



A few notes from our Superintendent's office:

Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are an important part of our system of collaboration with families to support students' learning. This year, we had a high level of participation. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Calendar

As a result of the inclement weather so far, we will have our last day of school on June 15th, 2023. We were fortunate to have an early release day, which counts as a student day on Tuesday this week.

Budget

The Board of Education approved a 3.21% increase for the 23/24 year. It will now go to the Board of Finance.

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



Weekly Update

March 14, 2023

NHRHS



In US History, students are currently studying World War II. As a culminating project, they create art about an issue or event related to the war. Students will showcase their art in an art show on March 23rd at 5pm to teach others about the topic they chose and raise money for veterans. This year, we will raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project. We hope to see you there!

Coming Up

- 3/22 SAT Day, 11th grade
- 3/23 US History Art students showcase, 5:00
- 3/25 HS Fundraiser for senior citizens
- 3/31 HS Spring musical, Mamma Mia, 7:00
- 4/1 HS Spring musical, Mamma Mia, 3:00



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On March 25 at 4pm, the class of 2025 will host a 50's dance for senior citizens in our community. All proceeds will go toward class expenses.

Sports are starting up..

Our Unified Sports team will be hosting a basketball game vs Valley Regional on March 29, 2023. They will celebrate after the game with a pizza party

Boys' Baseball season kicks off on April 1st @ Windham Tech

Girls' Softball season kicks off on April 1st at home vs Cromwell

Boys' Golf season kicks off on April 12th @ TPC River Highland vs Cromwell

Outdoor Track kicks off their season with the Wildcat Relay on April 21st @ Lyme-Old Lyme

Our Unified Sport team will be participating in the half time show of the CIAC State Championship Basketball games at Mohegan Sun this weekend, March 18/19. Tune in and watch WTNH to see our spectacular players in action.



Field Trips Coming Up....

CT Youth Forum will be heading to The Bushnell in Hartford for a roundtable discussion with Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and other high school students on March 23, 2023

Students in AP Literature recently finished reading *Medea*, a Greek tragedy. On March 25th, students will attend Yale Repertory's production of *Mojada*. This modern adaptation blends humor, tragedy, and mysticism while harnessing the power of Euripides' ancient tale through the story of an undocumented family in the throes of the American immigration system. This production is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Drama Club has been working hard rehearsing for their spring musical, *Mamma Mia*. Costumes and set designs are underway. Performances will be March 31st at 7pm and April 1st at 3pm



NHRMS

Coming Up

- 3/24 Staff vs. Student Basketball Game, 5-8pm
- 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

5th Grade Band Concert

On Tuesday March 7th, this year's 5th grade band students took the metaphorical stage for their debut performance. More than 65 young musicians showcased what they had learned in just six months. Performing to a packed house, the band played many familiar songs including "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star", "Old McDonald Had a Band", and "Jingle Bells". Their teacher Mr. Blain narrated as their songs grew more difficult the journey of learning a new instrument. After their performance of Rob Grice's band hit "Defender of Time", the group received a standing ovation for their rendition of Beethoven's 9th symphony. After the concert, performers and audience members celebrated the students' success with cake and punch.



Invention Convention

For the past few months Enrichment students have been working diligently in preparation for the Connecticut Invention Convention competition. The process involved brainstorming common problems, developing creative solutions, building prototypes, modifying models, filming a promotional video, and logging the invention process along the way. Finally, three inventions have been selected to move on to the semi-final round: The Springback Jump Standard, the Pillow Persona, and Desko! Seventh grader PJ Riccio developed the Springback Jump Standard, a horse jump that does not require a manual reset. Maria Kushnir, also a seventh grader, developed the Pillow Person to ease the suffering of those who struggle to sleep alone. Fifth graders Emma Brisson and Neilly Erlandson, who worked as a team, invented Desko, a modified school desk designed to give students ample storage space. These young inventors' video submissions, which describe and promote their invention, will be evaluated by Invention Convention Judges, who will determine whether or not they qualify for Finals in June. Congratulations, inventors!

In celebration of National History Day students' success, eighth grade social studies teacher Nicole DiFabio and enrichment teacher Lauren Masterson took their students out for a day on the town! They began their jaunt at Village Pizza for a quick slice and then stopped at the Board of Education offices for a photo opportunity with Superintendent Brian Reas. Finally, they ended on a sweet note at LaBella's Sweet Shop. LaBella's even agreed to open for the season a day early to host these hungry learners.



Each grade level will compete against staff members in a series of short basketball games. The winner of each game will earn bragging rights for the remainder of the year! The event, sponsored by Noisemakers, will include concessions, and all are welcome to attend.



Check out the staff t-shirt uniforms from over the years.....will the teachers triumph this year over the Noises?

East Haddam Elementary School

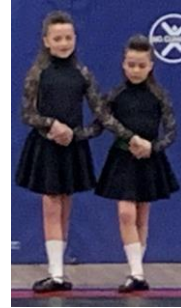


Coming Up

- 3/17 Irish Dancers
- 3/27 NED Mindset Mission Assembly
- 3/28 Kindergarten Parent Orientation
- 3/28 Book Fair Family Night

On Friday 3/17 we have Live Irish Music coming in to perform for our school. We also have, Krane's School of Dance coming in for an Irish Step Dance performance.

As part of Read Across America Week, our students made original bookmarks for the East Haddam Senior Center.



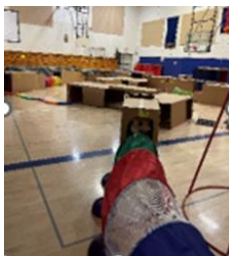
Our PBIS Winners were able to choose a friend and have their picture taken in our "Lucky Photobooth" themed photo booth!



Mrs. Lettieri has been working with our ELL students and they are doing AMAZING!!



The PBIS winners also had the option of helping build a MEGA Maze with Mr. Kelly and Mr. Salley



We would like to thank our PTO for providing dinner to our teachers during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, March 15.