

Nettle News

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

October 15, 2023



Important Dates

Monday, October 16

PTO Meeting (4-5)

Thursday, Oct 19

Fall Dance (4-6)

Wednesday, Oct 25

Early Release

Thursday, October 26

Parent Teacher Conferences (5:00 - 6:30)

Friday, October 27

Picture Retake Day



Soccer

Practice: , 3 - 4:30

October 19 Nettle vs. Whittier (girls play first)



Cross country meet on **Monday October 16th** for 4th and 5th graders. On **Tuesday October 17th**, 6-8th grade students have their Cross Country meet. Both are at Winkenni.

Thursday, October 19 is the end-of-season party in Room 227

From the Principal's Desk

Parent Teacher Conferences are on October 26th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. There will be a lot of information for parents this evening. We will have a "technology cafe" in the library during the Conferences if you would like to stop in and ask a staff member about some of the school's technology programs like StudySync, Eureka Math, StemScopes, Google Classroom or Schoolbrains. Also NECCO will have an information table and a representative available if anyone would like to discuss the new Massachusetts program called MassREconnect which allows adults over the age of 25 to attend community college for free.

Dungeons and Dragons Club meets after school on Thursdays in Room 509 with Mr. Abell if anyone is interested.

Anyone interested in making donations to the PTO Fall Dance or volunteering for the Fall Dance on the backfield can use this link [Dance Sign-up](#) Admission to the Dance will be \$5.00. Students are free to dress up for the Dance but **MAY NOT** wear costumes during the day to school. We also kindly ask that all halloween candy stay at home. If your student brings a bag of candy to school we will hold it in the office for them until the end of the day.

Guidance

8th Grade Students & Families:

Nettle 8th graders will be going to tour Haverhill High School on Wednesday, November 1st and Whittier Technical High School on Tuesday, December 5th. Permission slips will be going home closer to the date of the field trips. Please email Mrs.Crowley at mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org if you have any questions.

6th Grade Families:

Guidance will be conducting Mental Health screening in the 6th grade. Please see the attached letter for an explanation. [Letter to Parents](#)

Link to Opt-out form for mental health [Opt-out](#)

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

ELA Coach

Did you know that students have an opportunity to participate in a creative writing contest? ELA teachers will be providing more details this week in their google classrooms. Creative writing has been known to increase imagination, clarify thoughts, increase vocabulary, and can often be a de-stressor. Many students are creating narrative pieces in class so they will be strong contenders if they choose to participate in the writing contest. May the odds be ever in your favor!

Math Coach

From the Nurse

You should have received packets from your child with information about Polish Dental. They will be coming to the school on October 30 and 31 to do teeth cleaning for anyone who fills out the forms distributed to your child. Reach out to your child's homeroom teacher if you did not receive the packet.

PTO FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY 4 to 6
OCTOBER 19TH

WICKED

Fall Dance

**Costume Contest
Win an Amazon Gift Card!**

**At The Nettle Back Field
\$5 Admission Fee**

CONCESSIONS WILL BE SOLD
PIZZA | WATER | SNACKS | GATORADE