

# Nettle News

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



November 3, 2024



## Important Dates

**Tuesday, November 5**

No School - election day

**Thursday, November 7**

Picture Re-takes

**Monday, November 11**

No School - Veterans' Day

**Monday, November 18**

PTO Meeting (4-5 pm)



Soccer Playoff Games will be on **Monday November 4 and Wednesday November 6**. Nettle girls will be playing Whittier girls at Golden Hill at 3:15. Please remember to park at Nettle and walk up to Golden Hill to avoid bus traffic. Nettle boys will play Hunking boys at Whittier at 3:15



## Cross Country Team

There will be an XC party on Thursday (November 7th) from 2:45- 3:30 in room 502

## Message from the Principal

Hi Nettle Family

This week, we had a great turnout for our Halloween Dance. Thank you so much to the PTO for all their hard work in ensuring the students had fun!

One of the best parts of the night was when the students, like they do every dance, formed a circle and one student moved into the middle to show off their dance skills. That night it was a nervous, shy 6th-grade student who doesn't usually attend dances. When she got in the middle some of the students watching were not particularly supportive of her bravery. One of our more popular 8th-grade girls noticed the tension, immediately jumped into the

circle, and began dancing with the 6th-grade student. The kindness, compassion, and empathy displayed by this 8th-grade student in front of her peers was remarkable!

We did an A.L.I.C.E. drill this week for emergency preparedness in conjunction with Central Office staff and emergency responders and the students did a remarkable job. I encourage you to discuss with your child how they felt doing the drill and the importance of being prepared and ready.

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### **Grade 8 Families - 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip**

Registration is officially open.

Go to <https://www.capitaltours.net/register>

1. You do not need to put a deposit down to register.
2. You DO have to register to participate in fundraising.
3. Next fundraising event: 11/5 Bake/Craft Sale - sign-ups closed 11/1

Any questions?

Please email Ms. Hodson at [melanie.hodson@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:melanie.hodson@haverhill-ps.org) or Mrs. McCarron at [Elizabeth.Mccarron@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Mccarron@haverhill-ps.org)

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### **Clubs**

GSA will not meet this week because of a staff meeting.

Chess Club will meet on Thursdays from 3-4 PM. Come to room 505 to join.

Drama club will meet on Thursdays from 2:45 to 3:45.

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**Guidance: From Mrs.Crowley**

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**November 3rd** from 1-4. Whittier Tech. High School Open House - see website for more details at [www.whittiertech.org](http://www.whittiertech.org)

**Thursday, November 7th** - Middle School Family Night at Haverhill High School for Grades 6-8; Tour HHS from 6:00-7:30pm and get your questions answered; Great opportunity to check out all of the amazing programs at HHS

**Tuesday, December 10th** - 8th Grade Tour of Whittier Tech High School

Haverhill High School Programs Now Accepting Applications from 8th graders:

\*The Classical Academy is an honors-level program that engages intellectually curious students, who are passionate about learning, and who want to deepen their knowledge of the arts and sciences.

### Classical Academy Application

\*HHS Career Technical Education (CTE) Program: Haverhill High School students can participate in one of five Career Technical Education programs that focus on such areas as healthcare, information technology, programming, biomedicine, and engineering. The online application portal for the CTE Programs is now accepting applications!

<https://haverhill.go2cte.com/>

All 8th graders have been invited to join my 8th Grade Guidance Google classroom where I will post all high school information and updates. Please check with your child to make sure they've joined the Google Classroom so they can stay up to date. If you have any questions, please email me at [mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org)

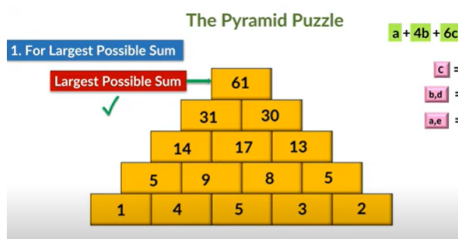
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### ELA Coach

November is here; the weather will be cool and the sun sets sooner. What a great time to grab a blanket, a good book and get to reading! If you are not usually a reader, it is never too late to start. If you feel like you never found a book you really liked, ask a librarian because they have great ideas. Here are a few of my favorites: The Giver, The Outsiders, Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, Hunger Games, Crossover and Children of Blood and Bone. My favorite author is Jason Reynolds – google him to see why he writes, and I bet you'll want to check him out. Happy reading!!

### Math Coach:

Answer to last week's puzzle:



We are excited to let you know that all grade levels have now reached Module 2 in Eureka Math and are making fantastic progress! Some grades are even finishing up Module 2 and preparing to move on to Module 3.

Here's a quick overview of what each grade is working on in Module 2:

- Grade 5: Addition and subtraction of fractions

- Grade 6: Operations with fractions and multi-digit numbers
- Grade 7: Operations with rational numbers
- Grade 8: Rigid motions and congruent figures

We are impressed with how well students are mastering these concepts. Thank you for your continued support as they work through these key skills!

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### **Health Class News**

Grade 8 Homeroom 318: This week we will begin our Violence Prevention Unit. Our next unit will be the Healthy Relationships and Sexual Health Unit. Letters were sent home at the start of the year and can be found in the Google Classroom. If adults have any questions they should email Maeve Torres at [maeve.torres@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:maeve.torres@haverhill-ps.org).

Grade 7 Homeroom 301: This week we will begin our Managing Anger Unit. Our next unit will be the Reproductive Systems Unit. Letters were sent home at the start of the year and can be found in the Google Classroom. If adults have any questions they should email Maeve Torres at [maeve.torres@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:maeve.torres@haverhill-ps.org).

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