



HARBOR CREW NEWS

December 3rd, 2021

Announcements/Dates New District App:

BlackBoard Reach

We continue use 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. Please reach out any time should you need tech support.

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 C.R.E.W.



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



Harbor Spotlight: December 2021 Harbor Spirit Week and Turkey Trot Photos



CREW Celebration!



Samir Ibrahim is Harbor's Student of the Month. He demonstrates outstanding CREW behavior. He is respectful of the classroom and makes wise choices. He does his best with every task that is set before him. Samir is always willing to help a friend. He is not afraid to ask questions when he does not understand or needs assistance. Samir is a wonderful addition to our first-grade classroom!

Harbor Elementary School Family Engagement
Zoom links can be accessed by contacting Mrs. Hutton huttonm@newlondon.org or Mrs. Kendra drinkwaterk@newlondon.org.

Next Meeting: (In person and Zoom) December 9



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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!



Music Student of The Week: Elijah Waring (Mrs. Robledo - 4th Grade)
Elijah is a responsible and reliable member of our Music classroom. As part of our learning community in Music, each class has assigned 'jobs' that help Music class to run smoothly and efficiently (such as a pencil/paper passer, light switch duty, board eraser, and others). Elijah was the first student to submit his "job application" - and he holds not just one, but TWO jobs! He is always engaged and actively participating in Music class, demonstrating excellent classroom behavior. When we were learning about ostinatos (musical patterns that repeat throughout a song), he was the first student to correctly define the musical term for his peers - and pronounce it, too! Elijah is a caring, dependable CREW role model, and Music class wouldn't be the same without him! Bravo!



HB Curricular Highlight: (3rd Grade)

The third grade is excited about the many new curriculums and programs. These programs include Illustrative Math, Schoolwide Reading and Writing, Calm Classroom, PBIS Rewards, Second Step, and more. Illustrative Math is a multi-sensory, inquiry-based math curriculum. Manipulatives are an integral part of the program/curriculum. The 3rd grade just finished a unit on multiplication as equal groups and multiplication using arrays. For Fun Friday, the students used Cheerios to make arrays. Third grade is in the middle of six weeks of virtual field trips with the Custom House to study New London history. On the field trips, Ms. C from the Custom House takes the 3rd grade students on tours of many important landmarks in New London. In the spring, the 3rd graders will be able to visit some of these historic landmarks. FoodCorps works with our entire CREW to learn about growing food and healthy eating habits. All students have an opportunity to help maintain our beautiful garden in the front of Harbor School. Some of the vegetables and fruits are even used in our delicious school lunches. For reading, the students are studying nonfiction texts and their text features. Learning text features helps students have a better understanding of the nonfiction genre. In writing, the students are working on expanding sentences and writing narrative stories. The students are excited to see their progress since the beginning of the year in their writing journals. In phonics, students are learning prefixes, suffixes, and compound words. These skills help with reading fluency, comprehension, and writing. Calm Classroom helps CREW members self-regulate, work towards mindfulness, meditation, and self-care. PBIS Rewards is a phenomenal program that rewards students for their CREW (Cooperation, Respect, Excellence, and Wise Choices) behavior. The students will be able to trade in their points for prizes coming up. The third grade is off to a great start!



CREW Highlights: HB Spirit Week Photos



Thank you for helping to recognize our HB Employees of the Quarter!!!! Certified and Non-Certified. They were recognized at the NLBOE meeting Tuesday, 11/23/21. Congratulations!

Pattie Namin and Gio Lopez

