

Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... Community School for EVERYONE March 30, 2025

Important Dates

Tuesday, April 1

Multicultural Night Planning Meeting (6:00 pm) Remote

Wednesday, April 2

Game Night for families (5:00 - 6:30 pm)

Monday, April 7

Grade 8 group photo

Wednesday, April 9

Early Release

Monday, April 14

PTO Meeting 3:30

Thursday, May 1

Multicultural Night (TBD)



Volleyball

Tuesday, April 1 at Hunking (girls first)
Thursday, April 3 at Whittier (girls first)
Tuesday, April 8 at Nettle against Sacred Hearts (boys first)



Track and Field

Practices 3:00 - 3:45.

Message from the Principal

As I am sure many of you have heard, I have agreed to take the position of Principal at Consentino School next year. I will finish the year at Nettle and I am confident that the structures and community we have created here will continue to flourish.

Tuesday, April 1 the Multicultural Planning Committee will meet online at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in being a part of this amazing night please email Ms. McVey angela.mcvey@haverhill-ps.org, or Ms. Mendoza silvia.mendoza@haverhill-ps.org.

Congratulations to our junior and senior Academic Bowl teams on a great season! See you next year!

Mr. Joffre, Mr. Cook and all of the Nettle School would like to thank all of the students and adults who came to the Anne Frank tour on March 26th. The tour was a resounding success. Student tour guides led all visitors through the displays and provided insight into the story of Anne Frank and her family. We recognize how important it is for all of us to learn about difficult topics such as the Holocaust and appreciate the efforts of everyone involved. Educating ourselves about genocide is the first step in ensuring it does not happen again.

Game Night at Nettle!

Join us for a fun-filled Game Night designed to bring students, families, and friends together for an evening of fun and learning. Discover how math and word games help sharpen minds, build confidence, and reinforce essential academic skills—all while having a blast! We will have games on hand to try but feel free to bring your own games to play with other families and students!

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 2 (5-6:30)

Location: Nettle cafeteria

What to Expect:

- Teachers, families, and students: all playing a variety of games
- Math Challenges & Puzzle Stations: Put your problem-solving abilities to the test! Logical thinking and creativity are encouraged!
- Word Games & Vocabulary Builders: How many words can you make from a set of letters? Is that really a word? How well can you convince others that you're right?
- Prizes! We will be raffling off some games to take home at the end of the night.
- EXTRA CREDIT! Many teachers have offered to give students extra credit for attending - need some extra points in ELA or math? Come to game night!

Come experience firsthand how practicing math and language skills outside the classroom can powerfully reinforce what's learned in school.

Let's make learning an adventure!

Multicultural Night

Join Us for Multicultural Night on Thursday, May 1st!

We're excited to start planning our upcoming Multicultural Night, a celebration of the many cultures and traditions that make our community so special! If you'd like to learn more or are interested in joining the Parent Committee to help bring this event to life, please reach out to Angela McVey at angela.mcvey@haverhill-ps.org. We'd love to have your voice at the table.

Math Coach

All grades 5 through 8 are now in Module 6, the final module of the year. We're officially in the home stretch before MCAS!

Students and teachers have been working hard all year, and that effort is really paying off. We're proud of how far they've come and feel confident they'll be ready for the upcoming testing.

Here's what each grade is working on in Module 6:

- Grade 5 – Foundations of Geometry in the Coordinate Plane
- Grade 6 – Statistics
- Grade 7 – Probability and Populations
- Grade 8 – Functions and Bivariate Statistics

Let's finish the year strong!

ELA Coach

It's almost April and that means it's poetry month! Most people have a love-hate relationship with poetry. Maybe you feared reading it in school because it was always being analyzed. Maybe you loved writing it and reading it. The beauty in poetry is in the choice and rhythm of the author's words.

Check out the following for some modern works.

"The Rose That Grew From Concrete" for an example of hope despite adversity.

Young author Amanda Gorman - "The Hill We Climb."

Art Class

Do you (or a family member) have any art or craft supplies you would like to donate? The art room at Nettle is looking for donations from now until the end of March! If you would like to donate please drop off your supplies in the office.

We welcome traditional donations of colored pencils, brushes, crayons, paper, and unusual supplies like stencils, spray paint, and paper crimpers! Thank you!

News from Community School

Please remember we have free winter jackets in the front of the lobby and if anyone needs anything else please contact Nimcy Guerra at nimcy.guerra@haverhill-ps.org.

Some staff members have volunteered to host a crochet club on Wednesdays after school. Yoga classes for staff and parents are every Tuesday in the library from 3:15 to 4:00.

Yearbook

If you are interested in buying a yearbook for your student here is the [link](#).

PTO

PTO's next meeting is Monday, April 14 at 3:30 at Nettle, in person. They are looking for new members and 8th-grade parents interested in supporting 8th-grade graduation activities. Hope to see you there!!

Washington DC news

Washington D.C. - Grade 8 - Registered Student ONLY

Please Join - NETTLE DC Remind Group - Code: **nettledc25**

Contact Form - <https://forms.gle/vjuYQKCwc5UfiQoB8>

Upcoming Dates:

4/17 - Final Payment Due

5/14 - Mandatory Meeting 6PM Nettle Cafe

5/22 - Medications/Orders Due

6/2 - Arrival to HUNKING - 5AM

6/5 - Return to HUNKING - TBD

Any questions, please contact us.

Ms. Hodson - melanie.hodson@haverhill-ps.org

Mrs. McCarron - elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org

Clubs

GSA meets on Tuesdays during 7/8 lunch & recess and Wednesdays after school from 2:45 pm-3:30 pm. I will post on our Google Classroom if there is a staff meeting and GSA is canceled. Any questions reach out to Mrs. McCarron at elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org or by text at 978-361-0659.

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. Drama club performance will take place on May 29, 2025, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Guidance: From Mrs.Crowley

Haverhill High School CTE decisions will be emailed on March 28th. Whittier Tech decisions will be emailed before April 1st. If you have any questions regarding admission decisions, please contact the high schools directly.

Some of our eighth grade students had the opportunity to attend a Young Women's Leadership Conference at Northern Essex Community College last week. They were able to hear from powerful female leaders and politicians, and attended workshops on key topics that affect their lives, such as career exploration, money matters, and breaking barriers.

If you have any questions, please email Meg Crowley at mcrowley@haverhill-ps.or

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*Please continue checking the Nettle Middle School website for updates. nettle.haverhill-ps.org
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