

Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... *Home of the Knights!*
November 2, 2020



Principal's Message

I want to thank our Nettle community for their support as we navigate these difficult times. Staff, students, and families have shown tremendous empathy, patience, and flexibility as we educate our students in this new normal.

Please note that there is no school, in person or remote, on **Monday 11/2 and Tuesday 11/3** for professional development and voting. Some teachers may be using this time as an opportunity for students to independently make up missing work, complete a project, earn extra credit, etc. Students should check their google classrooms for details.

VIP

Any students (grades 5-8) interested in joining VIP (Violence Intervention and Prevention) are welcome to join us on our virtual meetings on **Wednesday's from 11:30-12**. Our meeting dates are **October 28th, November 18th, December 2nd, and December 16th**. We are going to start a community service project and will hear from Kate Adams from Aaron's Presents who works with students to fund their community service projects. If your child is interested in joining VIP, please have them join our Google Classroom using this code: **5rcrqr6**. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. Mrs. Mueller, kmelillo@haverhill-ps.org & Mrs. Torres, mavee.torres@haverhill-ps.org

Wednesday Schedules

Hybrid Model - Students should log into homeroom at 8:30am as usual. Each period students should log into their appropriate google classrooms, teachers may be live or may have independent work posted. **Students should go back to homeroom at 2:30pm to finish the day.**

Remote Learning Academy - Students should log into homeroom at 8:30am as usual. Each period will meet for 25 minutes in the morning (see google classroom for exact times). Lunch/Movement Break will be at 11:00am followed by independent work. **Students should go back to homeroom at 2:30pm to finish the day.**

Student Health

Assessing your student's health each morning is an important part of keeping everyone healthy. Below are some questions to ask yourself before sending your student to school each day:

- Has your student shown any covid-related symptoms in the past 24 hours? For example: fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, nausea, etc.
- Has your student been identified as a "close contact" of anyone diagnosed with covid-19?
- Has anyone in the household been asked to self-isolate or quarantine?
- Have you travelled recently?

For a list of symptoms and other health information please visit the HPS website at: <https://www.haverhill-ps.org/school-health-services/pandemic-guide-for-families/>

If you have any questions about your child's health please call the nurse, Barbara Otterson, at 978-374-5792.

From the Guidance Department

We continue to meet with 5th grade classes, in person and virtually, on the transition to middle school and identifying school supports at Nettle. We're enjoying getting to know all of our 5th graders! We will soon be meeting with all 8th graders regarding high school options and the transition to high school.

We'll continue to update you on high school information and important dates as we receive them. Haverhill High School will be holding a virtual Open House and the date will be announced shortly.

The virtual Open House for Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School is on November 1st, starting at 1pm. You can access it online at <https://whittiertech.org/openhouse2020>. The Open House will continue to run indefinitely after November 1st. You can apply to Whittier Tech. online **starting November 1, 2020 and ending on April 1, 2021.**

The virtual Open House for Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School is on **November 21st**, starting at 9am. You can access it at www.essexnorthshore.org. You can apply to Essex Tech online starting on October 26, 2020 at www.essexnorthshore.org. Applications are **due January 8, 2021.**

If your child is planning on applying to private high schools, please email us directly at:
Kara Mueller (last names A-M) kmelillo@haverhill-ps.org
Megan Crowley (last names N-Z) mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org

iReady

iReady is an interactive online learning program that helps students build essential skills in reading and mathematics. This year the Haverhill Public Schools will use the iReady program as a tool for student assessment and instruction. Students took a diagnostic test to help identify specific skills that each student needs to develop and measures academic growth throughout the school year.



Please click the link below to learn more:

https://i-readycentral.com/articles/engaging-families/#help_families_understand_em_i_ready_em

How to access iReady scores:

1. Have your child log into the HPS Launchpad
2. Click on CLASS LINK
3. Click on iREADY
4. Choose READING or MATH
5. You will now be on the "MY PATH" screen
6. Click on the MY PROGRESS icon
7. Click on the COMPLETED WORK tab
8. DIAGNOSTIC shows your child's score

If you would like a detailed report of your child's score, please reach out to their ELA or MATH teacher directly.

Questions? Want to add to Nettle News?

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