

# Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... *Home of the Knights!*

March 23rd, 2020



## Principal's Message

In the upcoming weeks information regarding resources during school closures will be relayed by the Office of the Superintendent. Please take care of yourselves and we are looking forward to seeing you all as soon as possible. If you have any questions contact Ms. Escovitz at [shereen.escovitz@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:shereen.escovitz@haverhill-ps.org). Please continue to check your email, voicemail, and the school website for updates.

## Breakfast and Lunch

Nettle is a food pick-up site. From 11am to 1pm Monday to Friday students can pick up a boxed lunch and a breakfast bag for the following day.

## Schoolwork for Students

Many teachers are posting materials on Google classroom. If your student has forgotten their username or password please contact Ms. Escovitz directly. If you were not able to pick up a folder last week and would like one please contact Ms. Escovitz directly.

We are encouraging students to keep a journal during this time. This will be a moment that history looks back on and one day they may wonder themselves what happened and what they were feeling as they look back.

Various curriculum materials have been added to the HPS website under "Supportive Home Learning Resources" found at the following link:  
<http://www.haverhill-ps.org/supportive-home-learning-resources/>.

## Occupational Therapy

Any students who receive OT services please feel free to reach out to our occupational therapist, Deb Schultz, with any questions:  
[dschultz@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:dschultz@haverhill-ps.org).

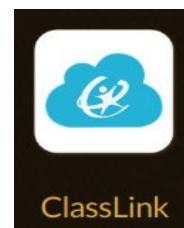
## Grade 8 Students

Please check the school website for information about grade 9 course selection. <http://nettle.haverhill-ps.org/>

## myON.com

All Nettle students now have access to myON.com, an online digital library with over 6000 books. Teachers and students log in to myON through ClassLink.

Go to [home.haverhill-ps.org](http://home.haverhill-ps.org). Then click on ClassLink. It should be on the top row. Then choose the myON icon.





## **Send your pics for Class Dojo!**

Send a photo of what you and your family are doing during this time away from Nettle to Mrs. Doherty at [eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org) and she will post them on dojo!

### **Haverhill Reading Challenge**

Take the Challenge! Read for at least 20 minutes each day at home during the COVID-19 disruption. [www.haverhillpromise.com/reading-challenge](http://www.haverhillpromise.com/reading-challenge)

How it works: Parents/Guardians: Track your students' daily reading M-F. Then, enter your students' progress in a Google form at the end of each week using the links below!

Week 1 (3/16-3/20):

<http://bit.ly/ReadingChallengeWk1>

Week 2 (3/23-3/27):

<http://bit.ly/ReadingChallengeWk2>

Week 3 (3/30-4/3):

<http://bit.ly/ReadingChallengeWk3>

Who Can Participate? All Haverhill students Pre-K through Grade 12 are eligible to participate! Adults are also encouraged to practice daily reading in their home!

Win PRIZES! Haverhill Promise will be selecting participants at random to win gift cards to Market Basket and local restaurants! Follow us on social media and use #HaverhillReads2020 for more ways to win!

### **Family Resources**

In these unprecedented times it can be difficult to explain to children what is happening. We recommend the following sites as resources.

How to Talk to Children about the Coronavirus:

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/how-to-talk-to-children-about-the-coronavirus-2020030719111>

Talking to Teen/Tweens about Coronavirus:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/02/well/family/coronavirus-teenagers-anxiety.html>

\*\*Here is a pamphlet from the article: [https://www.hemot.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Pamphlet\\_HEMOT\\_english.pdf](https://www.hemot.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Pamphlet_HEMOT_english.pdf)

The NASP released a resource for parents:

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)