

Nettle News

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

December 11, 2022



Important Dates

Tuesday, Dec 13

Whittier High School Tour Grd 8

Tuesday, Dec 20

Home Basketball Game

Wednesday, Dec 14


Early Release Day/MCAS Practice Day

Tuesday, Dec 20

Winter Concert (6-7:15) Nettle Cafe

Friday, Dec 23

Early Release day and Practice MCAS

ATHLETICS	Girls Basketball Practice Dec 13,15	Boys Basketball Practice Dec 12,15	Floor Hockey Club Games on Fridays Ask Mr. Cote for permission slips
			

From the Principal's Desk

It is getting colder in the mornings as winter approaches. The school doors do not open until 8:05 because that is the time staff are required to start their day by contract. Please do not drop off your students before 8:05.

We are looking for parents, guardians or community members to join the Nettle Site Council. We will meet once a month between 8:30 and 9:00 (depending on an agreed date and time). Site Councils look at curriculum, budget, school improvement plans and other data to guide the school forward. Any parents or guardians interested in joining the School Site Council please contact me at eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org. [Site Council Information](#)

The National Junior Honors Society is doing a Holiday Toy Drive. Toys can be brought to Nettle until December 19th.

From the Guidance Department 8th Grade Students & Families

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs.Crowley at (978)374-5792 or mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org

From the Reading Specialist

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From the Math specialist

Grade 7 and grade 8 students will be taking a math MCAS practice test on the 1/2 day, Wednesday the 14th. The practice MCAS will give each student the opportunity to learn how to navigate the testing platform. By practicing standardized questions, students will gain more confidence in their preparation for the actual MCAS test. Please make sure your child attends school on the 14th as results will be discussed regarding strengths and weaknesses.

From the Nurses' Office

Hello, Nettle Families from the Nurse's office. We have noticed an increase in flu-like symptoms. Please monitor your child for symptoms, such as cough, nasal congestion, fever, vomiting, sore throat, headache, muscle pains, or diarrhea. These symptoms are shared with COVID-19. Please be sure to have your child tested for the appropriate illness. If your child does test positive for the flu or covid, please be sure to share with the school nurse. If you require additional COVID-19 tests, please contact me and I will send some home.

If your child has had a recent physical, please submit a copy to the nurse. You may send in a hard copy or email me a scanned copy or image. 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.

Please keep checking the Nettle Middle School website for updates. nettle.haverhill-ps.org
Contact Eileen Doherty eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org