

# Nettle News

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

December 5, 2021



## IMPORTANT DATES

### December 6th

PTO meeting 7pm

### December 8th

Faculty Meetings  
No Discovery Club

### December 9th

8th grade tour of HHS

### December 13th

Lost and Found Pick-Up 3pm-7pm

### December 23rd

Early Dismissal at 11:05am

## LOST AND FOUND

Did your student lose a lunch box? A sweatshirt? A jacket? We have a large and growing collection of lost and found items. Please stop by on **Monday, December 13th, 3pm to 7pm** if you are looking for anything. Whatever is left over we will be donating.

## PARENT PICK-UP

Students are dismissed from school at 2:45pm. Please do not line up for parent pick-up prior to 2:45pm. This has created a massive traffic jam. **Staff are at parent pick-up until 3:10pm.** Please aim to arrive between **2:55pm and 3:00pm** to help with the traffic. Thank you for your help!

## CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones at school often create a distraction for the students. Students must leave their cell phones in their lockers during the school day. If a student has their cell phone during the school day, 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.

## BASKETBALL GAMES

We're excited to welcome back the basketball season! In an effort to balance student activities with COVID safety we are asking that **only current Nettle students, faculty, and players' parents attend the home basketball games.** Members of the public, former students, etc. are asked not to attend the games. We appreciate your understanding that our focus is to allow parents to see their children's games without overcrowding indoors. In accordance with current state policies, anyone inside of the school building must wear a mask.

## **A.L.I.C.E. SAFETY DRILLS**

As you may know, Haverhill Public Schools uses ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate), a nationally recognized program. ALICE is a proactive set of responses to an active school intruder event which empowers individuals in crisis situations to be prepared to consider all options. We will have an ALICE safety drill in the coming months.

## **DISCOVERY CLUB**

We are so excited to be offering Discovery Club at Nettle before and after school this year! Applications are online and accessible through the Haverhill Public Schools' website at <https://discoveryclub.haverhill-ps.org/>

## **COVID Safety Reminders**

We have seen a recent increase in the number of students with COVID, particularly in grade 7. We appreciate your support in reminding your students of the following COVID safety measures, as we continue to remind them at school:

1. Keep your mask on while indoors and make sure that it covers your nose and mouth.
2. Use hand sanitizer and hand-washing regularly.
3. Do not share food or drinks.
4. Keep social distance, even with your friends.

Additionally, we appreciate families staying mindful of ways to help:

1. Please understand that any time there is an out of school play date without social distancing, or sleepover among students, that all children involved are close contacts.
2. Please answer any calls and/or emails from the nurse promptly so that we can address all students' needs in a timely manner.
3. If your student is participating in "Test and Stay," please remind them to go straight to the nurse's office in the morning during homeroom.
4. Please send your student to school with two well-fitting masks each day.

Weekly COVID safety checks (pool testing) have begun. Thank you for supporting our schools in keeping kids healthy and attending school!

Permission slips can be completed online this year by clicking here:

<https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma?district=null>

You will only hear results if they're positive.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we navigate the challenges of school this year. If you have any questions please call the office at 978-374-5792.