

Nettle News

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

September 10, 2023



Important Dates

Wednesday, September 13th

Washington DC Information Night & Ice Cream Fundraiser

5:00 - 6:00

Monday, Sept 18th

PTO Meeting 4:45 - 5:45 in Nettle Cafe

Buy your mums from

the PTO September Fundraiser this year! The flyer will come home with students on

Friday, September 15

Picture Day

WE ARE USING BUS PASSES EVERYDAY! PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS BRINGING THEIR BUS PASSES TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY



First soccer game is September 28 at Hunking. The girls play first

Floor Hockey will be starting this week. Mr. Cote has the permission slips. Numbers will be limited. First 25 to sign up will play. Floor Hockey will be on Fridays

Boys & Girls Soccer practice
Grades 6-8
9/11, 9/12, 9/13
3:00-4:30 at Nettle Field
Nettle at 4:30.

Welcome Back Families!

The school is off to a great start. Students have been engaged and working hard. The transportation department has been working hard to remedy some issues. Please be patient. If you think your child is not in the walk zone and needs transportation please use this link to make the request. [Transportation forms](#) Walk zones are determined by the School Committee.

As of this week, we have had 7.5 days of school. We have had multiple requests from many students and many parents to change academic groups. Please trust that Mr. Perez, Mr. Parker and I have spent HOURS and HOURS this summer arranging and rearranging groups to create balanced and fair groups for academic classes. There are many considerations

that go into making these decisions. If your child is struggling socially please reach out to Ms Crowley, Ms House, Ms Melilla or Ms Terranova. They can meet with students and families to create strategies to help students adjust to new teachers and classmates. Middle schoolers are notoriously resistant to change but, change is a hallmark of this development level and this is a critical time to learn new skills. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we help students to grow academically and adapt socially throughout this stage.

Attendance

Showing up matters for **R.E.A.L** because it is an opportunity to:

- Build **Routines**
- Increase **Engagement**
- Provide **Access** to resources
- Support **Learning**

Routines: Establishing a routine of daily attendance helps reduce stress at home and supports a habit of attendance that will help your teenager get and keep a job.

Engagement: Being in school helps students to get to know each other and school staff and builds relationships that can motivate participation in learning.

Access to Resources: Schools provide access to valuable resources such as meals, health, mental health supports and fun enrichment activities such as sports, clubs, music, and other afterschool and summer programs.

Learning: Students who attend school regularly do better academically in middle school and are more likely to graduate from high school.

Grade 8 Families

8th-grade trip to Washington, D.C. information night and ice cream social fundraiser 9/13 at 5 p.m. Contact Liz McCarron at Elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org or Mel Hodson at Melanie.hodson@haverhill-ps.org with any questions!

Beginning Band

5th-grade students will have an instrument assembly on **Monday, September 11th**. Signup forms and information about the band program will go home with all 5th-grade students following the assembly. Signup forms are due **Tuesday, 9/19/23**

Guidance

The VIP/LEAD (Leadership Empowerment Advocacy and Diversity) Club will be meeting every Thursday during lunch/recess in Room 506 (for 5th and 6th grade) and the Reset Room (for 7th and 8th grade). LEAD is open to all students (in grades 5-8). LEAD is a program that helps students develop leadership skills and learn how to be youth advocates for promoting peace and respect within our schools, community, and society. Members discover the importance of their own voices and actions. We practice using voice and behavior to create positive change. In LEAD, students will

participate in leadership activities, community service, community events, and more. To join, students should email Ms. Melillo (kmelillo@haverhill-ps.org).

The LEAD team started a Nettle School Food Pantry. If you or any families you know are interested in accessing the food pantry, please email us at nettlefoodpantry@gmail.com

Math Coaches

For the Math department, we are excited to say *Eureka Math*²® is your student's revolutionary new math resource. Its learning design allows your student to build a deep conceptual understanding of mathematics that will better prepare them for college, career, and beyond. [Learn more about the Great Minds® approach to mathematics instruction.](#)

Great Minds honors and celebrates the role caregivers play in each student achieving greatness. Thank you for your partnership. You can go to the following website to explore available resources

<https://greatminds.org/math/eurekamathssquared/family-engagement>. We hope these resources support you on your *Eureka Math*² journey.

Nettle School

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Order Deadline: September 28th

**NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED
AFTER THE DEADLINE**

**All orders will be delivered the
week of October 16th**

NO RETURNS OR EXCHANGES



Spirit Wear Store

Did you know the PTO does this?

During the 2022-2023 school year, the Nettle PTO...

- Provided funding for field trips for each grade
- Organized School dances and a game night
- Provided scholarships for 2 Nettle alums
- Purchased Kona Ice for all students at the Nettle cookout
- Rented an inflatable obstacle course for field day
- Purchased games and supplies for the playground
- Painted basketball courts and Four Square on the playground
- Supported our neighborhood Liz Murphy food bank
- Bought supplies for teachers
- Appreciated teachers throughout the year
- Provided concessions for basketball and volleyball games
- Sponsored the 8th grade promotion dance
- Organized family fun nights
 - Sold candy grams
 - Flamingo Flocking
 - Facilitated Ski Club

We can use your help!



Follow our facebook page: Nettle Knights

And attend our first meeting of the year in the cafeteria on Mon. 9/18 at 4:45



Mums For Sale! 10 inch \$17

**HELP US RAISE MONEY
FOR INDOOR RECESS
EQUIPMENT**

***Choose From Four Colors*
Dark Pink, Orange, Yellow & White**

**All orders must in and be paid in full by
Thursday September 14th. You may send
in cash or check with your child or pay
with venmo @PTONettle . All orders will
have to picked up at Nettle on Monday
September 18th 3:00pm to 4:30pm**



**Mums
Order Form**

