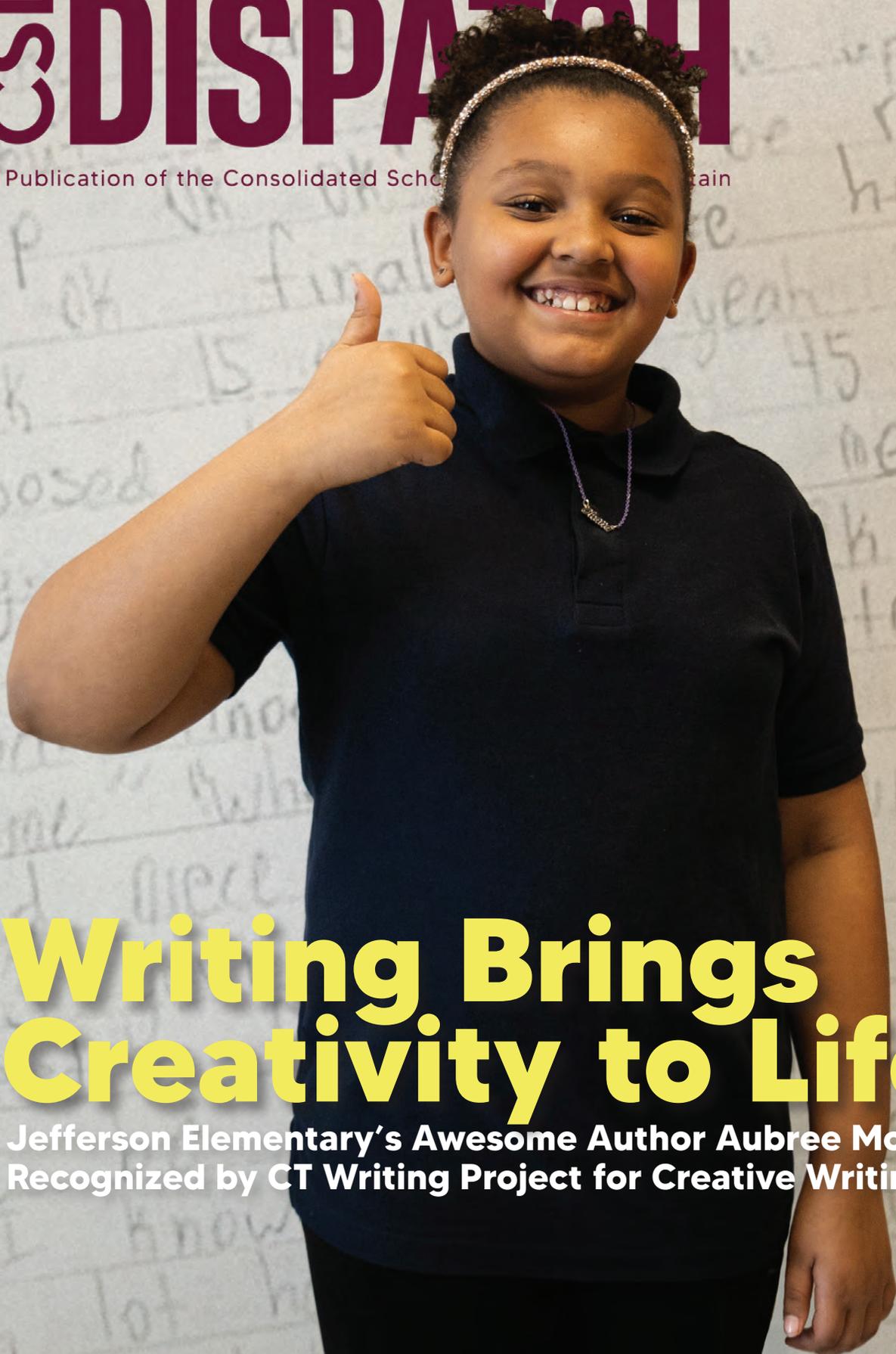


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Writing Brings Creativity to Life!

Jefferson Elementary's Awesome Author Aubree McKinley
Recognized by CT Writing Project for Creative Writing Piece

HELLO NEW BRITAIN FAMILIES AND STAFF MEMBERS:

Thank you for continuing to read our new newsletter, District Dispatch.

