



Weekly Message from

North Canaan Elementary School

September 19, 2025

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Upcoming events:

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| ● September 24 | Fall Portrait Day |
| ● October 1 | <u>PTO</u> meeting, 6:30pm |
| ● October 6 | Fire Prevention Day |
| ● October 13 | No School, October Break |
| ● October 14 | Board of Education meeting, NCES library |
| ● October 15 | 12:10pm dismissal, Teacher Professional Development |
| ● October 17 | 7th and 8th Grade Regional Dance at NCES, 6pm |

[**Regional Middle School Athletics and Activities Program - Weekly Schedule**](#)

Fall Portrait Day will take place on September 24th. You can also order before picture day on www.lifetouch.com using the following identification EVT8HNGJQ.

PTO Cherrydale fundraiser runs through Friday, September 26th, the final deadline to make all orders online or to send them to school with your child. Please be sure that the student's name is on the order form and that a check is included made payable to NCES PTO.

NCES School Store: The NCES online store will be open through October 1st. Purchases will be sent to the school. Proceeds will benefit the 8th grade class trip to Washington, DC. [Please click here](#) for ordering information.

NCES School Spirit Day: Get ready to show your NCES pride! Every first Wednesday of the month is School Spirit Day! Wear your NCES spirit wear or dress in blue and white to show your support! Please click the link for more information.

North Canaan Events Committee Conquer the Valley Road Race: Saturday, October 4th at 10am. Please click the link for more information.

After School Activities: We are offering after school activities for our 4th - 8th graders. Classes will run from after school until 4:30 pm from September 29th to December 18th. Each activity is limited to the first 20 students signed up. If you sign up but cannot attend a session, please call the main office. [After School Activities Sign Up](#)

AHA News: Limited spaces are available for new families interested in after care for the 2025-2026 school year. These spaces will be given on a first come, first served basis until the program is full. A waitlist will be created after that. Daily rates are \$12.00/day per child and \$25.00/day per child for early dismissals. The program runs from 3:05pm until 5:30pm, and from 12:10pm to 5:30pm for early dismissal days. Please use this [link](#) to request your space. Once received, you will get an email confirmation of your registration or placement on the waitlist. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Stolarczyk, AHA Director at ahanorthcanaan@gmail.com.

The CHET Dream Big! Competition: Please click the link to read more.

Civil Rights Youth Summit: Attorney Pipeline Program: Open to students grades 8 - 12. Please click the link for more information and to register.

Boxtops for Education: Click the link for more information on how to earn free money for our school.

SBAC scores: Student SBAC scores from May 2025 have arrived. The scores were mailed home today to families of students in grades 4–8.

FLEX and WIN- I see them in Powerschool, What are they?

FLEX

FLEX is a dedicated whole-school time at the end of the day, from 2:25–2:55.

- **Once a week**, each grade level enjoys an extra lab class while their teachers meet.
- **On the other days:**
 - **EK–4** students use the time to wrap up lessons or explore new learning opportunities.
 - **Grades 5–8** work in mixed groups to complete assignments, connect with teachers, and participate in *Character Strong* lessons.
- FLEX is also when many Band and Chorus lessons, as well as ensemble practices, take place.

WIN

WIN stands for *What I Need*. This is a set time during the day for students in grades 5–8 to:

- Receive targeted intervention,
- Ask for additional support, or
- Extend their learning through enrichment activities.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs. Johnson