

Weekly Message from North Canaan Elementary School

Friday, March 12, 2021

Click on the blue underlined links.

Hello, Families! I am very excited that all staff members who are interested and able to get a vaccine will have their first dose within the next week. I also want to let you know that sometimes adults do have a reaction to the vaccine, usually the second dose, developing flu-like symptoms that are non-contagious but do last up to 24 hours. You know that I will do everything I can to keep the school open. However, if I am not able to cover all of the classrooms, I may have to switch to a remote learning day. We will not know until the very last minute that we have to make this change. I am most concerned about the possibility of needing a remote learning day on Monday, March 29 and/or Wednesday, March 31. The staff members have been so extraordinary this year, working together and being here every day to support all learners. We were not given flexibility in selecting the dates for our vaccines. Thank you in advance for understanding, if I do need to hold a remote learning day.

Free WiFi on School Grounds: The State of Connecticut has brought free WiFi to our school grounds. We were one of the first to sign-up and receive the hardware needed to offer you free WiFi.

- The front of the school and the semi-circle drive is one location.
- The Town Hall side of the school and the circle drive is the other location.

We were originally slated for one connection point, but asked for two and did receive them.

- Under WiFi settings, select **CTPublicWiFi**.

NCES Family Check-In: How are you and your family this week? We want to know. Click the link to let us know.

Spring Student-Led Conferences: Have you scheduled your student-led conferences that will take place on March 24 and March 25? Please click on the link to read the details and procedures to create your conference times.

Free Batteries Going Home with Every Student: **Change your clocks, check your batteries** Daylight savings time is this weekend. Remember to move your clocks one hour ahead. It's also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Please click on the link to see a letter from the North Canaan Fire Marshal. Ask your child to share the batteries we are sending home for your smoke detectors today.

Click the link for a flyer for **ASAP!'s 16th Annual Celebration of Young Writers** for students in grades K-12 to submit a writing piece of any kind. The deadline to submit is April 29.

Free COVID Testing will next take place at the Town Hall on Thursday, March 25 from 1-4 PM. All are welcome.

Greetings from the NCES Library and Mrs. Erickson: This month's author spotlight is on Dav Pilkey, Jr., born March 4, 1966. In addition to the Captain Underpants series, Pilkey has written dozens of other books including the Dog Man series, the Ricky Ricotta series, and the Caldecott Honor book, Paperboy. Visit Destiny Discover to see all the titles in our library. Happy Reading!

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Stay Safe and Well,
Dr. Roy
Principal