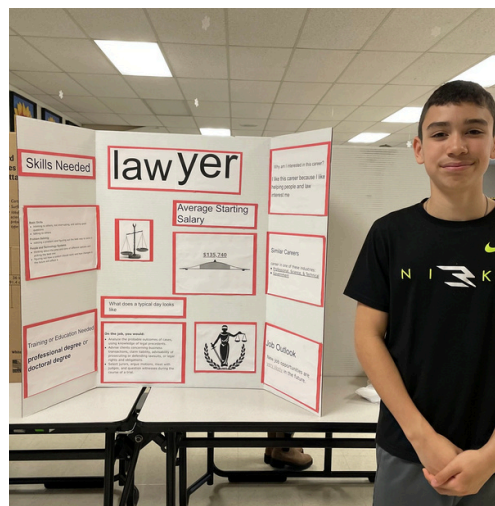
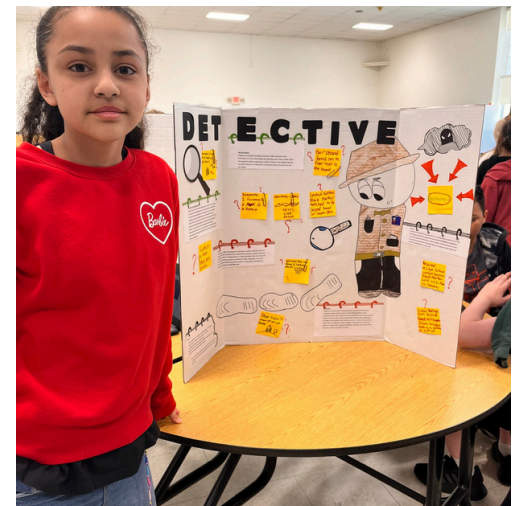


## EXPLORING CAREERS AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

April saw the 2nd annual Elementary College and Career Week at Mitchell and Bethlehem Elementary Schools. Students participated in Careers on Wheels Day where they had the chance to see vehicles they recognize on the road each day. This mini Touch-A-Truck event included emergency vehicles, town and work trucks, animal transports, big rigs, construction trucks, and more. Students learned about the careers that go with them from the drivers themselves.

At Career Speakers Day, third, fourth, and fifth graders at each school heard from local professionals in various jobs who came to share about their careers. Students heard from professionals in emergency services farmers, bakers, law and corrections, welding and manufacturing, nursing, aerospace engineering, and many others. At the end of the week, the fifth-grade students presented their own Career Research Projects about a career path of their choice.

College and Career Week at our elementary schools is made possible by the terrific collaboration of the School Counselors Lisa Sizer and Danielle Hutchins and Library Media Specialists Allison Loiseau and Caitlin Kelleher.





## WMS STUDENTS WIN WOMEN IN HISTORY CONTEST



State Representative Karen Reddington-Hughes, R-66 visited Woodbury Middle School on April 10 to congratulate sixth-grade students Stella Fitzgerald and Penelope Losh on their winning essays in her Women in Connecticut History essay contest.

Fitzgerald won first place for her essay on Harriet Beecher Stowe and Losh was the runner-up with her essay on Ella Grasso. Rep. Reddington-Hughes presented the students each with a citation from the Connecticut General Assembly for their winning essays on a notable Connecticut woman in history and what their contributions mean to them and for our state. All WMS sixth graders were assigned the essay for Women's History Month in March in their social studies and ELA classes. The essays were read by a panel of judges including WMS and district administrators and district social studies teachers and instructional leaders.

Reddington-Hughes said she was thankful for Woodbury Middle School's participation in this contest for Women's History Month. "These are women who are forerunners in their fields and have cleared the pathways for women in the future," she said.

"I chose Harriet Beecher Stowe because I already knew a lot about her from when we visited her house," Fitzgerald said. "She impressed me and I just think her life was so interesting."

Runner-up Penelope Losh chose Ella Grasso as her subject. "I think it is so cool that she was the first American woman elected as governor of a state on her own," Losh said.

## REGION 14 HOSTED FREE CARDIAC SCREENING

Nonnewaug High School hosted a free cardiac screening program for all Region 14 students ages 8 - 25 courtesy of the "In A Heartbeat" organization. 120 students took advantage of this screening.

"In A Heartbeat" was founded in 2015 by Mike Papale who experienced sudden cardiac arrest at age 17, to raise money and awareness for sudden cardiac arrest and Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (an enlarged heart muscle).

The organization works to spread the word about the importance of CPR and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and provides organizations with AEDs and emergency training. Papale is a student at Quinnipiac University and brings his team of QU medical student volunteers to perform the screenings.





# CULINARY COLLABORATION BRINGS REGION 14 CHEFS TOGETHER FOR COMMUNITY EFFORT



In April, Region 14's middle and high school culinary arts students came together for a collaborative cooking experience. WMS Culinary teacher Mike Hadoulis brought a group of his eighth-grade chefs to John Dominello's Nonnewaug High School culinary room to work alongside the Advanced culinary students.

