

Back-to-School Message from North Canaan Elementary School

Friday, September 4, 2020

Click on the blue underlined links.

Welcome to our new school year!

Our opening day is Tuesday, September 8. Please take some time to [watch this video](#) that provides an overview of some of the changes your students will see in the school, beginning with the new drop-off procedures. We cannot wait to see everyone Tuesday, whether by brick or click.

Daily Home Screening for Students and Staff: Students and staff need to complete this screening at home every school day and report symptoms to the nurse as described. I will send home a printed copy of this screening sheet with every student on opening day.

NCES Remote Learning Registration Form: Families who have chosen to participate in distance learning are asked to complete the registration form available through the blue link. Please print, read, sign, and return, if you are participating in distance learning to start the school year. A printed copy is available in an envelope above the bin at the front of the school if you would like to read it in advance and then come to the school to get a copy to sign.

Daily Attendance for Distance Learners: During the 2020-2021 school year, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has indicated that all students will complete 900 hours of instruction per the CT State Statute regardless of whether students are in the classroom or distance learning. To ensure that student attendance is properly accounted for and recorded in accordance with this mandate from the CSDE, all Region One Schools will take student attendance for learners at school and home:

- All distance learning students must login to Google Classroom or Seesaw to complete a quick daily attendance checklist by 10:00 a.m. each day. Here is the link for the survey that each student who is learning at home will be required to complete each day: [Pre-K-8 Checklist](#)

Bus Routes: Click the blue link to see all of the bus routes and approximate stop times.

Face Coverings (from the state): Please click the blue link to read more from the state regarding face coverings in school during COVID-19. Students who choose to wear a gator may need some support from the school to wear it properly. We can provide masks to any student who would like a cloth mask. Let me know or ask your child's teacher and we will send one home for you to wash, use, rewash, and use again.

Medication in school: If your child has medication to take during the school day please contact the school nurse, Mrs. Foley (lfoley@nceschool.org or 860-824-5149 x108,) to arrange to bring the medication to school. Students are not allowed to carry their own medication in school.

AHA still accepting students: A few seats remain in AHA! Click on the link if you are interested and would like to read more.

Quick overview: [Reopening A to Z](#)

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

Stay Safe and Well,
Dr. Roy
Principal