



Weekly Message from

North Canaan Elementary School

Friday, January 7, 2022

Click on the blue underlined links.

Happy Snow Day! Thank you for your calls and your communication this week to let us know about any illness. Please note that we are opening windows a bit in classrooms to maximize ventilation as advised, which means students may need a sweater or sweatshirt to be comfortable. Also, please do send students with jackets, snow pants (for the elementary students), hats, and gloves so that they are protected from the elements on the very cold, seasonable days we are now getting. And thank you for continuing to keep your children home when they are not feeling well. Call me or the nurse with any questions so that we can continue to keep everyone safe.

Vaccination Clinic Tomorrow - ages 12 and older: COVID-19 vaccines for those at least 12 years of age will be available tomorrow at the Town Hall from 10 am-4 pm.

Vaccination Clinic at NCES on Thursday: We will be hosting a free vaccination clinic at NCES with Griffin Health for students ages 5-11 on Thursday (January 13th) from 3:30-7:30 pm in the school gym. Note the following:

- You might consider printing the following sheet and bringing it completed to the clinic: [Pediatric Intake Form \(en espanol.\)](#) You may also call the school office (860-824-5149) and we will send a blank form home with your child for you to complete prior to coming to the clinic. The following form is also being shared: [Prevaccination screening form \(en espanol.\)](#) Forms will be available at the clinic.
- A parent or guardian must accompany the child ages 5-11. The Pfizer vaccine will only be given to children who are ages 5-11. No other vaccines will be available and no other age groups will be vaccinated.
- Enter and exit the school through the gym door. Remain in the gym throughout the vaccination process.
- A clinic for the second dose has been set for Thursday, February 3rd, from 3:30-7:30 pm also in the school gym.

Optional Student COVID Testing Form: ANY unvaccinated students in the school can now participate in this optional testing, even those who are ages 12 and older. Please read the letter and complete the consent form if you wish for your child to receive the free weekly testing. We can send a hard copy home for you to sign, if you request it.

Behavioral Health Resources: Pursuant to Public Act 21-116, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) has put together a list of behavioral health resources for parents who may have a child struggling with a behavioral health need. Click the following link:

<https://www.connectingtocarect.org/support-services/>.

AHA January Newsletter 2022: Click the link to see what is happening this month at AHA.

Library News: Did you know that reading recipes is a great way for students to practice their informational reading skills? Cooking together can also be a fun family activity. Here are some simple recipes published by Harvard College and YMCA: [Food, Fun and Family Recipe Packet](#). Happy Cooking!

New School Psychologist: I am so happy to *Welcome Katy Hodgson* as our new school psychologist! We thank Mrs. Goodsell and Mr. Tingley who are still going to be with us as they create a transition plan to support Ms. Hodgson who has written this brief introduction of herself to share with our school community:

Hello Staff and Families!

I am excited to join your school community and be able to contribute to a positive, creative and fun school environment. I look forward to connecting with you all and discovering ways of supporting each other on our path to learning.

I am a graduate of Seattle University where I obtained my educational specialist degree in school psychology. Previously, I held a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University at Buffalo in NY, my home state.

My focus has been on improving educational access, especially for students furthest from educational justice. My mission is to help students learn better, feel safe in their school, and find spaces to discover their unique talents and passions. I aim to support our school in this mission by connecting and collaborating with teachers, staff and parents. As a connected school community, we can offer students the best chance of discovering their own potential and send them on their way to a fulfilling adult life.

I can't wait to meet all of you!

Kathryn Hodgson, Ed.S, NCSP | She/Hers
School Psychologist

[*Regional Recreational Gymnastics/Tumbling Program:*](#) (Ages 5 and up) Click the blue link for directions on how to sign up.

[*Boy Scout Troop 22 Christmas Tree Removal:*](#) Click the link for more information on how to sign-up for the January 15th pick-up date.

Be well,
Dr. Roy
NCES Principal