



HARBOR CREW NEWS

October 29th, 2021

Announcements/Dates

- November 2nd. Staff Professional Development, No School.
- Family Engagement Meetings (In person and Zoom) November 18
- Thanksgiving Break November 24 and 25
- December 2nd. Picture Retakes.

Harbor PBIS

November Theme:

Emotion Management:

Feeling Calm, Feeling Better, Taking a Break, Rethinking, What is stress?

New London Public Schools recognizes the critical importance of supporting and building strong mental health stability in all our students in order for them to learn and achieve academic/career successes. Please watch this short video on mental health services within our district and resources to support students and families.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FpMr1Dhazc4>

Our HB PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) team has launched PBIS Rewards for our CREW members to track C.R.E.W behavior. We recognize positive behavior with daily shout outs!

Harbor C.R.E.W.



C = Cooperate
 R = Respect
 E = Excellent
 W = Wise Choices



Harbor Classroom Spotlight: October 2021



Music Student of the Week:
Mackenzie, 4th Grade

Mackenzie is a true star in Music class. She always goes out of her way to help her peers and friends, demonstrating remarkable leadership ability and excellent CREW behavior. Her musicianship is great, and she can always be counted upon to sing, dance, or follow our musical activities during class. Well done, Mackenzie! We are so lucky to have you at Harbor School! Bravissima! 🎵 🎶 🎷

CREW Celebration!



This week students worked on various fall drawings in 4th grade. Students used drawing techniques they have learned thus far in Art class to create their own masterpieces. Congratulations to Jaziel! Way to go! Beautiful Fall colors as well!



Harbor Elementary School Family Engagement

Zoom links can be accessed by HB Wellness Interventionist, Mrs. Mayra Hutton huttonm@newlondon.org or by HB Secretary, Mrs. Kendra Drinkwater drinkwaterk@newlondon.org.

Next Meeting: (In person and Zoom) November 18



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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



CREW Celebration!



HB: Student of the Month - October

Yoselin is a wonderful kindergarten student! She tries her very best every day! She is a great friend to everyone in the class and will actively participate in every lesson. She already knows many letters, numbers, and trick words! Way to go Yoselin!





From Principal Foster

Hello Harbor CREW Families,

You should be hearing from your child's teacher shortly to confirm times for Parent-Teacher Conferences. HB Staff will conduct Parent-Teacher Conferences throughout the month of November. Please reach out to your teacher, myself, or Mrs. Kendra in the main office should you have any questions. (860) 447-6041 or fosterj@newlondon.org and drinkwaterk@newlondon.org

Curricular Highlight: **Schoology**

We are excited to be launching this new tool to help you stay engaged with your student's learning and to help you connect with your student's teachers and the school. The banner that you see is a copy of the main navigation page.



- Home Landing Page (this might be the Schoology logo or the logo for your district or organization)
- Courses in which you are enrolled, Groups of which you are a member, Resources, Grade Report
- Search, Calendar, Message center, Notifications, Account name (this is where you can toggle between your account and your child or children's information)
- Please ask your child to show you the website – this is the equivalent of SeeSaw that we used while we were remote.

Food Service Updates

We have been faced with food inventory and staff shortages. Our NLPs Child Nutrition Program teams work hard to plan and prepare diverse menus to accommodate our school communities, however nationwide supply chain issues and food service worker shortages are beginning to affect menus and operations. Currently our main food distributor is pushing planned deliveries 4-5 days out. While we have been planning for this and have a fair amount of stock on hand, last minute menu changes may occur, and we may not have the variety of breakfast and lunch offerings that we usually have. One main item of concern currently is breakfast cereal. We will always have a hot breakfast option, but there may be days that we do not have cereal to offer, or the variety may not be what the students are used to. We will continue to stay as close to the planned menu as possible but ask for your understanding as we navigate the orders.

Health Office Updates

Families of students who are still in need of a physical and/or immunization have been contacted in a variety of ways to share the requirement, per state law and our medical advisor. Those found not to comply will not be able to attend school starting very soon. Please make every attempt to schedule an appointment by the end of this week 10/29. You have an option to connect with School-Based Health Center at the following link,

- <https://www.childandfamilyagency.org/forms/>
- Nurse Wendy Wildes, RN BSN, Harbor School Nurse
- Email - harbornurse@newlondon.org, Phone - 860 447 6044, Fax 860 447 4583

District Committees

BP Birth to 8 Early Childhood meetings started October 27th and will be conducted every 3 weeks! Dinner and babysitting are offered. All are welcome! The link to register is below. <https://form.jotform.com/212923493512050>

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