

Nettle News

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

October 8, 2023



Important Dates

Monday, October 9

No School

Monday, October 10

Washington DC Meeting via Google (7:00pm)

Wednesday, Oct 11

Site Council Meeting 5pm - 6pm

Monday, October 16

PTO Meeting (4-5)

Wednesday, Oct 25

Early Release

Thursday, October 26

Parent Teacher Conferences



Soccer

Practice: Tuesday October 10, 3 - 4:30

Wednesday, October 11 Nettle at Hunking
(girls first)

Thursday October 12, Nettle at Consentino
(boys first)

Cross country Meet on Tuesday, October 10 at Winnekenni.

From the Principal's Desk

Good Morning Nettle Families! We successfully completed our ALICE last week.

MCAS scores will be coming out soon. Please take a look at your child's achievement and their growth scores. Achievement scores are pretty easy to understand - they are either Exceeding, Meeting, Partially Meeting or Not Meeting the standard for their grade level.

Students have a growth score which compares them to other students in Massachusetts in similar Districts with the same score as them on the previous year's MCAS. I tell the students - "it's like they took 100 students who had the same score as you last year and put you in a group. When they get this year's score, they line you up from 1 to 100 based on

growth. So if you got a growth score of 66 you did better than 65 students who had the same score as you last year. If you got a 35 that means 65 students in your group did better.”

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

We are happy to announce that once again the Nettle School Model UN Club will be meeting on Thursdays until 3:45. The club is open to students in grades 6,7 and 8. The program is run through the city and will culminate with a conference attended by all Haverhill Middle School participants at Haverhill High School in December. Any questions, please reach out to him at Ccook@haverhill-ps.org.

Many students have filled out the online form to be part of the Student Council. If your student would like to be involved the first Student Council Meeting will be held Tuesday at 3-3:45 in Room 510. If you have questions please contact Ms. Parolisi at mailto:catherine.parolisi@haverhill-ps.org

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

Grade 8 Families

8th Grade Washington D.C. Meeting 2 will be held VIRTUALLY.

Date: Thursday 10/13

Time: 7PM

Link: <https://meet.google.com/vpn-payq-aed>

ELA Coach

Want to know the topics your child is studying? Grade 5 is studying cultures in conflict with an emphasis on the Nez Perce Tribe and will soon be reading the novel Thunder Rolling in the Mountains. Grade 6 is studying the theme of testing our limits and answering the essential

question of what do we do when life gets hard? Grade 7 is studying the theme of conflicts and clashes and answering the essential question of when do differences become conflicts? Grade 8 is studying the theme of mysteries and answering the question of what attracts us to suspense?

Math Coach

As we started the school year with the Eureka Math Squared curriculum, we're excited to introduce it as a key part of our math education at Nettle and with the district. Eureka Math Squared offers a structured and rigorous approach to mathematics. As with any new curriculum it is important to acknowledge that students and families may encounter occasional challenges. We want to emphasize that these challenges are opportunities for growth and deeper understanding of math. With the right support and resources we're confident our students can excel and succeed.

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.



Fall Dodgeball League



Mondays: Middle School (ages 10-14)
Tuesdays: High School (ages 15-18)
Thursdays: Adults (18+)
Begins week of September 25th until
the week of November 27th

Registration information:

Member Fee \$10/Player
Family Fee \$10/Player
Community Fee \$20/Player



League info:

- *Please arrive before 6:30pm
- *First game starts at 6:30pm
- *Teams will play for best out of 5
- *8 players per team
- *6 on the court with 2 alternates

For more information please contact our Youth Services Director
Kiana Rios at riosk@northshoreymca.org