We have many things to celebrate and also much work to do. This newsletter will keep you informed of the great things that we are seeing from the district level of our school system. Our staff members and families are critical pieces in our plans to grow and improve CSDNB.

Thank you for taking the time to stay in touch with us!

In Partnership,



Superintendent Tony Gasper



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writing.

- C.S. Lewis



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Aubree McKinley is beaming with pride as she hugs her mother, Melinda Morales, while posing for the CSDNB District Dispatch.

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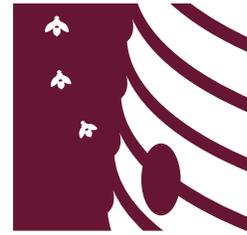


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SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION

I believe in recognizing and celebrating our students and staff members who distinguish themselves by doing more than what is asked of them. It's important to thank the students and staff members who are good citizens of our school district. As a small token of my thanks, we've created a challenge coin that I give to these kids and adults who are nominated to me by our principals. Not many will receive this recognition so to get one is very special. I hope to use this newsletter to share with you the stories of these great kids and adults.

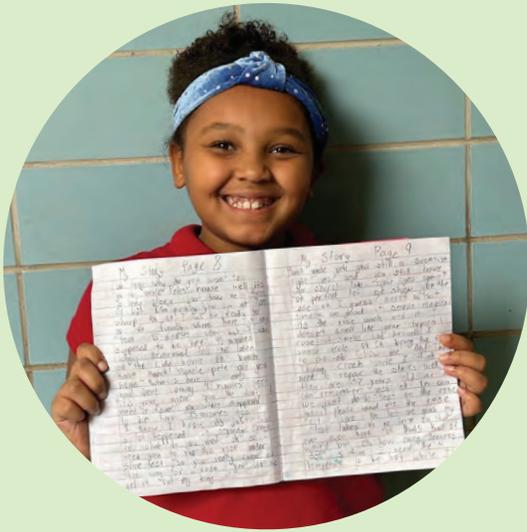
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Andrew Mazzei & Ryan Kowalczyk

Andrew Mazzei, Interim Principal, and Ryan Kowalczyk, Music Teacher, were nominated to receive the Superintendent Challenge Coin by Leona Clerkin, Coordinator of Fine Arts, Gifted and Talented.

With Suzanne O'Connor, Music and Band teacher, out on leave, Mazzei and Kowalczyk came together to keep the Band rolling and give all of the students a continuous musical opportunity. Kowalczyk picked up the Band Director responsibilities, leaving holes in his other sections that needed to be filled. Mazzei took on the challenge of filling the holes as he worked to move students as needed, split classes into thirds, support both the receiving and homeroom teachers and ensure students were escorted as needed. It was truly a team effort to ensure Slade students could continue with a very successful band experience!



Jefferson 4th-grader, Aubree McKinley, earned a Silver Honor for her fiction piece, "The Weirdest Day," that was entered into the CT Writing Project's Connecticut Student Writers (CSW) annual contest.

The CSW magazine provides an arena for Connecticut students to present their original work or poetry or prose and to recognize the importance of writing in their lives. For some, writing for the CSW offers the stepping stone for further literary endeavors. Annually, almost two thousand students from across Connecticut submit entries vividly demonstrating their passion for the craft of writing. From this large pool of poetry, personal narratives, essays, short stories, and drama, winners in Poetry and in Prose, respectively, are chosen to be published at each grade level.

Congratulations, Aubree!



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the CSW Magazine

The Weirdest Day

by Aubree McKinley

Beep! Beep! "Missy honey, wake up, you don't want to be late for your first day of school." Missy yelled back, "I'm up, let me get ready." A few minutes go by, and Missy calls out, "Mom I'm leaving for school." As Missy walks to the car, she remembers she forgot to eat her breakfast! Missy turns to go back towards the house. Suddenly, she hears crunching leaves in the bushes and she completely forgets about breakfast. She freezes for a moment and then decides to investigate. As she steps closer and closer towards the bushes, an animal jumps out at her. She screams because it happened so fast. Her vision was blurry and she couldn't tell what this creature was. Without warning, the strange animal ran behind her old, wooden, gray and brown shed that she hadn't been in since she was 5 years old. She wanted to investigate further, but she knew she'd be late for school if she didn't leave now.

