut Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment Results*, is on one side of the sheet and the student scores on English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics are on the other side. Students currently in grade 6 will also be bringing home the *Connecticut Next Generation Science Standards Assessment Results*, which describes the science standards assessed and provides the student's score.

[Fall Student-Led Conferences](#): Fall student-led conferences will take place on either October 25th or 26th. Click on the link to read the details and procedures to create your conference time. We look forward to seeing everyone!

PTO Lyman Orchards Fundraiser: The pie and cookie dough fundraiser forms went home yesterday with students. All return orders and money are due on Monday, October 16th. The PTO thanks you for your ongoing support enabling field trips, programs, and other opportunities for students.

[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.

[Hotchkiss School Robotics Team](#): Students in grades 4 - 6 are invited to build a Smart City with the Hotchkiss School Robotics Team. Please see the flier for details.

Sharon Playhouse classes - Michael Baldwin has shared the list of [fall classes](#) offered by the Playhouse. Click the link to read all of the details.

▀ ***Community Closet Flyer.pdf***: Click the link to learn how you can donate items to the Community Closet.

▀ ***2023 Rotary Club Truck Day Poster.pdf***: The Great Barrington Rotary Club is presenting a Truck Day and Pumpkin Fest on Sunday, October 15th at Ski Butternut. Click the link for more information.

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.

▀ ***R&P_CherryPie_Flyer.pdf***: Cherry Pie will give a benefit performance for AHA! on November 3rd at the Colonial Theater. Click the link for details.

▀ ***Try Hockey Flyer.pdf***: Students ages 4-9 who are interested in trying their hand with hockey should click the link to learn more about this November 4th event.

Enjoy the long weekend,

Dr. Roy

NCES Principal