The students worked together and even shared some skills while they prepared batches of homemade Minestrone. The soup was distributed to the senior centers in both Woodbury and Bethlehem. This was a terrific multi-school learning opportunity, mentor experience, and collaboration that additionally benefited some of our local senior citizens.

Mr. Dominello said he was excited to have the two groups cooking together in the kitchen to learn and mentor. Mr. Dominello and Mr. Hadoulis are working on future collaborative opportunities for their culinary students.





## CURRICULUM CORNER: MAY SBA AND NGSS ASSESSMENTS

In May, Region 14 students in grades 3 through 8 will participate in the annual state assessments in English language arts and mathematics by taking the Smarter Balanced Assessments. In addition, students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 will be tested in science through the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Assessment.

Student reports will be sent home to parents and guardians in early fall. The results for the English language arts, mathematics, and science assessments are just a few of many data points that provide information about a student's learning and should be considered alongside other student performance indicators such as classwork, progress reports, teacher feedback, and district benchmark assessments to gain a full picture of a student's academic progress towards meeting the state standards.

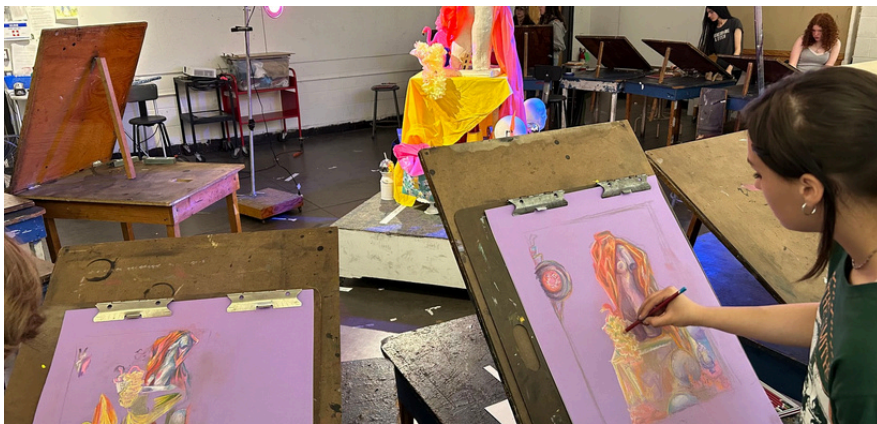
Official results from the state assessments will be made available to school districts in the summer, and Region 14 will utilize the results in conjunction with the additional data points mentioned above to see how students are progressing at each grade level. Analyzing the results helps school and district staff strengthen our educational programs and instruction to improve outcomes for all of our students.

Our students are well prepared for these assessments and will be testing in a positive and encouraging environment. Should parents or guardians have any specific questions about testing in their student's school(s), they should feel free to contact the school's main office and the appropriate person to answer your question will return your call.

We thank the Region 14 community for all you have done throughout the school year to support the education of our students!

## HARTFORD ART SCHOOL FIELD TRIP GIVES STUDENTS IMMERSIVE ART EXPERIENCE

Approximately 120 Woodbury Middle School and Nonnewaug High School students traveled to the Hartford Art School for an amazing, immersive multi-media art experience. Students spent the day at HAS learning about many art mediums. They had the opportunity for hands-on art in pottery, digital design and digital animation, painting, drawing, lightroom, pinhole photography, and more. This event was made possible by an "Every Child Art Experience" grant secured by NHS art teacher Genna Riggi and was open to any student at WMS or NHS.





## APRIL HAPPENINGS



Twelve Nonnewaug High School Agriscience students spent their spring break at the Grand Teton and Yosemite National Parks on a terrific educational field trip. Some of the highlights included visiting Mammoth Springs, Old Faithful, Grand Prismatic Springs, and the Fountain Pot Trail to examine and experience geothermal features. They also visited the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center to see these animals up close and observe their behaviors. Students also visited the Spanish Peaks Resort at Big Sky for a look at careers associated with hospitality and management of ski and golf course operations. Thank you to Agriscience teacher Jennifer Jedd for organizing this western adventure for Agriscience students.



Bethlehem Elementary School third graders wrapped up their unit on the Connecticut government with a special visit from State Senator Eric Berthel. He spoke to students about the branches of state government, the role of each branch, and how the state's elected representatives are the voice of the people. He also spoke with them about how bills are proposed and go through the legislative process.



April's solar eclipse was a terrific opportunity for special science lessons in Region 14 classrooms. Science teachers in the district spoke to their students about the eclipse process and what to expect in our area. They also learned the importance of safety during this incredible event. These MES first graders took what they learned and drew their eclipse models. Region 14 provided all students and staff with special safety viewing glasses before leaving school on April 8.

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