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## April 29, 2022 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES



- 5/3 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 PM - Hall of Flags \* (moved meeting place)
- 5/6 Roaring Brook Nature Center Field Trip - Early Primary, Primary & Intermediate
- 5/6 6th Grade Salmon Release
- 5/9 Annual Town Meeting - 7:00PM - Hall of Flags - Budget Vote
- 5/13 Move Up Day - 6th Graders to NWR#7
- 5/17 SBAC Testing Begins
- 5/19 Cultural Event - 2:00PM - Hall of Flags
- 5/30 No School - Memorial Day
- 6/1 History Day - Upper Intermediate 5th
- 6/1 Hour with Administrators - 5:30PM
- 6/2 Celebration of Learning - 5:30 - Classrooms, Art Show, MakerSpace, Concert  
- 6:30 - Spring Concert in the gym
- 6/7 Board of Education Meeting - 6:30PM\* - Room #211 - \*(New time)
- 6/14 6th Grade Promotion Night - 6:00PM
- 6/15 Last Day of School - Dismissal at 1:15PM
- 8/31 First Day of School

### CELL PHONES ON BUSES

If your child has a cell phone or electronic device that takes pictures and videos, please remind him or her that these devices can NOT be used to take pictures or videos of other students while on the bus. This protects our students' privacy, ensures a safe bus ride home and prevents unwanted social media postings.

### NEWS FROM NORFOLK LIBRARY

The Merry-makers storytime will resume Monday May 2, 2022. This after hour school free program introduces children to ideas, stories and a new guest or project every week. This story hour is open to all children but registration is necessary before the child gets off the bus from school. Please call the Library at 860 542 5075 ext 4 to sign your child up.

On Wednesday May 4th at 3:50 - 4:45 pm Sharon Audubon will come with their Animal Menagerie program. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to meet and greet some of their resident animals and learn about their biology, behavior and physical adaptations. Children will need a note to get off the bus.

On Friday, May 27th from 5-6pm Miss Eileen will be holding a Teddy Bear Clinic. Your favorite stuffed friend can get a wellness check up and enjoy meeting other friends on the Library lawn. Families may want to picnic outside afterwards.  
More details to come.

### **NVFD 43rd ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY 5-MILE ROAD RACE**

We are excited to announce that the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department is having its 43rd Annual Memorial Day 5-Mile Road Race on Monday May 30, 2022 12-Noon! Proceeds to Benefit - "The William F. Kelley Memorial Scholarship". We hope that you are planning to run to support our cause to help local students. Donations are needed and greatly appreciated to help fund our program. To make a donation click the registration link and "Donate" in the upper right corner or mail your contribution to the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department, 20 Shepard Rd. Norfolk, CT. 06058 Attn: 2022 Scholarships.

Online Registration and Donations at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Norfolk/NorfolkVolunteerFireDepartment5MileRoadRace>

Pre-registered: \$35

Registered after May 27th: \$45

Day of race registration: \$50

Commemorative Norfolk 5-Mile race T-shirt: \$15

Race info and results will be posted on our social media, [www.norfolkfire.org](http://www.norfolkfire.org), and [www.greystonercing.net](http://www.greystonercing.net)

### **NEWS FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE**

The Lions Club will be coming on 5/4/22 to do free vision screenings for all students. The Lions Club has provided this service to our students in previous years. Mrs. Taddio, our Speech and Language Pathologist, will be conducting hearing screenings for all students. She will be performing the screenings throughout the month. Hearing and vision screenings are mandatory per state regulations.

Lastly, please be aware tick season has begun. We have come across a couple ticks here at school. Please perform tick checks on your children at bath time. In addition, remind your older children to check for ticks while in the shower.

### **SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM**

State law requires school districts to implement a sexual assault and abuse prevention and awareness program for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. In May, we will teach students in grades K-6 about this topic using age-appropriate materials to deliver a program aligned with the state's Sexual Assault and Abuse Prevention and Awareness Program Standards and Performance Indicators.

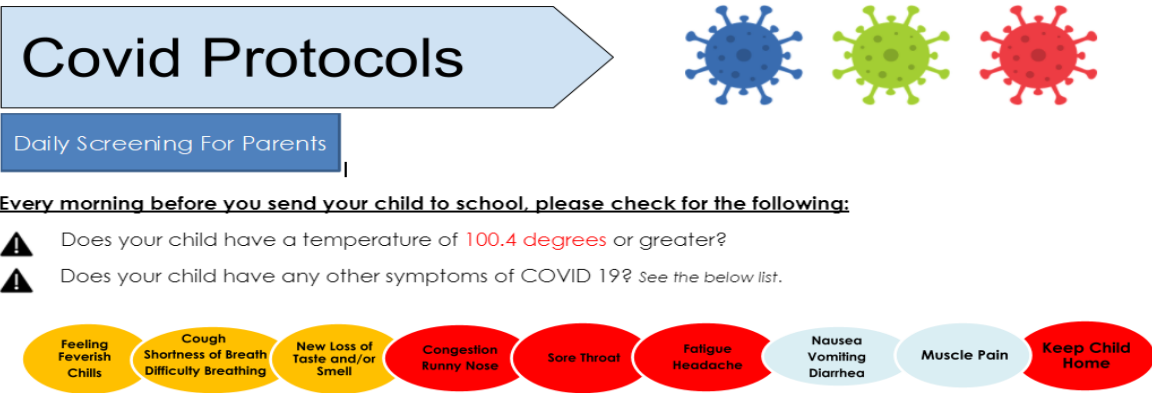
Our implementation team consists of your child’s teacher, our school psychologist, Caitlin Chabot, and our school nurse, Keondra Dillard. Mrs. Chabot and Mrs. Dillard will use curriculum materials from the Second Step, Child Protection Units, designed by The Committee for Children. Each student will participate in a series of three lessons (30 minutes in length) specific to their grade level. The three lessons in the series highlight the following topics: Ways to Stay Safe; Ask Adults for Permission; Safe, Unsafe and Unwanted Touches; and Private Body Parts. A letter was sent home with more information about this program. Please contact Mrs Chabot with any questions.

