



HARBOR CREW NEWS

February 4th, 2022

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.



HB Family Engagement
Zoom links can be accessed by contacting huttonm@newlondon.org or drinkwaterk@newlondon.org.

Next Meeting/s:

- February 10
- March 24

Uniform Survey:

This school year, uniforms were not required for students in grades K-8. We are interested in gathering feedback regarding school uniforms for next school year 2022-2023. Please the uniform survey at the link below. The survey is available in English and in Spanish. The Board of Education's Policy Committee will be discussing the district's Dress Code and Uniform Policy at an upcoming meeting.

<https://form.jotform.com/220233292014037>

Harbor Spotlight: February 2022 Physical Education MVP of the Week:



Ezra has improved significantly. He is always trying his best and works hard in Physical Education class. He enjoys throwing and catching activities like the one shown in the picture. We are very proud of him. Congratulations Ezra!



Michael is our MVP of this week. He is always an example of good CREW behavior. Always giving his best effort in every class. Congratulations Michael! Keep up the hard work!!! You are an MVP!!!



CREW Celebration! Music Student of the Week: Annalia Fernandez (Ms. West's Class)



Annalia was a superstar in Music this week! She sang along to all our songs and was a great leader. When we learned about loud vs. soft, Annalia did a great job of holding up Leo the Lion (loud) and Coco the Kitty (soft) to "conduct" Kindergarten singing of "Oh My No More Pie!" You're amazing, Annalia!

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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 Art Student of the Week: Joeyneliz Gonzalez



Joeyneliz did such a fantastic job experimenting with different ways that the water met the land in this crayon-resist project. At the top of her image, she painted a giant wave that interacted both with the beach and the buildings.

But if you look at the bottom of her picture, you'll see a row of reflections from the buildings. What a creative vision! Also, Joeyneliz worked on this painting in such a focused and concentrated way that was inspiring to the class.





HB Curricular Highlights:

Important Dates

New London St. Patrick's Day Parade – Sunday, March 13, 2022

- Bring your family to join the Harbor CREW as we walk the route (in the Bank Street area).

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget:

The budget for school year 2023 is under development. 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. 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.



4th Grade Update (Ms. Robledo and Ms. Smith):

The new year has brought many new and exciting opportunities for our Harbor 4th graders. Most recently, we are proud to have had 6 of our students attend the CAS Elementary Leadership Conference. In ELA, our focus has transitioned to fiction reading. Students will learn many things about the fiction genre, like how authors write fiction stories and the characteristics all fiction stories have in common. Students will have opportunities to develop grammar and writing skills as well use technology on platforms such as iReady, Epic, and ST Math. Students will also use these platforms to develop their math skills. We are focused on representing and solving problems involving multiplication of a fraction by a whole number and will soon use those skills to add and subtract fractions as well as mixed numbers using various strategies and manipulatives. In Science, students have been learning about Waves of Sound and are looking forward to a virtual field trip with The Connecticut Audubon Society about Soil Water Retention. Each day our students learn new ways to calm themselves by practicing Calm Classroom strategies. In Second Step, we are learning about Empathy and Kindness and the next unit will focus on Child Protection.



District COVID Liaison 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 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>.