

Nettle Procedures and Practices

Welcome back to school!



COVID Procedures

All students, staff and visitors are required to wear masks in the school building. If a student forgets their mask, one will be provided. Students will not be allowed to attend classes without wearing a mask over their nose and mouth. Students may remove their masks during lunch or when they are outside at recess.

School Hours/School Breakfast and Lunch

School will resume on August 31, 2021 for the students. School hours are from 8:30am until 2:45pm. Breakfast and Lunch are available to all students for free. Students may be dropped off anytime after 8:05am and walk to the recess grounds in back of the school. As a matter of courtesy, please do not send, bring, or have delivered any fast food to the school for your child.

Absent Line/Dismissal

If your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school at (978) 374-5792. If your child's attendance becomes a concern (more than 10% of the school year) someone from school will reach out to you for support. If you are dismissing your child early please call the school at (978) 374-5792. We can only dismiss students to Parents/Guardians or emergency contacts listed in Schoolbrains. Please do not be offended - we ask everyone for ID when they are dismissing a child.

School Nurse

The school nurse is Barabara Otterson. If you need to contact her please call the office at (978) 374-5792. The nurse is available to discuss your child's health needs and medications. The nurse also does screenings throughout the year for vision and hearing.

Extracurricular Programs

We have many activities for students to participate in after school throughout the year. We have basketball, volleyball, soccer, cross country, and track teams. We also have a Walking club, Art club and Tech club at Nettle.

Chromebooks

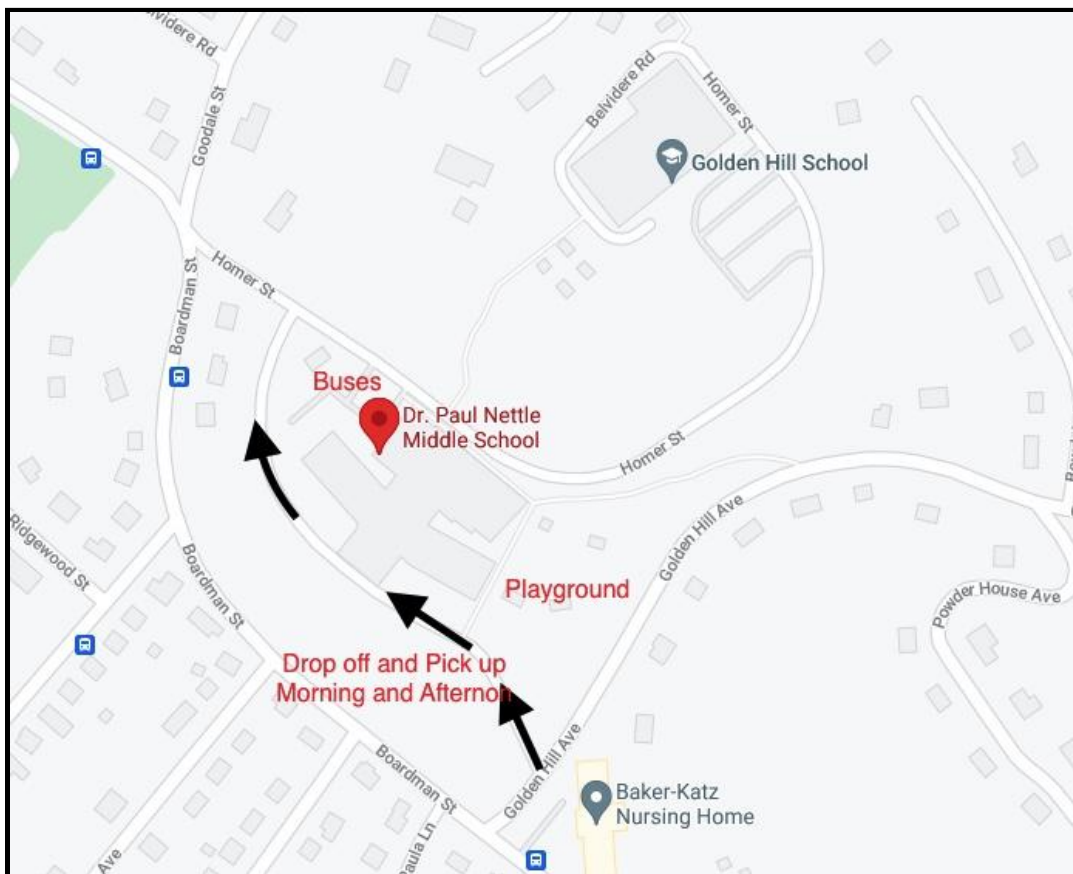
All students will be assigned a chromebook and chromebook bag to use in school. Students will be required to bring their chromebook **home to charge** it at night and return it to school the next day. Students may not damage or deface chromebooks including putting stickers on or writing on chromebooks. Any student who damages the chromebook will be charged for the damage. Any student who has a damaged chromebook may come to the office to see Ms. Lopez for a replacement device.

