Weekly Message from North Canaan Elementary School Friday, April 23, 2021

Click on the blue underlined links.

Hello, Families!

NCES Family Check-In: I hope you and your family are feeling a bit rejuvenated after the break and ready for a strong finish to the school year. How are you and your family this week? We want to know. Click the link to check-in.

Students carrying supplies: We will be asking students for one more week to carry home their supplies, in case we need to quarantine their class. Let's hope that we can finish the year without any classes needing to quarantine.

- Beginning next Friday, April 30, students will leave their computers and supplies at school and only carry home what they need for homework.
- All power cords and computers should be brought to school next Friday. We need to be certain that the computers are charged for school use and especially for the assessments beginning in May, if they are in grades 3-8. We will charge them at school every evening.

Testing Schedule for Families: Families of students in grades 3-8 should click the link to read the testing schedule that begins on May 4th. All students in these grades need to take the assessment, even those students who are learning from home. We are asking families to bring the students to school for a few hours on each of the testing days. Students who are distance learners will come in through the gym door and remain there for testing. Please take the time to read the schedule for details.

Johns Hopkins sessions: In the fall Johns Hopkins created four age-appropriate sessions to share with students. These sessions are designed to present facts and answer questions students have about the pandemic and COVID-19. Beginning next week, for a 30-minute session weekly for the next four weeks, students will learn about how vaccines work and discuss ways to promote mental health awareness.

Greetings from the NCES Library and Mrs. Erickson: As part of our celebration of Earth Day, here are some books I recommend: We are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom; One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia by Miranda Paul; One Well: The Story of Water on Earth by Rochelle Strauss. Happy Reading!

Last Day of School: As of today, the last day of school is Friday, June 18.

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Stay Safe and Well, Dr. Roy Principal