



HARBOR CREW NEWS

November 12th, 2021

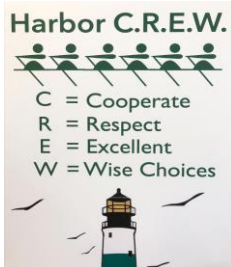
Parent-Teacher Conferences continue, and we look forward to seeing everyone to discuss the amazing progress thus far. HB Staff will conduct Parent-Teacher Conferences throughout the month of November. Please reach out to your teacher, me, or Mrs. Kendra in the main office should you have any questions. (860) 447-6041 or fosterj@newlondon.org and drinkwaterk@newlondon.org In this edition you will find amazing pictures from our Town Halls, student celebrations, S.T.E.A.M based field trips, and our Character Parade – what an amazing 1st trimester!

Announcements/Dates

- November 18th HB Family Engagement Meeting
- December 1st Winter Session NL Park and Rec Wednesday After School Program
- December 2nd Picture Retakes.

Harbor PBIS

We aim to prepare each student to strive for individual excellence. Our CREW is committed to structured academic programming and opportunities for growth, so students become confident problem solvers and develop critical thinking skills.



Harbor Classroom Spotlight: November 2021



5th Grade STEAM challenge & Artist of the week



Artist of the week is.... Jhonn!! Jhonn is passionate about drawing and wants to do his very best, but drawing can be quite challenging. At the beginning of the week Jhonn saw an image of Sonic the Hedgehog that he loved but said, "I can never draw that, it's too hard!" But, through effort and persistence - Jhonn successfully created his Sonic drawing!

CREW Celebration!



Grade 5 went to the Yellow Farmhouse for an experiential program including farm tasks like planting, harvesting, washing, and weighing. Connecting farming to personal, community, and environmental health.

Harbor Elementary School Family Engagement Zoom links can be accessed by contacting HB Wellness Interventionist, Mrs. Mayra Hutton huttonm@newlondon.org or 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!



Arthur (1st Grade) is a very sweet, conscientious boy who is always prepared for Music class! He has such a positive, upbeat attitude and demonstrates natural leadership ability, in addition to AMAZING CREW behavior. He often helps his classmates who may be struggling and does his best to make sure everyone feels included. Way to go Arthur - we're so proud of you!



From Principal Foster

HB Fall Spirit Week: Will begin Wednesday 11/17! Please see the following to support your CREW member's participation.

Wednesday, November 17: Wacky Wednesday (Crazy hat, crazy hair, crazy socks, mismatched clothing)

Thursday, November 18: Sports OR Superhero Day

Friday, November 19: Green and Gold Day (Wear NL or Harbor gear)

Monday, November 22: Pajama Day

Tuesday, November 23: Tie Dye OR Camouflage Day
(gratitude and to promote wellness).

New District App: BlackBoard Reach

We are excited to announce the completion and launch of our new District App! This app can be downloaded via [Android/Google Play Store](#) or [iOS App Store](#) by searching the name NLPS. This application was created to improve communication between staff, students, parents/families, and community partners. Those who download and utilize the app can see our district's social media feeds, receive notifications of district and school-based messages, and access quick links like Anonymous Alerts, district calendar and school-based events, lunch menus, department resources, contact information and so much more. This application also provides for two-way translated text messages.

Curricular Highlight: Second Step

We want your child to be successful in school and that means supporting and encouraging their whole development. While excelling in academic classes is important, children also need skills to take on learning challenges, make decisions, manage strong emotions, and get along with others. We are currently exploring skills and concepts for (emotion management) designed to help children both in and out of school. Children learn how to identify and label emotions and use emotional management strategies including stress management for older students to calm strong feelings. For the year we will explore (**growth mindset and goal setting, emotion management, empathy and kindness, and problem-solving**). Our curriculum provides resources for teachers to send weekly communications to help reinforce Second Step language, skills, and goals at home. If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher for more information. Thank you for your support as we work to build a safe and supportive school community.

CREW Highlights:

