

Nettle News

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

October 30, 2022



Important Dates

Tuesday, November 1


PTO meetings 4:30 -5:30

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Ski Club information 5:30 -6:30

Wednesday, November 2

Cross Country Meet at Winnekenni 3:30

<p>ATHLETICS</p> 	<p>Soccer Game Nov 1 Nettle vs. Hunking at Hunking Nov 3 Nettle vs. Consentino at Consentino</p>	<p>Volleyball Club - After school on Thursdays until 4:00</p> <p>Badminton After school on Mondays until 4:00</p>	<p>Floor Hockey Club Games on Fridays Ask Mr. Cote for permission slips</p> <p>Basketball tryout dates coming in next Nettle News!</p>
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Ski Club Information

Ski and Snowboard Club -Sign up and Information Night - Golden Hill & Nettle (grades 3-8)

Tuesday, November 1st, 5:30-6:30 Nettle Cafeteria

Join us to pick up forms, sign up, and ask questions

If you are unable to make the meeting, sign-up sheets will be available in the main office of each school. Forms and payment are due **NO LATER** than Wed. 11/16

General Information:

Ski/Snowboard club is 6 weeks, Fridays 3-7 p.m. (1/6/23 to 2/10/23)

Transportation is likely carpool/parent pick up (Bus transportation continues to be difficult, but we are exploring options)

Pricing: Lift Only: \$190; Lift + Lesson \$320; Rentals \$130

Grades 3-4, A parent/responsible adult must remain on site at Bradford Ski

Questions: Erica Tarasuk: e.tarasuk@gmail.com (978 697 0012) or Kaytie Rice

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Reading Specialist

What is Phonological Awareness?

-The ability to recognize sounds of language. It's the understanding that oral language can be divided into smaller parts and manipulated, including sentences into words, and words into syllables.

Why is Phonological Awareness important?

-It is a strong predictor of reading success.

How can you support Phonological Awareness at home?

- All you need is language! Help your child understand that the words they hear in speech are made up of different parts and sounds.

-Use Alliteration (words that begin with the same sound) **Alex alligator ate awesome apples.*

-Practice Tongue Twisters **How much wood would a woodchuck chuck, if a woodchuck could chuck wood?*

From the Nurse

Hello, Nettle Families from the Nurse's Office. We are sending out a reminder regarding our screenings. We are completing our scoliosis screening and will finish within the next 1-2 weeks. After that is completed, we will begin our vision screenings for our 5th and 7th graders. These are the primary grades that will be screened. If you have any concerns regarding your child's vision, regardless of their grade level, please contact me and I will be happy to check them. After the vision screening, we will conduct our hearing screenings for 7th graders. The last set of screenings will be for height and weight (BMI) for 7th graders. In addition, we will be sending letters home for missing immunizations/vaccines that are required for school. Please reach out to your child's doctor for documentation of their most recent physical and vaccinations. These records can be faxed to (978) - 274 - 1943. Please reach out with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 978-374-5794 or at Jennifer.Huynh@haverhill-ps.org.

From the Guidance Department

We will be doing Universal Mental Health Screenings for grade 6 and 8. If parents chose to not have their student participate they may opt out by November 10. Please see the attached letter regarding the screening.

-Mrs.Crowley, School Counselor Grades 7&8

8th Grade Students & Families:

All high school information is posted in the 8th grade School Counseling Google classroom. The code to join is **2wilu5x**. All students and families are encouraged to join to see the latest updates, open houses, and high school application deadlines.

Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical High School will be coming to Nettle on **Monday, 10/31, at 8:45am** to do a presentation for all 8th graders. We will be going on a tour of Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School on **December 13, 2022**. Haverhill High School is in the

process of scheduling a tour for all 8th graders and that date will be announced shortly. Permission slips for the tours will go home in November. Applications are currently open for the Career Technical Education (CTE) programs at Haverhill High School online at <https://cte.haverhill-ps.org/application-process/>

If your child is planning on applying to a private school, please see Mrs.Crowley as soon as possible to pick up a Student Questionnaire that must be completed at least two weeks before the application deadline.

7th GradeStudents & Families:

I will be meeting with all 7th graders regarding high school options and the transition to high school next week.

Also from Guidance:

LEAD (Leadership Empowerment Activism Diversity), formerly VIP, will have its first meeting on Wednesday, November 16th after school in the library until 3:45. The LEAD group is open to all and focuses on student leadership, activism, and community service. It is open to all students who want to join. Feel free to come by on the 16th for snacks and to find out more information.

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!

From the Principal's Desk

We will be conducting ALICE drills in our schools in the upcoming weeks. I will email you shortly after the drill so that you can talk to your student about their experience.

Monday is Halloween. We do not allow students to dress in halloween costumes or bring halloween candy to school.

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

Contact Eileen Doherty eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org