

Nettle News

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

November 27, 2022



Important Dates

Monday, Nov 28

Cheer practice

Thursday Dec 1

Grade 8 Tour Haverhill High


Friday Dec 2

Movie Night sponsored by Grade 5

4:30 - 6:30 (\$5.00)

Monday Dec 5

PTO Meeting 7-8

ATHLETICS 	Girls Basketball Practice First Game Nov 29 (home)	Boys Basketball Practice First Game Nov 29 (home)	Floor Hockey Club Games on Fridays Ask Mr. Cote for permission slips
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From the Principal's Desk

Hope you all enjoyed a restful break! We are gearing up for a push towards improving our upcoming State Tests. As part of our ongoing collaboration with DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) and the Learning Acceleration Network, we will be hosting a diagnostic visit next month. The goal of the visit is to identify areas of improvement based on quick 15 minute observations of classrooms.

One way parents can help improve your child's education, and our percentile ranking as a school, is to improve student attendance. Students are considered chronically absent when they have missed 10% (18 days) of the school year whether the absence is excused or not. As we approach the midway point of the year if your child has had 9 absences you will be receiving phone calls from counselors and administrators. It is essential that students attend school - even the half days. Half days are usually used to take practice MCAS and other diagnostic testing. When your student misses these days they have to makeup the testing when they return which results in more time lost on learning.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school please call the school and ask for the guidance counselor (Ms. Terranova/ grades 5 and 6; Mrs. Crowley/grades 7 and 8)

From the Nurse

Hello, Nettle Families from the Nurse's office. We have sent out letters for missing vaccine records. If you have received a letter, please follow up with your physician for the records or administration of vaccines. Just a reminder that these vaccines are required by the State of Massachusetts.

Please submit any physicals you have on record to the nurse. You may send in a hard copy or email me a scanned copy or image of the physical report. It is important that this is shared with me annually to keep their medical records up to date.

We are still working on our vision screenings for 5th and 7th graders. If you receive a letter, your child is being referred to their doctor due to their vision challenges. If you have noticed any vision difficulties with your child, please refer them to me. I can screen them regardless of their grade. Polished Dental will return in the Spring. Below are the sign-up links for the program. As a reminder, this is a FREE program and highly recommended for students who need additional dental care.

English

https://app.formdr.com/practice/Njc5MA==/form/g_r7zXpjYIMy5yMAHuI4s5bsJpVuGHsN

Spanish

https://app.formdr.com/practice/Njc5MA==/form/_9UgZZjZFXRYit_gm_U2pQfYfvcpeoN1

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. I can be reached at 978-374-5794 at the school, 929-265-1208 via GoogleVoice, or at Jennifer.Huynh@haverhill-ps.org.

From the Guidance Department 8th Grade Students & Families:

Permission slips for the high school field trips are due back by Monday, November 28th. We will be touring Haverhill High School on 12/1 and Whittier Tech on 12/13.

The application for Classical Academy is now available on the website:

<https://hhs.haverhill-ps.org/classical-academy-3/>

The Classical Academy advisors will be doing a virtual Question and Answer session every evening from the 5th to the 8th of December. They are not school-specific so people can attend whatever meeting is most convenient for them. All information and links are posted in the Grade 8 School Counseling Google Classroom.

Please let me know if you have any questions. [Mrs. Crowley](#)

From the Reading Specialist

November is Native American Heritage Month! It is a month to recognize the history, culture, and important contributions of our nation's first people. Here are some of the best Native American young adult books:

1. Apple in the Middle

By: Dawn Quigley

2. The Sea in Winter

By: Christine Day

3. In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse

By: Joseph Marshall III

4. Indian Shoes

By: Cynthia Leitich Smith

5. Indian No More

By: Charlene Willing McManis

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

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