



HARBOR CREW NEWS

January 21, 2022

NLPS

New London Public Schools' Vision is to be United in Excellence.

Our district's Mission is: To educate and graduate students who specialize in one of three themed magnet pathways: International Education, STEM, and Visual and Performing Arts, who are well versed in the academic knowledge and practical experiences necessary to succeed beyond high school; who are critical thinkers and innovators; who are courageous and self-reliant; and who challenge the status quo while enriching their community, country, and global society.



Harbor School Family Engagement

Zoom links can be accessed by contacting Mrs. Hutton huttonm@newlondon.org or Mrs. Kendra drinkwaterk@newlondon.org.
Next Meeting/s: (In person and Zoom)

January 20
February 10



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

10am Online
Zoom Link: newlondon.org
Meeting ID: 769 8205 5225
Passcode: 987654
3:30pm In-Person
Thursday
January 20, 2022

Join us to discuss BlackBoard Communications, Schoology, and the development of next school year's curriculum

Harbor Spotlight: January 2022 HB Art Student of the Week:

A 'Mariyah really challenged herself last week to rip and apply her collage materials in a very precise way. She also innovated the project by adding some shredded construction paper on top of her watercolor strips to brighten her picture giving the illusion of sun rays. Finally, she showed a lot of pride in the work she did after she completed the project.



Marcus showed so much concentration and focus while making his collage. He also utilized an unusual color palette that was very effective for portraying a blustery New England seascape. Marcus was also very helpful to a couple other students who studied how he was creating his sailboats.

Physical Education Student of the Week:

A'laurieanna always displays CREW behavior. She is a hard worker and put all her effort in every class. She also demonstrates great athletic ability and good mechanics as shown in the pictures. She is an MVP! Way to go A'laurieanna!



CREW Celebration!



Mrs. Dearborne's 5th grade class worked with Mr. Covino's class on a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) igloo activity. The students worked in groups and used their critical thinking skills to build igloos out of small marshmallows and toothpicks. Their goal was to build an igloo that could withstand the cold. (Mrs. Dearborne using the blow dryer.)

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Harbor Attendance

We take attendance every day, we look forward to seeing our students each morning. If your child will be absent, please call the school at (860) 447-6040 and let us know. At 9:45am every day automated calls will be sent. If you have any further questions, please check the parent handbook online or reach our school Social Worker, Mrs. Balestracci at balestraccik@newlondon.org



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Music Student of The Week Gio (Mr. Covino, 3rd Grade)

Gio has shown TREMENDOUS academic and behavioral growth in Music class. This past week we learned about instruments of the orchestra through Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. Gio identified every character/instrument from the dramatic adaptation! He also shown great respect and CREW behavior and has a wonderful compassionate heart. Mr. M is SO proud of Gio for his improvements this year! Way to go, Gio! 😊





HB Curricular Highlights:

Harbor Fiscal Year 2023 Budget:

The budget for school year 2023 is under development. We will be engaging all staff and families in the process to gather input throughout this month. Now is the time to voice ideas, needs, etc. Please take a moment to look at the current year's budget book as a reference at newlondon.org. Please know we will be rolling up a same services budget to begin our process. Our district's Strategic Plan entails goals for a 3-year span. Aligned to such, a visual graphic was created, that highlights the 10 Key Focus Areas we are all working in over the next three years.



Schoology:

Schoology is the online platform in grades 4-12 that will be utilized for any students that do not attend school due to a quarantine situation. Staff will post work for students in grades 4-12 on this platform so they can access what is being taught in class. Students in grades K-3 will be utilizing the SeeSaw platform which is the same that was used at the elementary level last year. Elementary and Secondary staff received additional professional development on the Schoology platform during the past two weeks. Additional information on how families can access both platforms will be forthcoming.

Primary Health Project:

Primary Project is a national evidence-based program that helps children in Pre-K through third grade adjust to school, gain confidence, social skills, and focus on learning. Through play, Primary Project addresses children's school adjustment difficulties and increases their chances for success. If you have a student who you believe would benefit from this program please reach out to Sharyn Goode, Ms. Olsen, or Mrs. Balestracci.

Other Harbor Supports:

We are offering a group counseling program for students who have experienced a stressful or traumatic event. The group teaches skills that help them manage stress, understand, and talk about emotions, build stronger relationships with peers and family members, and helps reduce problem behaviors. It will be held weekly beginning February thru April. To receive more information and/or make a referral please see Kathryn Balestracci.

New District COVID Liaison: Please be reminded that the COVID Liaison for New London Public Schools is Ms. Emily Lewis. Please contact her with any COVID positive test results or any COVID-specific questions. Her contact information is: Phone: 860-326-1213; Email: LewisE@newlondon.org As always, please follow COVID-safety protocols. Wash your hands frequently, properly wear a face mask (to cover the nose and mouth) - except during scheduled mask breaks and when eating, and practice safe social distancing. Staff and students are reminded to wear masks so that they fully cover one's nose and mouth, except during scheduled mask breaks, when outside for recess, or while eating. Your health and safety are important to us. The state's three strategies for COVID safety include: 1.) vaccines; 2.) mask wearing; and 3.) testing. Please find all the most recent COVID-19 updates via the NLPS website <https://www.newlondon.org/resources>.



As always, please find all information for Harbor via our webpage at <https://www.newlondon.org/harbor>.