

Nettle News

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

March 3, 2024



Monday, March 18

PTO Meeting (4-5)

Wednesday, March 20

Early Release

(students dismissed at 11:05)

Thursday, March 7

GSA Movie Night (3:30 - 5:30)

Wednesday, March 13

Site Council Meeting (5-6) online



Volleyball

Boys Practice: Monday (Feb 3) and Wednesday (Feb 6) 3:00 - 4:30

Girls Practice: Tuesday (Feb 2) and Thursday (Feb 4) 3:00 - 4:30

The coaches for both teams are: Maeve Torres, Rachel Prevost, and Connor Benoit



Floor Hockey

Don't forget Floor Hockey on Friday with Joe Cote

From the Principal's Desk

As we head into our testing season (MCAS start on March 25th) please remind your students to bring a charged Chromebook to school every day. We take the tests on the Chromebooks and most of our curriculum assignments are on the Chromebooks.

As mentioned earlier this year, we have implemented a new behavior/student engagement program called the NERF program (Nettle Equity Restorative Framework Program). Part of the program includes rewarding students caught doing the right thing with tickets. Currently, they are the little orange tickets you are probably finding in the laundry. On March 20th we will be showing a movie for students who have earned 50 tickets.

Some parents have asked about our reading and math intervention services. We have 5 Intervention Teachers at Nettle who pull students out of class or sometimes push into classes to support students who have been identified as needing a little extra help. These teachers do not grade or assign work so you will not see their names on a report card but they are instrumental in

helping our students make progress. Some students are pulled from Social Studies classes for 20-30 minutes (usually once per week) to work on either nonfiction reading, vocabulary, comprehension or other academic skills. Interventionist coordinate with the Social Studies teachers so that the students don't fall behind. If you have any questions about our intervention program please do not hesitate to call the school or email me at eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org.

The Site Council meetings are online at 5:00 pm if you are interested in being invited email me at eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org

Health Class News

8th Grade Homeroom 227 is currently in health class. The next unit in class is Healthy Relationships and Sexual Health. You should have received a letter handed out in class, you can find a digital copy on our Google classroom.

If you have any questions contact: Maeve Torres maeve.torres@haverhill-ps.org

7th Grade Homeroom 201 is currently in health class. The next unit in class is The Reproductive Systems. You should have received a letter handed out in class, you can find a digital copy on our Google classroom.

If you have any questions contact: Maeve Torres maeve.torres@haverhill-ps.org

Guidance

8th grade students and families:

Whittier Tech. interviews will be held at Nettle on Thursday, March 7th and Friday, March 8th. CTE interviews will be held at Nettle on Thursday, March 14th and Friday, March 15th. All students who applied have been given their interview dates, times, and practice questions. Please let Mrs.Crowley know if you have any questions.

Yearbook News - Grade 8

Grade 8 Yearbook Baby Photos! If your child is an 8th grader and would like to have their baby photo in the Yearbook please send the photo along to Miss House at lisa.house@haverhill-ps.org. The deadline to submit the photo is March 31, 2024. Please reach out with any questions.

Washington DC - grade 8

4/12/24: final payment due for trip

Contact:

Melanie.Hodson@haverhill-ps.org

Elizabeth.McCarron@haverhill-ps.org

Drama Club

Drama club Monday 2:45 pm-4:00 pm

Student Council

Wednesday during lunch

From the Nurse Dear Nettle Families:

We will be resuming our screenings for all grades this school year 2024. These will include the following:

5th Grade - Vision and Scoliosis

6th Grade - Scoliosis

7th Grade - Height, Weight, Vision, Hearing, BMI, Scoliosis

8th Grade - Scoliosis

Please note that it is necessary to wear a sports bra or tank top for scoliosis evaluation. We will start these screenings over the next couple of weeks. If you would like your child to opt out of testing, please send an email or note to the nurse's office specifying which you would like to opt out of. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the nurse's office.

Thank you,

Diane C. Adebayo, RN diane.adebayo@haverhill-ps.org

Paola Viera, MA paola.viera@haverhill-ps.org

Academic Bowl

Academic bowl meets on Tuesdays in 203 from 2:45-3:30. See Mrs. McCarron or Mr. Dion with questions.

Here is the schedule for the upcoming Academic Bowl:

March 4 - Nettle @ Hunking

March 8 - Consentino @ Nettle

March 11 - Whittier @ Nettle

March 18 - Hunking @ Nettle

March 20 - Nettle @ Consentino

Playoffs will be after school

Tuesday, March 26 will be the semi-finals, and Wednesday, March 27 will be the finals.

Science

The Science MCAS is approaching fast. If you have any fun experiments you could do at home - please do so. Have conversations that are full of science vocabulary. These types of experiences will help your student remember as well as enjoy their time with you.