

Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... *Home of the Knights!*
January 2, 2022



Happy New Year!!

IMPORTANT DATES

January 3rd

Back to School!

January 6th

School Site Council Meeting 6pm (Virtual)

January 10th

PTO Meeting 7pm-8pm

January 14th

Early Release at 11:05am

January 17th

No School, Dr. MLK Jr. Day

8TH GRADE FAMILIES

HHS Classical Academy

Any students interested in applying to Haverhill High School's Classical Academy, the application is posted on the 8th Grade School Counseling Google Classroom Page or see Ms. Melillo to get a hard copy of the application. **Applications are due on Friday, January 14th.**

HHS CTE Programs

Any student interested in learning more about Haverhill High School's CTE Programs, can visit their website: <https://cte.haverhill-ps.org/>. **Applications are due on Friday, February 25, 2022.** Please use this link to apply: <https://haverhill.go2cte.com/>

CELL PHONE POLICY

Please help us control the cell phone usage at school by telling your student to keep their cell phone in their locker.

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.



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.

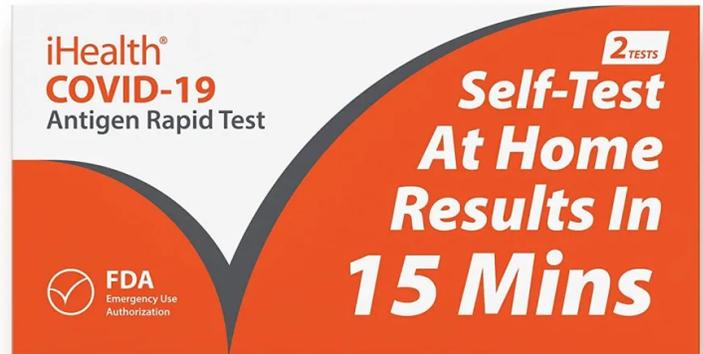
DISCOVERY CLUB

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

Hopefully you have been able to get an at-home COVID test. We appreciate you making every effort to make sure students are healthy before returning to school.

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