



Weekly Message from  
**North Canaan Elementary School**  
Thursday, June 16, 2022

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**Goodbye, 2021-2022 School Year!** Thank you to the PTO and to the parent volunteers who helped at Field Day, on field trips, at the PTO ice cream social, and the school picnic. Special thanks to the seventh grade parents who baked and served refreshments at the graduation ceremony! All of these gatherings have made the end of the year special for all students.

If you need anything this summer, feel free to contact me. We will be in touch with class lists in the middle of August.



We do not yet have our official pictures from graduation, but I wanted to share one proud moment from last evening. Congratulations, Class of 2022!

Thank you to everyone for sharing your children with us every day. It is an honor for me to work with you and them. You have such special children, each bringing a uniqueness to our school that makes us who we are at NCES. I am proud to be your principal!

I have created two sections for this weekly, the last one of this school year: one is for summer and the other is for next year. Please look at both for important information. All of the weekly messages are on the main page of the website, too. Click the flag on the main page.

### SUMMER

I look forward to collecting the Summer Math Challenge packet and the Governor's Reading Challenge book list at the beginning of the school year:

- [Summer Reading](#) books will be distributed starting Monday. A bookmark and the sheet available through the link will also be distributed. Students and families can jot notes and ideas on the flyer to help students remember their reading when they return to start the new school year. [Douglas Library](#) is offering their summer reading program, with prizes and coupons, in conjunction with the schools. The theme for this year for both programs is 'Oceans of Possibilities.' Reading logs will also be sent home next week for this program, for the [Governor's Reading Challenge](#), and for the [Barnes & Noble](#) summer free book program.
- [Summer Math Challenge](#): Along with the reading materials for summer we are going to distribute the state's summer math challenge.
- [Region One Family Summer Learning.pdf](#) : This link has many of the pages above and more. It also includes ideas for the math challenge if you would like to try some to fill the blank pages I sent home Monday.

**Family Fun Week:** Click the link to read about FIVE days of free family fun in the town beginning Monday. You will not want to miss all of the many fun activities planned including face painting, an ice cream truck, line dancing lessons, swimming, and much more.



**Library News, a new Little Free Library:** Thanks to the hard work of two of our 8th grade students, Logan Labshere and Blake Whitney, along with our library media specialist, Mrs. Erickson, we are very excited that we will now have an elementary lending library to share books as a reading community. Thank you, also, to the Tallon Family for donating the supplies to make this library and another that will be made for the middle school students in the fall. The lending library is now available for you to add any books and take any books. Look for it at the Canaan Child Care entrance to our school. Stop by at any time.

**Guitar-Building Workshop at Hotchkiss:** This summer students may be interested in an opportunity to build a high-quality electric guitar at Hotchkiss. Scholarships are available.

**North Canaan Swim Team:** The town pool will be open once the school year closes. Sign-up for the swim team today. **North Canaan Swim Lessons Registration:** Sign-ups are also open for summer swimming lessons at the town pool.

**HYSB Summer Series:** Click the link for additional information and registration form.

**Advancing Women and Girls in STEAM Portal:** The Governor’s Council on Women and Girls Education and STEAM Subcommittee has launched the centralized Advancing Women and Girls in STEAM Portal in an effort to keep young women and girls engaged in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. This portal provides a “one-stop shop” for parents, educators, students, employers, and researchers connecting many educational STEAM programs and activities. You can access the portal here: [https://portal.ct.gov/steam?language=en\\_US](https://portal.ct.gov/steam?language=en_US). Click on the "Students" or “Parents" tabs to find directories to STEAM programs and other information that may be of interest.

## **2022-2023**

See ***Summer Reading and Summer Math Challenge*** above.

**Headphone Purchase:** One thing that I am going to ask all families to purchase for next year is a set of headphones for their child. I have purchased numerous pairs for each child every year and they are not able to locate them when needed. Perhaps if families purchase a more expensive pair of headphones for them rather than the earbuds, they will have better sound quality and the students will remember to care for them.

**Lunch Price Increase 22-23:** The student lunch price for the 22-23 school year will be \$3.00 (an increase of \$.10.) The increase is required as we receive funds to support our lunch program from the federal government and must be in compliance.

**Enjoy every moment of a relaxing and refreshing summer,**  
*Dr. Roy*  
NCES Principal