## 🦠 COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school as of today: **1**

People quarantining: **1**

Please use the health screening tool daily to determine if your child should come to school.



### Covid Protocols

Daily Screening For Parents

**Every morning before you send your child to school, please check for the following:**

- ⚠️ Does your child have a temperature of **100.4 degrees** or greater?
- ⚠️ Does your child have any other symptoms of COVID 19? See the below list.

Feeling Feverish Chills, Cough Shortness of Breath Difficulty Breathing, New Loss of Taste and/or Smell, Congestion Runny Nose, Sore Throat, Fatigue Headache, Nausea Vomiting Diarrhea, Muscle Pain, **Keep Child Home**

- ⚠️ Was your unvaccinated child in close contact\* with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks?
- ❌ If the answer is **YES** to **ANY** of these questions, **DO NOT** send your child to school. Instead, **begin quarantine** of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Strongly consider COVID-19 testing.
- 🛑 If **ANYONE** in your home has been tested for COVID-19 (**excluding routine testing**) or is symptomatic, **DO NOT** send your unvaccinated child to school until the results have been obtained.
- ⚠️ If your unvaccinated child has traveled, CDC Travel Guidelines advise that individuals who have traveled should quarantine for 7 days with a test on day 5.

COVID-19 Parents Screening Tool - Subject to Change Based on New Data/Guidelines - REVISED August 16, 2021

Thank you for all you do to keep our school community safe and healthy. It can be difficult to understand the health protocols. Here’s a quick list of steps to follow if your child is presenting with any symptoms consistent with Covid.

1. Keep your child home and report the absence to the school nurse.
  2. Call your child’s doctor and follow their recommendations.
  3. Your child can return to school with a negative Covid test and improved symptoms.
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4. Your child can return to school with an alternate diagnosis and note from the doctor and no or improved symptoms.
  5. Call or email the school nurse to inform us of the return to school plan.

If your child is a close contact of a positive individual or anyone in the household is awaiting test results, please keep your child home and contact the school nurse. If your child is fully vaccinated and we have a record of that, you can inform us of the positive case and send your child to school.

### **MAKE UP WORK**

If your child is home sick or awaiting test results, teachers can send home missed work so your child doesn't fall behind. Please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions and materials. We want the work to be meaningful and doable for your child.

### **REMOTE LEARNING**

Remote learning is only available to students who have a positive case of Covid or are a close contact due to an out of school exposure. Again, please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions, and materials. Google Meets will be set up if the student has adult support available at home during live instruction. Otherwise, work will be available through SeeSaw or Google Classroom with a virtual conference with the teacher. Due to changes in the quarantine recommendations, we can provide virtual instruction if a student will be 3 days or more. If your child will be out for one or two days, teachers can provide students with assignments and will meet with your child upon their return to reteach as needed.

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

It's hard to believe that it is Monday, May 2nd! The end of the year is fast approaching but there is a lot of teaching and learning left. One of our goals this year is to increase our students' and families' awareness and acceptance of diversity. We have highlighted various diverse groups throughout the year in connection with the months that honor them. September was Hispanic American Heritage Month. October was Learning Disabilities Awareness Month and in November we focused on Native American Heritage. In January we highlighted poverty, February was African American History Month and March was Women's History Month. May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

We try to increase our students' awareness and acceptance of diversity in many ways. Quick facts are shared on morning announcements, teachers follow up with books and lessons that connect to the monthly theme and we choose a book to be read by the whole school - in class and at home. This month's One Book, One School selection is Niki Nakayama, *A Chef's Tale in 13 Bites* by Jamie Michalak and Debbi Michiko Florence. This book highlights the accomplishments of famous chef, Niki Nakayama and teaches a bit about her life growing up as a Japanese American. Readers learn about Japanese culture and how Niki works hard to overcome prejudice as a female sushi chef. Students will read this book with their teachers this month and you will receive more information about how you can enjoy this book with your children at home.

You may have heard about Niki Nakayama. She is featured in Netflix's *Chef's Table*, which spotlights international master chefs. We hope you enjoy this book with your children.