Missy slowly walked back to her car confused. She gets in the car and reaches for her seatbelt. Just as she is about to turn the ignition key, music starts playing from the radio. Missy looks around confused and locks the car doors. Why did the music start? "Is somebody playing a trick on me?" she thought. Missy looked down at her watch and the time was 9:00 o'clock already. Missy starts the car quickly and says out loud, "AH!!! I'm so late for school I was supposed to be there at 8:30. I'm going to get in so much trouble and it's my first day of high school." She starts to back out of the driveway and turns to look out the window and sees her mom is staring at her in confusion. Missy's mom mouths, "Are you going to school? Do you know what time it is?" Missy nods her head "Yes" and continues to back out of the driveway.

Missy arrives at the high school, but can't find a parking spot. Finally, after 15 minutes of driving circles around the parking lot, she found a spot. Missy took a step out of her car and looked up and all she could see was a huge building and it smelled like a gingerbread house bringing back memories of when she was a little kid. There is one more smell. She thinks to herself, "It smells like heaven.. I just can't put my finger on it." She grabs her bag from the car and walks around the school to find the entrance

door. As she got closer to the door the smell was getting stronger and stronger. The smell got super strong as she made it to the entrance door. There stood beautiful white roses with one odd red rose right in the middle. Having a rose garden in front of the school was interesting, she recalled having smelt a rose garden before, but it usually never smelled this good. Missy looks away and looks back at the garden questioning if it's just her brain playing tricks on her.

The school bell rings and interrupts Missy's thoughts. She runs into the school and shouts, "Ow you don't have to shove me OMG! You don't have to push me jeez!" These hallways are tight and the students are brutal; she can't even find her locker. "Ring," there goes the second bell! Great, now she's late for her second class. Finally, everyone is out of the hallway and in class, but Missy doesn't know where her classroom is.

Missy spots a girl at her locker and wonders if she knows where the class is? Missy gives herself a pep talk. "Ok Missy, be a big girl and go talk to her. Maybe you'll make a new friend?" The girl started walking through the hallway and was nearly at the end of the hallway. Missy's heart was pounding a mile a minute. Her palms were sweaty and she was second guessing herself. She thought, "I am really shy. I don't think I can do this." And there Missy was, completely in front of the girl. It was almost as if it was in slow motion. Missy slipped, she was slowly falling forward, her face getting closer and closer to the floor and then Boom! Her face was flat on the floor. She was about to get up until the girl came running. "Are you ok? I saw that fall!" Missy got up and said, "Yeah I tripped on something. I don't know what I tripped on." "Your shoes. They are untied" she said. Those shoes are so cool" "Thanks, my aunt made them for me. She's an artist." "Oh wow. Let me help you up. By the way, my name is June" "Thanks", I said. "No problem, see you around" Right before she left, she directed me down the hall to my chemistry class. Then she told me that since her mom was the principal, she could ask her if she could be my guide for at least a week since the school was really big and I didn't know where I was going. I finally got to my chemistry class and sat at the back of the room. I didn't pay a lot of attention to what was going on, because my thoughts were racing. It had been a crazy day. All the weird things that happened flashed in my head. The strange animal? The music playing when the car wasn't

on? And then there was that mysterious single red rose. I somehow felt like this wasn't a coincidence. This was all super strange. This is a new school and new town. Am I the only person this is happening to? Is this normal or is it just me? I need to figure this out. This is a new school, a new town. What is going on? Everything that happened during my day somehow must all connect. I wish I knew what was happening. I needed to find out what was going on. My mind can't be playing tricks on me. Apparently I hadn't listened much to the teacher because the next thing I knew the teacher was saying, "Class you are dismissed. Have a great day!"

