



# HARBOR CREW NEWS

January 7, 2022

## Announcements/Dates

Hello Harbor CREW Families!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday break! Please see a few calendar updates below. The Harbor staff wishes our school community a safe, healthy, and joyous New Year! Welcome to 2022!

1/6/21 – School closed in observance of Three Kings Day.



1/7/21 – School closed in observance of Three Kings Day.

1/19/22 5-6pm Community Meal

1/20/22 Harbor Family Engagement Meeting 10 am Virtual, 3:30 in person

1/31/22 U for Youth at MS-SEL CB Jennings Elementary Magnet School

## Harbor Elementary School Family Engagement

Zoom links can be accessed by contacting Mrs. Hutton [huttonm@newlondon.org](mailto:huttonm@newlondon.org) or Mrs. Kendra [drinkwaterk@newlondon.org](mailto:drinkwaterk@newlondon.org).

Next Meeting: (In person and Zoom) January 20



## Harbor Spotlight: January 2022

Ms. Wilbur's Class was searching for Gingerbread's! So exciting!



## CREW Celebration!



Harbor School community building with 3rd and 5th grade. The 3rd and 5th graders made arrays with Starburst and tiles.

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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](mailto:balestraccik@newlondon.org)



## CREW Celebration!



*Music Student of The Week:  
Joeyneliz Gonzalez (Mrs. Robledo -  
4th Grade)*

Joeyneliz ("Joey") is an exemplary Music student and a fine musician. She is a natural born leader and a positive influence upon her 4th grade peers - they genuinely respect and look up to her. Joeyneliz always helps with classroom tasks and finds a way to be resourceful. Her conscientious attitude makes her a successful student, and it has been a joy to watch her blossom into her music potential these past few months. I am proud to award her with the title of Music Student of The Week!



### HB Curricular Highlights:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Highlights:** The second grade consistently shows cooperation, respect, excellence, and makes wise choices. Students earn PBIS points on PBIS Rewards for showing CREW expectations in all school settings. Second grade has been focused on academic growth while learning about our new curriculum. In reading, students are learning about fiction books and short stories. Students have learned about realistic fiction, fantasy fiction, traditional literature, and dramas. The second grade is working on making text connections and identifying fiction story elements. The students are focused on their daily reading and continue to work hard on decoding, fluency, and comprehension while in small reading groups. In writing, our CREW members published a story that was complete with a beginning, middle, and end. Students added great details and illustrations to their writing. Mrs. Clark and Ms. Eskra recently started the Personal Narrative writing unit and students are writing stories about events that are important to them. All students continue to practice adding punctuation and capitalization where it is appropriate during writing time. In math, students have been working on two-digit addition and subtraction. Students use manipulatives to problem solve and continue to show perseverance skills while solving word problems. The second graders helped maintain our Harbor Garden during the Fall and explore science concepts through hands on activities on Mystery Science. We look forward to a successful school year!

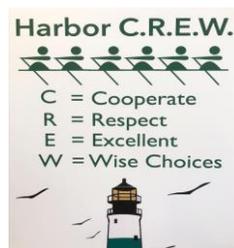
**LAS Links:** is a research-based, English language proficiency assessment that measures the comprehension skills of K-12 English learners in the areas of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. All students identified as an English learner are required to participate in the test; this includes students not receiving services due to parental opt out of services. Our Harbor ESOL department has developed a testing schedule that meets the needs of our students. The LAS Links is a mandated standardized assessment, and we thank you in advance for adjusting as needed. Student testing time is not extensive, and we will make every effort to minimize time out of each class. As a district, the bulk of the testing will take place in February when there are less conflicts with other assessments. Please speak with your students and encourage them to do their best; these assessments determine if they meet the criteria to exit and are part of each school's accountability measures.



Meet Our Newest CREW Member!

**From Ms. Kiely Smith:**

My name is Ms. Smith, and I am so excited to meet all of you! I graduated from Sacred Heart University and recently finished my student teaching in New London Public Schools. I hope you had a great break and are ready to start the new year together! Please reach out with any questions! [smithki@newlondon.org](mailto:smithki@newlondon.org)



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>.