Bus Transportation

We ask you to talk with your children about the importance of cooperation and good behavior on the bus. It is important that they walk safely to the bus stop or school, stay out of the street, respect private property, and do not use the bus stop as a play area. If possible small children should be accompanied to and from these locations. If your child behaves in such a way that disrupts the safe and orderly transportation of students they may lose their bus privileges. The first notice of violating the bus rules will result in a one day loss of bus privileges. The second notice will result in a 5 day loss of bus privileges. The third notice will result in the denial of transportation for the rest of the year. The transportation policy approved by the school committee for all Haverhill students provides that students who live within one mile of the school (1.5 miles for grade 8) are provided transportation. Please report any serious safety hazards to transportation at (978)420-1921.

Parking and student drop off/pick up

If you need to come to school to pick up your child or attend a meeting you may park in front of the school in the parking lot adjacent to Homer Street (the driveway up to Golden Hill). Please do not park in this lot between 8:00am-8:25am or 2:35pm - 2:55pm because of bus drop off and pick up. To drop off and pick up students during normal drop off and pick up times, please use the driveway behind the school off of Golden Hill Ave. There will be staff in the morning and afternoon to direct traffic and students. Students will wait on the playground for their teachers. If you arrive late, drop off in the front.



Schoolbrains Account/Student grades

If you don't have access to Schoolbrains (where student grades are kept) please email portalsupport@haverhill-ps.org and give them your child's name. You will also be receiving an invitation from Classdojo for parent communication.

School Adjustment Counselors and Guidance Counselors

There are 2 school Adjustment Counselors and 2 Guidance Counselors at Nettle. Ms. McCann is the Adjustment Counselor for the 5th and 6th grade. Ms. Moyer is the Adjustment Counselor for the 7th and 8th grade. They meet with students who want to talk to someone about behavioral or social issues at school. They also meet with groups of students to work on community building and social skills. Ms. Crowley is the Guidance Counselor for the 5th and 6th grade. Ms. Mueller is the Guidance Counselor for the 7th and 8th grade. They meet with students to help with organizing schoolwork, homework, choosing classes for the high school, career counseling and other academic issues. They also run the YES program at school which helps students build leadership skills, advocacy skills and community awareness.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones in classrooms often create a distraction for the students and make instruction more difficult. Students must leave their cell phones in their locked lockers at all times. If a student is caught using their cell phone in school, a teacher will ask the student to give the phone to the teacher. The first time a phone is taken the student can pick it up in the office at the end of the day. The second time, and every time thereafter, that a phone is taken a parent or guardian will be notified to pick up the phone at school. If the phone becomes a habitual problem in school a student may be required to leave their phone at home or in the office daily.

Basketballs (or other recess equipment)

If a student would like to bring their own basketball (or other recess equipment) to school to share with their friends during recess we will have a basketball rack in the office area where students can leave their basketball. All students should have their name written on the ball. The school will not be responsible for lost or stolen basketballs. We do provide organized recess with equipment.

Fire Drill or other Emergency events

We do conduct regular Fire Drill and other emergency drills throughout the school year. In the event of a Fire Drill the 5th and 6th grade students line up along the driveway to Golden Hill. The 7th and 8th grade students line up in the back of the school along the parent pickup route. In the event of an emergency that requires the students to leave the school we evacuate up the hill to the Golden Hill School and/or down to Baker-Katz Nursing Home.