

Nettle News

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

June 8, 2020



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During this time when we are physically separated it has been especially difficult to support our students, and one another, while we process and react to recent events. The killing of George Floyd has left us grieving together as a community and we stand firmly in our beliefs of equality and human rights. Children are always watching, listening, and looking to us for how to react during traumatic events. I urge you to start conversations with your student, listen to their thoughts and concerns, and admit that you don't have all the answers. The articles below are a good place to start:

Racism and Violence: How to Help Kids Handle the News

<https://childmind.org/article/racism-and-violence-how-to-help-kids-handle-the-news/>

How to Talk with Kids About Racism and Racial Violence

<https://www.common SenseMedia.org/blog/how-to-talk-with-kids-about-racism-and-racial-violence>

END OF YEAR PROCEDURES

Any students who will *not* be attending school in the Haverhill Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year must return any textbooks or borrowed chromebooks at the end of the school year in order to be transferred.

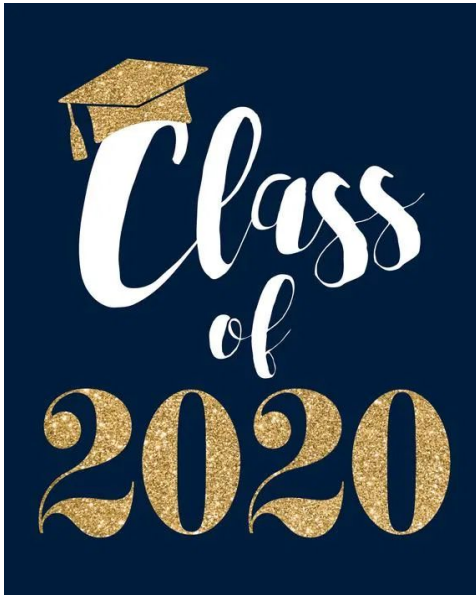
LOCKER PICK-UP

Anyone who was not able to pick up their student's belongings please contact Ms. Escovitz at shereen.escovitz@haverhill-ps.org to pick them up weekdays 9am-2pm.

GRADING DURING REMOTE LEARNING

On each assignment during this remote learning time students will receive feedback from teachers. In School Brains, assignments will either receive 100 for credit, or will have a zero if not completed. The current School Brains score does not reflect a current grade, but rather the percentage of assigned work that has been completed by the student.

The Trimester 3 grades will be "CR" for credit or "NC" for no credit on the report card. This policy aligns with the district policy and state guidelines from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.



**Please join us on June 18, 2020 for a
celebration of
Nettle Middle School graduates!**

**8th Grade Graduation
June 18, 2020
Video Posted 5:00pm
Diploma Pick Up 6:00pm-6:30pm**

A graduation video will be posted at **5:00pm**. The link will be posted on the school website, class dojo, and will be emailed directly to families at that time.

Diploma pick up will begin at **6:00pm** at the **back entrance** of the school. Staff will line the driveway at a safe distance to congratulate and celebrate our graduates!

Please DO...

- ❖ Celebrate your student
- ❖ Walk to the diploma pick up if you are not able to drive thru
- ❖ Maintain a six-foot distance from staff and other families
- ❖ Make a poster
- ❖ Post your student's name on the car window
- ❖ Thank a teacher
- ❖ Decorate your car
- ❖ Stay in your vehicle
- ❖ Only come to the drive thru if you have an 8th grade student
- ❖ Only bring one car, but feel free to carpool
- ❖ Celebrate with everyone by watching the video