



A few notes from our Superintendent's office:

Dear Families,

I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed our newsletter over the past couple of weeks. We are always looking for new ways to share the wonderful things happening here in EHPS.

We started a new opportunity with social media called teacher feature on our Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. With each of these features, teachers are pictured delivering the curriculum to our students in creative ways. We are hoping that this provides you a brief window into the classrooms and highlights the amazing work of our teachers. You can follow us at:

 East Haddam School District

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Have a great weekend and check out our schools' exciting news below.





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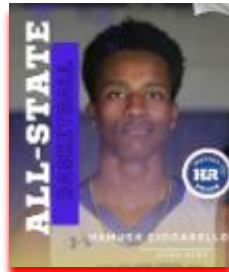
March 31, 2023

Coming Up

- 3/31 HS Spring musical, Mamma Mia, 7:00
- 4/1 HS Spring musical, Mamma Mia, 3:00
- 4/1 Boys baseball @ Windham Tech
- 4/1 Girl's Softball @ home vs. Cromwell

Personal Finance and Accounting Students attended the Financial Reality Fair at CCSU on March 28, 2023 where they experienced what it is like to have an account with a financial institution, create a budget, decide how to use their money, how to obtain a loan and more.

Mamush Ciccarello had a standout senior Basketball season. He was named a senior captain and scored his 1000th career point on February 16th. He has been named as a first team All Shoreline Conference player and recently received All-State recognition.



Spring Sports Season Starts April 1st:

We are thrilled to announce the start of a brand new Spring sports season. The excitement is building as we gear up for some intense and thrilling competition.

This season promises to be an exciting one with new players, fresh strategies, and fierce rivalries. Fans can look forward to a wide range of sporting events, including baseball, softball and outdoor track.

We have made significant improvements to our facilities and equipment to ensure that our athletes are in top form and ready to give their best performances. Our teams have been working hard during the offseason to prepare for the challenges ahead, and we are confident that they will deliver an outstanding performance.

As always, we invite you to come out and support your favorite teams, cheer them on, and be part of the action. We promise you an unforgettable season of sports, filled with excitement, drama, and great performances. So, gear up and get ready for an unforgettable season.

The future Nathan Hale Ray Athletic Complex is on its way. Construction has begun with the removal of the top soil and will continue with drainage work over the coming weeks.



50's Sock Hop Dance



Class of 2025 50's Sock Hop Dance at the East Haddam Senior Center was a huge success. Students in the sophomore class raised \$623.00 for their class's activity fund. We want to give a shout out to Mrs. Pease's class because they made the most amazing centerpieces and Mr. Lattanzi for helping with the dance.

Hale-Ray students participated in the **CT Youth Forum** event at the Bushnell last week. They were able to engage with other high school students as well as Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, Ronan Farrow.



Last week, students in Mr. Johnson's U.S. History classes held a World War II art show to present their art, teach others about topics they were interested in, and raise money for veterans. Thanks to everyone who participated, the event was a great success.

Due to the hard work of the students at Hale-Ray and the generosity of the community, we raised \$165 for the Wounded Warriors Project charity!

Mamma Mia is this weekend!

Come watch this spectacular performance Friday night or for the Saturday Matinee! High School staff and students got a sneak peek of the performance last Friday and there is no doubt this is going to be a stellar performance!



- 4/1 MS Drama presents The Magic Flute, 2:00-3:30pm
- 4/2 MS Drama presents The Magic Flute, 7:00 to 8:30pm

Odyssey of the Mind

Hale-Ray Noises Odyssey of the Mind team headed to the State Competition at Southern Connecticut State University on Saturday, March 18th, 2023.

Team members included eighth graders Cora Steflik, Olivia Skuby, Grayden Sansalone, Tyler Trojan, and Elijah Pollock. The students spent months preparing a creative solution to "Problem Five: The Most Dramatic Problem Ever!" They demonstrated teamwork, creativity, camaraderie, and perseverance. They represented Hale-Ray with pride!



Author Visit- Nancy Tandon

On Monday, March 20th we held our first author's visit since covid. We were very fortunate to have Nancy Tandon, the author of "The Way I Say It" and "The Ghost of Spruce Point". She has worked as an elementary school teacher, a speech-language pathologist, and an adjunct professor of phonetics and child language development. So far, writing is her favorite. She shared many stories with our students, read excerpts from her books, and signed a few copies of her books that students bought.



MS Garden

NHRMS Environmental Club students were invited to speak at the East Haddam Agricultural Commission's March meeting. The students discussed their work in the school garden and their plans for spring and summer. The eighth-grade club leader, Beckett Feulner, began the presentation. Many members of the commission noted his confidence while he discussed the school's small-scale farm-to-table model with the cafeteria. Seventh grader Giovanna Cuscina highlighted the crops she planted and harvested with the East Haddam Garden Club last year. These crops included lettuce and carrots that she nurtured well into November. Other contributions to the presentation included a talk about summer work and our tomato crop led by Bo Thody. The Environmental Club will work with the East Haddam Garden Club and the Agricultural Commission to help promote a new generation of gardeners and sustainably minded citizens.



Mock Trial from Ms. Masterson



On March 21st 18 eighth and sixth graders joined forces to compete in the Middle School Mock Trial regional competition at King Philip Middle School in West Hartford.

Though we don't yet know the results of the competition, I was beyond impressed by the integrity, commitment, and teamwork that our students demonstrated before, during, and after these heated trials. They held their own against well-seasoned teams and made Hale-Ray proud! Sending Congratulations to them on their hard work and

Blood Drive

On March 23rd, seventh graders sponsored the annual blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross. Every donation space was filled and the students, supported by Ms. Lara Sullivan, not only helped our community members be safe but also provided opportunities to learn through presentations and posters. Snacks and drinks for recovery were provided by our school families as well as raffle prizes for participation. Thank you to all that donated and supported this important community event.



East Haddam Elementary School



Coming Up

1/6 Legends & Lore (3rd Grade)

NED's Mindset Mission Assembly

Students enjoyed the dynamic performance by Hailey from NED's Mindset Mission!

Hailey and her friend NED, along with Yet the Yeti and a humorous pirate, spread the message:

Never give up.
Encourage others.
Do your best.

The students did an excellent job and were captivated by Hailey's yo-yo tricks that illustrated all aspects of NED's story in a fun and engaging way.



Pre-K students in Ms. Rynaski's PM class are learning about construction! On Tuesday, Mr. Ron, Ms. Rynaski's dad, took time out of his busy schedule to hang out with the preschoolers.



CT Historical Society will present Legend and Lore for 3rd Grade on April 6 at EHES!

Legends & Lore promotes cultural tourism and commemorates legends and folklore. The program brings public recognition to many forms of meaningful placemaking across the state, affirming the many cultures, traditions, and communities that make Connecticut distinctive.

One of EHES Read Across America Activities was the students making bookmarks for the Senior Center and the 2 Libraries in town. Students had a blast creating their bookmarks and our PTO added a tassel to finish them off. Ms. Cambi was nice enough to drop them off and the Library and Senior Center were so appreciative.



Our amazing paraprofessionals will be recognized next week for all their hard work!



Our PTO will help to recognize each and everyone.