

# *Northeast Middle School Newsletter*

## *November 2023*



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| <b>November 1</b>  | BOE Meeting 7:00PM                              |
| <b>November 7</b>  | Election Day / PDD - No School                  |
| <b>November 10</b> | Veterans Day - No School                        |
| <b>November 13</b> | NEMS PTO Meeting 6:30PM                         |
| <b>November 22</b> | Thanksgiving Recess 1/2 Day - 12:46PM dismissal |
| <b>November 23</b> | Thanksgiving Recess - No School                 |
| <b>November 24</b> | Thanksgiving Recess - No School                 |

**A NEMS Tiger R.O.A.R.S.**

# *From the Dean's Desk*

As our transition to November begins, the days are getting shorter, the weather cooler and the holidays are quickly approaching. Over the past month we've enjoyed getting to meet many of our families during conferences to help us continue to build our classroom communities. If you were unable to attend conferences, we welcome your communication at any time. We appreciate when we are able to work together to make this a successful year for students.

As the month progresses we're moving closer towards the end of our first trimester, we will continue to encourage students to check PowerSchool on a regular basis to make sure they're keeping up with their assignments. If you or your child are still struggling to access grades electronically please reach out so we can troubleshoot with you.

Keep an eye on the calendar this month as students have Election Day and Veterans day off. Additionally, we are ending the month with Thanksgiving. In Tiger Time we will give students the opportunity to explore Gratitude this month to allow students to recognize the good in their lives in and out of school. We would like to take this opportunity to also express our gratitude to our NEMS families for all that you do to support our students throughout the entire year.

*Michelle Cantin*



# GUIDANCE NEWS



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**8th grade parents and students:** Believe it or not, it's already time to think about options for high school! We had presentations from both EC Goodwin Technical High School and Southington High School's Agriculture-Science Program in late October and early November.

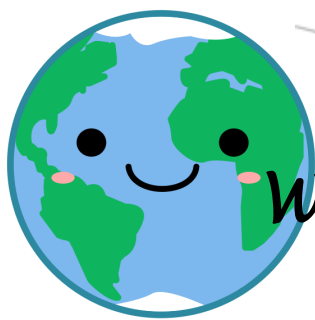
- EC Goodwin's application is online at their website ([goodwin.cttech.org](http://goodwin.cttech.org)) and will be available to complete starting in December. They also have an Open House on Nov. 15 from 5-7pm at ECG.
- Southington Ag-Sci has paper applications that are available in the guidance office and are due back to guidance by Nov. 20th.
- Log into the 8th Grade Guidance Google classroom for more information about high school choices and links to their presentations. That classroom will be updated throughout the year and will also eventually include information about St. Paul, magnet schools, and Bristol Eastern High School and their course selection process for 9th grade.

Feel free to call, email, or have your student ask to see Mrs. Bronson or Mr. Carroll during the school day if they have any questions about high school.



For any parents or guardians who don't have their login information for Power School, please email or call Mrs. Bronson or Mr. Carroll for that info so you can view your student's grades and attendance. Students also have their own passwords for Power School - remind them to check it once a week!





## World Kindness Week

November 13-19

Be kind  
whenever  
possible. It  
is always  
possible.

- Dalai Lama

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### The NEMS PTO is selling Poppin Popcorn again!

This delicious fundraiser will run October 30th - November 13th.

Poppin Popcorn is a 100% online fundraiser and setting up your sellers account is super simple. Follow the instructions that are attached, send/share your link wherever you would like (social media, email, etc) or pass around the brochures. The NEMS PTO gets 50% profit on every bag of popcorn sold!



If there are any questions or concerns, please email Dana Martin (PTO President) at [danamartin@bristolk12.org](mailto:danamartin@bristolk12.org).

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Our next PTO meeting will be held on November 13th at 6:30pm. Please plan on attending this meeting if you are interested in volunteering in any way for the winter dance!



PTO  
Meeting



*Nurse*  *Notes*

Please be mindful of what foods & drinks your child brings to school.

Nurse, Lori



## Homework Club

Starting on November 14th, there will be a homework club every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:15 A.M.-7:45 A.M. Students will need to be at the front door at 7:15 A.M. They will be escorted into the building by a staff member. Another staff member will wait at the front door until 7:20 to pick up any stragglers. Any student that arrives after 7:20 A.M. will not be let in. To start out, the club will be open to all students but, if the numbers get too high, we will have students sign up the day before. We hope to have 20 students access the club each day .

## Homework Bus

Starting on November 28th, NEMS will have a homework bus available for students. The bus will leave NEMS at 4:00 P.M. and students must sign up by 10:00 A.M. on the day they need a ride. The bus will run every Tuesday and Thursday. Students and/or parents must make arrangements ahead of time with the teachers with whom they want to stay after school. The bus is paid for out of a grant which means it is only for kids staying for academic help. It is not for students staying for sports or activities. It is limited to the first 20 kids who sign up each day.



We need some help getting students to school prepared and on time. Make sure they have all their materials and supplies and are ready to get out the door in the morning.

