



Weekly Message from

# North Canaan Elementary School

October 27, 2023



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*Thank you, PTO and families, for the extraordinary meal and desserts you provided for us for conferences. How delicious everything was! We had so much food that we enjoyed it on Thursday and even Friday too. We were definitely well nourished for conferences and we want to be certain you know how much we appreciate all of you.*

*We also enjoyed seeing so many families for conferences and the book fair. Sharing student learning with families is so important to us. We are as proud of your children as we know you also are. Thank you for spending time with us.*

Upcoming events:

- **October 31, Halloween** Students may wear or bring costumes.
- **November 1, 6:30 pm** [PTO Meeting](#) (at school or [virtual](#))
- **November 8, 1 pm dismissal** Teacher Professional Learning
- **November 10** No School, Veterans Day
- **November 14, 7 pm** Board of Education meeting in the library
- **November 22-24** No School, Thanksgiving Recess

**[Audubon Pumpkin Trail](#)**: Click the link to read more about the Audubon Pumpkin Trail beginning tonight with a special evening of activities called *Light the Night*. Join the fun!

***Halloween at NCES***: Students may wear or bring costumes on Tuesday, October 31st. Only the end 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 during the school parade. Please send the mask for the costume to school in the student's backpack. Students may not wear masks 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 mine too!

**[Cub Scout Pack 22 First Annual North Canaan Trunk or Treat](#)**: Join the Cub Scouts on October 31st from 5-7pm. Please click the link for more details.

**[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.

***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.

**[Canaan Youth Basketball Kindergarten Program](#):** Sign ups are now open. Please click on the link for details and registration information.

**[Regional Park and Recreational Basketball](#)** is open to students in grades 1-6. Please click on the link for details and registration information.

**[Housy Hoops Basketball](#)** is open to students in grades 5 and 6. Please click on the link for details and registration information. The deadline for registration is Monday, November 6th.

**[Hotchkiss School Students of Color Youth Mentoring](#):** A mentorship program for students in grades 4-8. Please click on the link for details and registration information.

**[Free Coding Class at Hotchkiss](#):** Join Jai Rizvi '26 for free coding classes at Hotchkiss on Sundays from 10-11 am beginning November 5. Jai, who will be joined by other experienced coders, has taught coding for the [STEM Impact Center in Nairobi, Kenya](#). Students will learn Scratch, JavaScript, and a variety of other coding skills. Explore Jai's [YouTube channel](#) and [website](#) for more information.

■ ***Holiday gifts.pdf:*** It is already time to start thinking about holiday gifts. If you would like to participate in North Canaan's Holiday Gift Program, please print and complete the application. Contact the office if you would like us to send a form home with your child.

Enjoy the weekend,

*Dr. Roy*

NCES Principal