

Weekly Message from North Canaan Elementary School

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Click on the blue underlined links.

Dear Families,

I realize these past few weeks have been difficult. I hope you understand that we are sharing all of the information we can regarding each COVID case. We carefully review each case, determine and communicate with all close contacts, and talk with officials before communicating with you. I do want to clarify that the 5th and 6th graders are not quarantined, which is why their siblings can come to school.

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated the guidelines to determine a close contact: being closer than six feet for more than fifteen minutes **cumulative over twenty-four hours** with a person who has COVID. For example, if I were to spend more than 5 minutes with a COVID-positive person at three different times over a twenty-four period at a distance of less than six feet, I would be considered a close contact. Please make note of this definition of close contact for you and your family. Of course, people can be carrying COVID and not have symptoms. Therefore, it is important that we stay more than 6 feet apart and wear a mask in the presence of anyone except those in our immediate household. This is a requirement in our school and will help contain any COVID spread in our community at large.*

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.

Fall Student-Led Conferences: If you have not selected a time for student-led conferences, which will take place on Wednesday (October 28) and Thursday (October 29), please click on the link to read the details and procedures. If you would like to schedule a conference with a teacher who has an opening in his or her schedule, you can add your name beginning Tuesday.

Fall School Spirit Week: Our final week of school in October will be an exciting one. We have activities planned for the students for every day, ending the week with costumes and a special activity. *Families of all students learning at home (including those in grade 5 and 6) should try to come to the school some time on Friday to pick up the surprise supplies for the afternoon's activity.* We hope all NCES students will be able to participate.

AHA Temporary Closure: The AHA program will be closed through November 4.



Red Ribbon Campaign: We have placed a banner in the front of our school to acknowledge Red Ribbon Week, making healthy decisions and living drug-free.

Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free.™

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

Stay Safe and Well,
Dr. Roy
Principal