



May 25, 2023

*Dear Families,*

*Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. You will find many examples of our students receiving well-deserved recognition for their exceptional achievements in academics, athletics, and various other activities.*

*Our high school provides a comprehensive education that encompasses a wide range of opportunities for our students. Our primary objective is to equip them with the tools necessary to pursue diverse paths, including careers, college, military service, or entrepreneurship. To support this mission, we strongly encourage our students to engage in our Early College Experience (ECE) classes and Advance Placement (AP) classes. Over the years, we have witnessed a significant increase in student participation in these programs, which not only broadens their prospects but also allows parents to benefit from potential cost savings. By earning university credits while still in high school, our students pave the way for a promising future while potentially reducing higher education expenses for families.*

*We are very proud of our East Haddam Elementary School staff for developing a relationship with the University of CT to deepen our understanding of Asian American Pacific Islanders issues and their relevance to our curriculum development.*

*The dirt is still flying over at the athletic complex with the preparations for the new turf field and track. This long-awaited project has been in the making for over 30 years, and its realization is eagerly anticipated. The upcoming soccer, cross country, and track teams of the 2023/2024 season will have the privilege to enjoy these facilities in early fall. Please plan to attend the grand opening in the fall. Date to be announced.*

*Have a safe and healthy summer and thank you for reading,*

*Sincerely,*

Brian S. Reas



# Nathan Hale-Ray High School



## Save the Date

On May 9th, 40 students in grades 9-11 participated in a training run by Empower Leadership to learn and sharpen their skills as they prepare to serve as mentors to incoming freshmen. This group will hold a BBQ at the middle school in early June to meet some potential mentees.



- Underclassmen Awards Night, Thursday, May 25 @ 5:30pm
- Senior Expo on Thursday, June 1 at 4:30pm
- Senior Awards and Scholarship Night, Thursday June 1 at 5:30pm
- Senior Class Trip, Monday, June 5
- Music Banquet at the Riverhouse, Wednesday, June 7 at 6:00pm
- Final Exams - June 9 - 14, 2023
- Makeup Exam - June 15, 2023
- Graduation, Thursday, June 15 at 6:00pm

The Spring Concert on May 18<sup>th</sup> was a success!



Business and Personal Law students had the opportunity to visit Middlesex Superior Court on Thursday, May 18th. They began their day learning about court procedures and listening to arraignment hearings. The day culminated in criminal court, where students were permitted to view proceedings from the jury box. They observed pleas and sentencing for criminal cases.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the CT State Building Trades Training Institute presented to student who were interested in trades. They spoke about their construction readiness training program, their internship program, their apprenticeship training program, as well as the curriculum they follow to provide the most current training to future professionals.



**Our Senior lineup**



On Tuesday, May 23, the golf team traveled to Stanley Golf Course for the 2023 Shoreline Conference Golf Tournament. In this conference match, five golfers represented our team, and the top four scores were combined to determine the overall team score. With a total score of 358, our team finished tied for 7<sup>th</sup> place. Leading the team was Freshman Grady Barber with an impressive score of 83, followed by Hunter Rafala with 89, Caleb Jessee with 91, Chris DeLisa with 95, and Casey Burns with 113. With three more matches remaining in the regular season, our team has a strong chance of qualifying for the State Tournament.

After their recent AP Art History exam, Mrs. Batt and her students visited the Yale University Art Gallery in New Haven. The gallery showcases numerous artworks covered in the AP Art History curriculum this year. Mrs. Batt emphasizes the value of such trips. Stating, "Experiencing art and sculpture in person after studying them in textbooks provides us with new perspectives and lasting connections." After the gallery visit, the group enjoyed an authentic French dining experience at Crepes Choupette before returning to school. The AP Art History course is offered every other year and is open to 10th-12th grade students interested in art, history, and research.

From May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>, our high school students successfully completed their AP testing. A total of 121 tests were administered to 68 students, utilizing both digital and paper formats. Undoubtedly, our students are relieved to have completed this challenging endeavor.



# High School Celebrations!!

Softball & Shoreline Tournament: softball senior night was held on Friday, May 19th. Congrats to Hailey, Melissa, and Brooke on your success as student-athletes.



Baseball Senior Night was held on Wednesday, May 17th. Congrats to Austin, Max, Sam, and Joe on their accomplishments as student-athletes!



Senior track night – congratulations to Michael, Andrew, Drew & Mamuch, your achievements are a testimony to your dedication and hard work.

Congratulations to Brooke Linares and Susanna Zhang who were honored as the top juniors in Social Studies and Math. Both students were honored at an awards breakfast this week.



