



Newington Public Schools

NPS News, 2nd Edition

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Every child, every day, in every way

District Goal: *To reduce the opportunity gap for historically marginalized and underrepresented students through access to high quality education that is rigorous, relevant, and engaging.*

District Vision: *Every NPS Student will be a contributing member of their community and highly prepared for life after graduation.*



Superintendent's Message

I hope you enjoy our second edition of NPS News. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our staff, students, family and district partners a very happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year. I am so proud of the work of our educators and students that make NPS a great place to learn and contribute to the Newington Community. – Be Well, Dr. Brummett

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John Wallace Project Referendum

The John Wallace Project Referendum has been resoundingly approved by the voters of Newington by an 80/20 margin. This project will provide security and learning environment improvements. More details to follow about the project timelines, but we plan to move this along as quickly as possible.

Kindergarten Age Eligibility Reminder for the 2024-25 School Year

The Kindergarten eligibility age has recently changed. Students must now be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2024 to enroll in Kindergarten for the upcoming school year. Questions about the change in the K eligibility age and how to apply for a waiver can be directed to Superintendent@npsct.org.

Our Educators and Students are Doing Amazing Things!

NPS Celebrated Veterans Day



Veteran's Day Events were held throughout the district. On November 10th Superintendent, Dr. Brummett, had the opportunity to attend assemblies and programs throughout the district. She also spoke to many veterans who were appreciative of spending time at our schools and with our students. Pictured above is the annual Iwo Jima program attended by John Wallace students and teachers. The band played patriotic songs, students laid a wreath at the monument and shared poems and stories. Our newly elected Mayor, Jon Trister, was also in attendance. Below are a few other events that were held. Here is a more extensive [list](#).

Elizabeth Green: Student Council Advisor Alicia Guildner hosted the induction ceremony of new officers and classroom representatives. Veterans were also honored at this ceremony. Pictured here are the newly elected officers: President Olivia Bartolotta, Vice President, Mila Brayer, Secretary, Isabella Bartolotta and Treasurer, Landon Rivera.



Anna Reynolds: Hosted an assembly to honor Veterans. Our own Security Officer, Oscar Rivera (retired Army), was the keynote speaker.



John Paterson: Student Council Advisor, Melissa Delaney, and her students honored veteran guests with a slide show featuring their service area, certificates of appreciation and a story about service.

Newington Students Organize Holiday Toy Drive

The Newington High School chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) have organized a holiday toy drive within their school. Please check out the article [here](#) to see more.



Celebrations and Awards

November's Outstanding Student of the Month

Congratulations to the November Outstanding Student of the Month winners from each school.

Pictured from top left to bottom right: John Wallace – **Lucas Yoder** John Paterson – **Keira Rakipi**
Martin Kellogg – **Yahir Pantoja** NHS – **Joel Nazario** Anna Reynolds – **Ava Martinez**
Ruth Chaffee – **Christian Beharry** Elizabeth Green – **Omaralize Dejesus**



Holiday Card Contest Winners

Congratulations to the holiday card contest winners from each school! Enjoy their outstanding designs!

Elizabeth Green, Grade 1
Lauren Figueiredo



Anna Reynolds, Grade 1
Caroline Stavanska



John Paterson, Grade 1
Y Hy Hoang



John Wallace, Grade 8
Olivia Tardif



Martin Kellogg, Grade 5
Angela Vacca



Ruth Chafee, Grade 3
Avianna Figat



NHS, Grade 11
Kai Kutniewski



Schools of Distinction Recognition

State Representative Gary Turco, State Representative Matt Lesser, and State Representative Kate Farrar presented Citations to Anna Reynolds, John Paterson, and Ruth Chaffee Elementary Schools for being identified as Schools of Distinction by the Connecticut State Department of Education after the Spring administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessment. The schools were recognized as they showed higher growth than the state average in the areas noted below:

Chaffee - Distinction for highest growth: *High Needs - ELA AND High Needs - Math*

Reynolds - Distinction for highest growth: *All Students - Math AND High Needs - Math*

Paterson - Distinction for highest growth: *High Needs - Math*



It is gratifying to know that all of the hard work of our teachers and students relative to high quality instruction and a culturally responsive pedagogy is yielding positive results.

Upcoming Dates

Winter Break is 12/25/23 - 01/01/24

Martin Luther King Day is 01/15/24

Please click [here](#) to view the 2023-2024 school year calendar. Please note the following change has been made:

- Thursday, February 15, 2024 is now a school day for staff and students.
- Tuesday, April 2, 2024 is now a PD day for staff and no school for students.

Happy Holidays
&
Happy New Year

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