

# Nettle News

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

February 19, 2023



## Important Dates

**Feb 20 - 24**

**February Break - no school**

**March 8**

Fundraiser for DC trip at G's Restaurant

**Monday, March 27**

First Day of MCAS

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<p><b>ATHLETICS</b></p> 	<p><b>Volleyball Games Schedule</b></p> <p>Thursday, March 9 Home Tuesday, March 14 Home Wednesday, March 15 Consentino Tuesday, March 21 Home Thursday, March 23 Home Thursday, March 30 Hunking Wednesday, April 5 Whittier</p>	<p><b>Floor Hockey Club Games on Fridays</b> Ask Mr. Cote for permission slips</p>
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## From the Principal's Desk

One of our 7th grade students is representing Haverhill baseball in a tournament in Cooperstown. The team is doing a Sneaker Fundraiser in the Haverhill Middle Schools. Please donate any gently used or new Sneakers to this cause. There is a box in the office to drop them off.

Haverhill High is allowing incoming grade 9 students to opt out of the swim portion of the Freshman Physical Education class by passing a swim test at Haverhill High School's pool. Nettle students who are interested may take the test on **Thursday, May 4**. The test will start at 3:15 and be completed by 4:15. Students must be able to swim the width of the pool (@12 yards); crawl stroke, backstroke, breaststroke, side stroke, elementary backstroke, and show that they can swim under water for at least six yards (@ half the width of the pool) and tread water for one minute. If you are interested in this opportunity please email [Heidi.Hannon@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:Heidi.Hannon@haverhill-ps.org) (or call the Nettle School).

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## From the Guidance Department

The LEAD program is in the process of starting a food pantry at Nettle School. We are currently collecting food donations to stock the pantry. Before continuing our collection, we want to reach out to our students and families so our supplies accurately reflect the needs of the community. If you are interested in receiving food/toiletry items for your family, please complete the Google Form below.

<https://forms.gle/SC6sy4YGKZwaYN1f8>

We would like to get our pantry up and running ASAP but want to have an idea of the needs of our families first.

Please email us if you have any questions - [nettlefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:nettlefoodpantry@gmail.com).

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### **Grade 8 Washington DC Fundraising Update**

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. Please encourage your family/friends to eat there or get takeout on the 8th. See the attached flier.

Matt Souza is organizing a Red Sox fundraiser.

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### **From Math Specialist**

Students in the upper grades are working on percentages and lower grades are learning ratios and equivalent fractions. Any opportunity that you have to give your student a real life example of a percentage (10% discount - estimate the new price), ratio (for every one cup of milk add two cups of cereal) or fractions (which is bigger  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a cup or  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a cup) helps them visualize the concept in class.

### **From Reading Specialist**

Ask your student what they are learning about realistic fiction. Have them practice retelling a story in chronological order. Being able to tell the story is critical to writing a story.

**Realistic Fiction:** a writing genre comprised of a made up story that sounds like it could have happened

The characters or places of a realistic fiction story didn't really exist, but they are believable and realistic.

Ex.

Wonder

Crossover

Refugee

By: R.J. Palacio

By: Kwame Alexander

By: Alan Gratz

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### **From the Haverhill Technology Department**

At Haverhill Public Schools we're committed to providing a learning experience that allows your child to grow and flourish with technology.

That's why we've teamed up with a student safety and digital wellbeing platform that is now protecting the devices your child uses at school, ensuring they stay safe and secure.

We're happy to invite you to join us in this world of digital wellbeing by giving you access to the Qustodio Parents App. This will provide you with full visibility on how your child is using their school devices. Simply create your account to see your personalized dashboard.

Create your account

To learn more about Qustodio Parents App click [here](#)

Please note: Sign up following the link above on a web browser before you install the app on your mobile device. Be sure to use the same email address we have on file for you.

We've answered some common queries below:

**How do I create my account?**

Just click on the 'Create your account' button above and then follow the steps shown on screen.

**What can I do with Qustodio?**

You can view your child's activity on their school devices, read digital safety guidance from experts, and remotely switch off the internet using the 'Pause' button during hours designated by your district.

**Do I need to configure Qustodio on my child's school device to turn on protection?**

No, your child's device is already protected. By setting up your account with Qustodio, you aren't turning protection on or off. Your new account provides you with visibility of your child's activity on their school device.

**Do I need to pay anything?**

It is completely free to create your account and get visibility on your child's school devices. You can also get visibility on two family devices for free - with the option of adding Premium features.

**How does Qustodio use my child's data?**

Qustodio is COPPA compliant and does not share personal data with third parties.

Please keep checking the Nettle Middle School website for updates. [nettle.haverhill-ps.org](http://nettle.haverhill-ps.org)  
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