Congratulations to Katrina Tozier and Drew MacNeil for receiving well-deserved recognition at the Scholar Leader Banquet! Their achievements are truly commendable!



Austin Sevigny and Melissa Knox have been honored with the prestigious CAPSS award, recognizing their exceptional leadership in both activities and their everyday lives.



**Congratulations!**





# Prom



*On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Boathouse in Glastonbury set the stage for an unforgettable Prom. Meticulously organized by the junior class, the night was filled with joy and excitement.*





# Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School

Using skills acquired through Kagan Cooperative Learning Professional Development, NHRMS teachers have worked to create opportunities for students to collaborate and communicate with each other every day!

## Save the Date

- No School Memorial Day: May 29th
- 8th Grade Trip to Gettysburg: May 30th-June 1st
- 8th Grade Trip to Cave Hill: June 7th
- 6th Grade Trip to Lake Compounce: June 7th
- 4th Grade Orientation: June 7th
- MS Concert at the high school: June 8th
- Promotion 6 pm: June 14th
- Last day of School/HS Graduation: June 15th



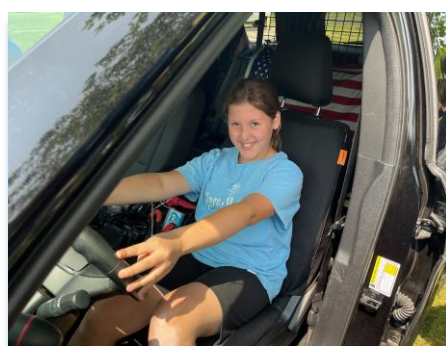
Experiencing the joy of mathematics in 4<sup>th</sup> grade with exciting and engaging activities!



Throughout the spring, students have been actively collaborating with the EH Garden Club. Their ongoing efforts have included tending to various tasks, such as weeding the butterfly garden and planting sunflowers. Additionally, they have diligently worked on removing the invasive Tree of Heaven, weeding the vegetable garden, and ensuring proper hydration and maintenance of the composter.



5th graders are currently participating in D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). This is an educational program aimed at preventing drug abuse and promoting healthy decision-making among students. In their classroom lessons, which are conducted by Officer Dave, students focus on decision-making skills by teaching them strategies to resist peer pressure and make healthy choices. Officer Dave also helps students develop strong communication skills by teaching them how to express their thoughts and feelings, actively listen to others, and communicate assertively when faced with situations involving drugs. Students reflect on their personal values, goals, and aspirations. With Officer Dave's support, students explore the potential impact of drug abuse on their lives, relationships, and future prospects.





# East Haddam Elementary School



The 22nd Annual Basket Bash event, which took place on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, was a huge success. The EHES PTO dedicated months of planning to ensure an exceptional evening, featuring an impressive collection of over 100 baskets, valuable raffle prizes, and silent auction items. The event raised nearly \$15,000, and after covering expenses, all proceeds will be reinvested into the EHES PTO budget to support cultural arts and various programs for elementary school students.



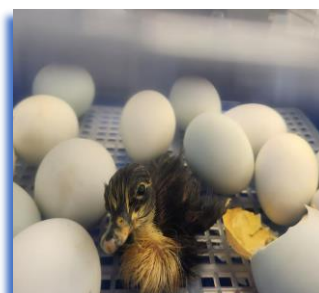
On Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students embarked on an exciting field trip to Bushy Hill Nature Center, where they had the opportunity to connect their Social Studies curriculum with real-life experiences. It was a memorable day filled with outdoor exploration and engaging activities. The students thoroughly enjoyed participating in archery, constructing lean-tos, and gaining knowledge about the local Indigenous culture, including artifacts and traditional lodging. It was an enriching adventure for the students.



On Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, EHES will participate in Get Outside and Play Day for Mental Health Awareness. This special day, declared by Connecticut's Governor, aims to promote children's mental health and well-being through outdoor activities. As part of the event, students will begin the day with the Snap Crackle Drop assembly, where cereal donations collected for the local food bank will be showcased in a domino display. Throughout the day, students will have various enjoyable opportunities to interact with their peers and teachers through engaging activities.



Room 301 has been learning about the life cycle of ducks. The class has been tracking the incubation of the eggs, learning how to handle the eggs to measure growth and progress, and now watching their duckling make their way into the world. They are the talk of the school!



EHES will be hosting its annual Volunteer Breakfast to express gratitude for the incredible support provided by our volunteers. The event will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am in the EHES cafeteria. Our dedicated volunteers contribute in numerous ways, such as assisting during kindergarten lunch, supporting classroom learning, serving as room parents, accompanying on field trips, making copies, etc.

