

Nettle News

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

October 2, 202



Important Dates

Thursday, October 6

Rep from Capitol Tours to discuss DC Trip (5:30 - 6:30)/ **Ice Cream Fundraiser (5-7)**

Monday, October 10


No School

Tuesday, October 11

Nettle Family Barbecue (4:30 - 6)

Monday, October 17

PTO Meeting at 3:15

ATHLETICS 	Soccer Game Oct 4, Nettle vs. Whittier at Consentino 3:15	Cross Country is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4	Floor Hockey Club Games on Fridays Ask Mr. Cote for permission slips
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During sporting events please be respectful to the players, coaches and referees. We are having a difficult time finding refs and yelling at them during the game is not helping.

From the Principal's Desk

MCAS scores will be coming out within the next two weeks. In an effort to curb learning loss from COVID we have made *READING AND WRITING* across all curriculums a renewed focus for this school year. Our Success Block period will be a six-day rotation with 2 days to focus on Math intervention, 2 days to focus on Reading intervention and 2 days of DEAR (drop everything and read).

You will hear teachers this year referring to our CER (Claim, Evidence and Reasoning) rubric for writing. Please encourage your students to talk about how they are using this rubric in school. I would suggest incorporating this dialogue with your students even when discussing everyday events ... *explain to me your claim, evidence and reasoning for why you should be allowed to stay up late tonight ... have a friend over ...* Together we can do this!

Sept 15 - Oct 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month - here are some recommended books for your students to read from our ELA staff:

[Ninety Miles to Havana](#) by Enrique Flores-Galbis
[Mercy Suarez Changes Gears](#) by Meg Medina
[The Other Half of Happy](#) by Rebecca Barcarcel
[Steff Soto, Taco Queen](#) by Jennifer Torres

[Marcus Veiga Doesn't Speak Spanish](#) by Pablo Cartaya
[My Year in the Middle](#) by Lila Quintero Weaver
[Sal & Gabbi Break the Universe](#) by Carlos Hernandez
[The Dreamer](#) by Pam Muniz Ryan & Pete Sis

From the Nurse

Hello, Nettle Families from the Nurse's Office. I am happy to remind you that Polished Dental will be visiting us next week on Oct. 5th on Tuesday. If you haven't done so already, please submit the form to us. We will be collecting them all year and Polished Dental is planning to visit us a second time. Additionally, we have plenty of COVID test kits ready to be sent home! Please let us know if you want some, and we can send them home with your child. I would like to notify you that we will begin our mandated screenings in the next few weeks. We will be doing hearing, vision, BMI, and postural screenings. I will be sending out more information as we get closer to these dates. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. I can be reached at 978-374-5794 or at Jennifer.Huynh@haverhill-ps.org.

From Mrs. Crowley, School Counselor Grades 7 & 8

Hello! I'm in the process of meeting with all 8th graders regarding high school options and the transition to high school. All of the information that I'm discussing with your students will be posted in the 8th Grade School Counseling Google Classroom. All 8th graders are encouraged to join my google classroom to stay up to date on high school information that I will be posting throughout the school year. I'm looking forward to working with your child on the transition to high school! If you have any questions, please let me know. I can be reached by email at mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org or (978)374-5792. Thank you!

DISCOVERY CLUB

Discovery Club sign-ups are being accepted now. Discovery Club is an after school and before school program that will begin the week of [October 10th](#). Sign-ups must be done online and if you need any more information you may see Mrs. O'Connell Room 507 for more information. [Discovery club sign up link](#)

More information about other after school programs offered by the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club and more are available at the Front Office at Nettle.

Please keep checking the Nettle Middle School website for updates. **nettle.haverhill-ps.org**

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