

Weekly Message from North Canaan Elementary School

Friday, October 2, 2020

Click on the blue underlined links.

NCES Family Check-In: Every week we will continue to send this Family Check-In form. We want to know how you are doing during these difficult times. It is a very quick form that we will use to help in any way that we can.

Open House: Next Thursday, October 8, from 6:30-7:30 PM is our Virtual Open House at North Canaan Elementary School.

- Each teacher and I will create a video responding to any questions that you send us by next Tuesday. Email me or your child's teacher(s) with any questions for us to answer in the video.
- On Wednesday afternoon we will share our brief videos with you to watch before Open House begins at 6:30 on October 8th.
- On the evening of Open House, each teacher will provide a brief welcome to the class. The evening will be divided into 4 identical sections: 6:30-6:45, 6:45-7, 7-7:15, and 7:15-7:30. You can attend any one of the sessions virtually. This format seeks to support families with multiple children or families who would like to see more than one class.
- Specific questions regarding your child should be addressed with the teacher individually at another time. Conferences (virtual) are as planned on the calendar on October 28 and 29 and are a perfect time to discuss individual student needs. Any pressing needs should be addressed as soon as you are concerned.

Assessments and Distance Learning: At some time this year any student could become a distance learner. We are also assessing all students this year on their academic progress. We kindly request the following to help us with all learners, those at home and in school:

- Turn on the camera during class time and while taking any assessments.
- Refrain from providing answers to children or any support during the assessment.
- Keep the television off as the noise and motion are distracting.
- Put toys away during class time.
- Limit food to the time the class takes a snack break.
- Avoid the temptation to talk with the teacher during class time. Of course, this does not apply to students who should be interacting as a member of the class.
- [Use this form](#) if you need to request help with the technology. We promise to help as soon as we can.

Managing students at home and at school is as challenging for teachers as it is for you. We are planning instruction based on student responses and student work so we need the responses to be the best ability of the student who is focusing on the assignment or assessment. Thank you for your ongoing support.

COVID notification: Thank you for calling the nurse when your child is not feeling well. If you do not reach her directly and leave a message, please include more details about the illness, particularly whether your child has any COVID symptoms. If your child does have COVID symptoms, keep all children in the family home. You can also call Mrs. Foley during the school day to discuss.

You can always reach me at aroy@nceschool.org or (860) 824-5149.

Stay Safe and Well,
Dr. Roy
Principal