

Nettle News

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

January 29, 2023



Important Dates

Wednesday, February 1

Grade 5 is sponsoring a Movie Night
(4:30 - 6:30)

Wednesday, Feb 8

Early Release Day - MCAS Practice

Thursday, Feb 9


Cheerleading Expo
Haverhill High

Monday, Feb 13

PTO Meeting 6-7

Thursday, Feb 16

Parent teacher conferences (4:30 - 6:30)

<p>ATHLETICS</p> 	<p>Volleyball Team Tryouts: Girls Feb 2 & Feb 6 Boys Feb 7 & Feb 9 3-4:30. Participants need to have a ride to pick them up from Nettle at 4:30. All participants should wear sneakers and athletic clothing and report directly to the gym after school.</p>	<p>Boys Basketball Finals at Haverhill High-Jan 30 (semifinals) and Feb 1 (Finals) at 4:30. Students must have their own transportation. There is a \$3 charge for admission for adults. (students free)</p>	<p>Floor Hockey Club Games on Fridays Ask Mr. Cote for permission slips</p>
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From the Principal's Desk

I am always interested in Parent feedback. I have attached an anonymous survey for you to fill out to give any feedback you would like pertaining to Nettle Middle School. [Parent/Guardian Survey](#)

We would love to see more people at the February 13 PTO meeting from 6-7! Great opportunity to find out what is going on in school, meet other parents and tell the Principal what you think! The PTO is always looking for volunteers to sell food at sporting events and chaperone dances

February 16th from 4:30-6:30 are parent-teacher conferences - all conferences are in person.

From the Guidance Department

Whittier Tech interviews will take place at Nettle School on February 10th and February 13th. All applicants have received the date and time of their interviews as well as a list of practice interview questions.

The deadline to apply to the Career Technical Education program at HHS is February 17th. Please let me know if you have any questions.

On February 15 we will be doing a Needs Assessment Survey for grade 7 students.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Crowley at mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org

Grade 8 Washington DC Fundraising

DC Fundraiser organized by Shannon Osgood

We were able to get Wednesday March 8th for a restaurant fundraiser at [G's](#) downtown. They will donate 20% of the evening proceeds to the D.C. trip. We will have a flyer that can be shared with Nettle families. This is minimal effort- just spread the word and encourage your family/friends to eat there or get takeout on the 8th.

Matt Souza is organizing a Red Sox fundraiser.

From the ELA specialist

During WIN blocks students will be working on writing pieces that are likely to be seen on MCAS. These include finishing the narrative, argumentative, theme based, and comparing /contrasting two texts. Teachers will be available to help with writing skills. Students will receive grades in their ELA class for this writing. Please emphasize the importance of completing these writing assignments during WIN block. Writing skills are an important aspect of the MCAS test and familiarity and practice with the types likely to be on MCAS will increase overall growth with scores.

From Math Specialist

A Growth Mindset:

You have probably heard people say they are just bad at math, or perhaps you yourself feel like you are not “a math person.” Not so, says Stanford mathematics education professor Jo Boaler, who shares the brain research showing that with the right teaching and messages, we can all be good at math. Not only that, our brains operate differently when we believe in ourselves. Boaler gives hope to the mathematically fearful or challenged, and shows a pathway to success. (taken from TEDx Talks, May 22, 2016)

Here is a nice article showing how you can foster a growth mindset at home:

[5 Tips for Parents- Developing a Growth Mindset](#)

From the Nurse's Office

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