Check their planners and put their materials out. Chromebooks, instruments, and water bottles are the items forgotten most often. Please plan ahead for the line of cars that gets longer on the cold or stormy days. Anything you can do to make sure they get here on time would be much appreciated.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

When your child is absent from school, please call the school to report them absent.



For absences 1-9, parents can send in a handwritten note or a note through ParentSquare to excuse the absence.

After the 9th absence, a physicians note is required to excuse the absence.





# Notes from the Band Room

What a pleasure it was to meet so many band families at Conferences! It was great to get to tell you how your child is progressing. For those of you who weren't able to attend, here are a few things we talked about.

In PowerSchool, the grade you see for band is primarily a participation grade. If a student does not come prepared with their instrument and/or music, they earn 5/10 points. Students who are prepared and actively participating earn full credit, which is 10 points.

At every student's lesson, they are asked to perform something of my choice from the assignment they gave themselves at the previous lesson. The lesson score is the grade earned individually by that performance.




I have been teaching students how to practice as well, and we have talked about the challenge and opportunity of making ourselves practice regularly. Here are some of the suggestions I've made to your musician for good practicing.

- Make sure you are sitting up properly and using a music stand to hold your lesson book.
- Each line you assign yourself should be played several times each day, and each time you practice it, have a different goal in mind. Maybe try playing it for perfect counting and foot tapping, and then for the right notes and key signature, then next time for good articulation. Then, play with the dynamics that are written. If these terms are unfamiliar, ask your child what they mean.
- Make sure to end your practice session with a song you love to play!

*Ms. Vocke*



# Bristol Middle School Menu November 2023

| Sun                                                                                     | Mon                                                                                                                                 | Tue                                                                                                            | Wed                                                                                                 | Thu                                                                                                                              | Fri                                                                                                                            | Sat                                                                                 |
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| <b>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>                                                           |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                | 1 Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tater Tots<br>Or<br>WG Cheese Pizza, Tater Tots     | 2 Mandarin Orange Chicken, Fried Rice, Green Peas<br>Or<br>Chicken & Cheese Empanada, Salsa, Green Peas                          | 3 WG Cheese Pizza, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing<br>Or Meatball Grinder w/ Mozzarella, Oven Fries, Garden Salad                  | WW= Whole Wheat<br>WG= Whole Grain                                                  |
| <i>Bristol Public Schools Is An Equal Opportunity Employer</i>                          | 6 WG Crispy Chicken Patty on WW Bun, Oven Fries, Corn<br>Or<br>Rib BQ Sandwich on WW Bun, Oven Fries, Corn                          | 7<br>No School<br>Election Day                                                                                 | 8 LF Mozzarella Sticks w/ Sauce, WW Dinner Roll, Green Beans<br>Or<br>WG Cheese Pizza, Green Beans  | 9 WG French Toast Sticks, Hashbrown, Chicken Sausage Links<br>Or<br>WG Spicy Chicken Patty on WW Bun, Hashbrown                  | 10<br>No School<br>Veterans' Day                                                                                               | Daily Fruit<br>Options:<br>Assorted Fresh Fruit & Assorted Canned Fruit             |
| <b>Daily Milk Choices:</b><br>0% Chocolate, 0 % Strawberry, Skim 1% White & 0 % Lactaid | 13 WG Chicken Chunks, Oven Fries, WW Dinner Roll, Broccoli Or<br>Ham & Cheese Croissant Melt, Oven Fries, Broccoli                  | 14 WG Cheese Quesadilla w/ Salsa, Brown Rice, Carrots<br>Or<br>Jamaican Beef Patty, Brown Rice, Carrots        | 15 LF Macaroni & Cheese, 3 Corn Dog Nuggets, Green Peas<br>Or<br>WG Cheese Pizza, Green Peas        | 16 Thanksgiving Dinner Sliced Turkey w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Corn, Pumpkin Pie                                      | 17 Wild Mike's Pizza Bites w/ Sauce, Garden Salad w/ LF Dressing<br>Or<br>Buffalo Chicken Rollerbite, Tater Tots, Garden Salad | <b>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>                                                       |
|    | 20 WG Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, WW Dinner Roll, Green Beans Or<br>BBQ Chicken Patty on WW Bun, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans | 21WG Waffle, Hashbrown, Chicken Sausage Links<br>Or<br>General Tso Chicken, Hashbrown                          | 22 Soft Chicken Taco w/ Cheese & Lettuce, Brown Rice, Broccoli<br>Or<br>WG Cheese Pizza, Broccoli   | 23<br>No School<br>Thanksgiving Day                                                                                              | 24<br>No School<br>Thanksgiving Recess                                                                                         |  |
|    | 27 WG Popcorn Chicken, WW Dinner Roll, Oven Fries, Corn<br>Or<br>Taco Triangles w/ Salsa, Oven Fries, Corn                          | 28 WG Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick w/ Sauce, Green Peas<br>Or<br>Steak & Cheese Sandwich, Oven Fries, Green Peas | 29 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WW Bun, Potato Smiles, Carrots Or<br>WG Cheese Pizza, Potato Smiles | 30 Beefy Nacho Platter, Cheese Sauce, Brown Rice, Green Beans<br>Or<br>WG Spicy Chicken Patty on WW Bun, Brown Rice, Green Beans |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                     |