So I walked down the hallway and I headed outside to the parking lot and I said to myself, "When I get home I have to investigate everything that happened. This was by far the weirdest day I've ever experienced." So I got in my car and drove home expecting the music to start playing on its own, but it didn't. I finally make it home, I take a step out of my car and I can't stop staring at the bush half expecting a creature to jump out at me, but I snap out of it and walk in my house. My mom looks frightened and says, "Honey, have you seen the news?" "No", I replied, "Why?" "Well, you have no school for the rest of the week because something weird has happened in outer space and there was a UFO crash yesterday only two miles away from our house." "Ummm...really mom? This day has been so weird, and now you're going to tell me there are crazy space aliens walking around our neighborhood? Please stop playing games with me." "I am serious Missy Anne McKinley." I began to panic. My mom never says my full name unless she is either angry or completely serious. A UFO? Seriously?? I was sweating and couldn't breathe. Mom tried to calm me down. "They want to keep everyone safe at home for now so they can handle everything." I went to my bedroom to hide under my covers. I fell asleep for about an hour until I heard my mom again. "Missy, good news. It wasn't aliens! A piece of an old satellite broke and fell onto the Earth. We are safe!" I hugged her and sighed with relief. I was so glad that it was over, but now I need to solve the mystery of the creature, the music and the rose. That will have to wait for another day. I just can't handle any more craziness!



Get to Know DAVID HEMME, JR.

CSDNB's 2023 Teacher of the Year

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DAVID HEMME, JR.

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Name:

David Hemme, Jr.

School:

DiLoreto Elementary and Middle School

Current/Former Key Roles:

Middle School Science Teacher, Education Technology, Boys Soccer Coach, Summer Learning Teachers, DiLoreto Leadership Team member, DiLoreto Recovery Lead Teacher, Summer Technology Institute Facilitator, Teach for America Teacher

Education:

University of Missouri

Favorite Food:

Hispanic food, I love it all. I'm a spice person, so the more flavor, the better. That and what I grew up with, barbeque, true Kansas City Barbeque, not the fake stuff.

Favorite Restaurant:

Taco Bell. I could eat there every single day for the rest of my life.

Favorite Music Album:

NSYNC's third album, Celebrity, has one of my favorite songs ever, my pump-up jam, Pop.

Fun Fact:

I'm obsessed with ties. I have almost enough to wear a different tie for the entire school year. I've got 156 right now so we're getting close to the 182. I love ties.

Q&A w/ DAVID HEMME, JR.

What is something most don't know about you as an educator?

I teach science, but my favorite and best subject is math. I decided not to teach math because it comes so naturally to me that I felt like I wouldn't be able to effectively break it down the way that students might need. I knew it wouldn't be a good fit for me. So I went with my second favorite, science, so that I can explain and break it down a little bit more.

Why did you originally go into teaching?

My little sister grew up with several different learning disabilities, and school always came very easy to me. It was very natural. I didn't like seeing my sister struggle. At the time, education was a little different. Honestly, some of her teachers just said you're dumb and can't do it. I would be this 14/15-year-old kid at home helping her with her work and trying to get her through it. Seeing her make gains was always exciting to me. I've always, my entire life, loved working with children. I started working at a summer camp just before my senior year of high school and did it again every summer until I moved up here. It was a church camp, so it was kind of school-based. I did some teaching there, and that got me excited. Ultimately, I always liked explaining and opening people's minds to stuff that they might not have understood before. It was reinforced once I got into the classroom and could see kids light up when they get that aha moment.

What impact would you say being named Teacher of the Year has had on your professional career?

I think it had a huge impact on me personally and professionally. Personally, it increased my self-confidence. That doubt isn't there. You know you're doing a good job, and people are seeing what you're doing. I've gotten feedback and excitement from former students, parents, coworkers, and people in the district that I didn't know knew me and have told me I deserved it, which has been a huge confidence builder and has made me stronger in the classroom. From a professional standpoint, it opened up a lot of opportunities that I didn't realize would be opportunities. So there is the Teacher of the Year Professional Development series. I've been able to go to some of those sessions and work with other district Teachers of the Year, meet with some policymakers, and just grow in my craft. It's been really exciting to know learning is always going to happen. It's been amazing to have those learning experiences to meet with educators outside of New Britain and hear different perspectives.

What did it mean to represent New Britain at the statewide event?

It was a surreal moment. As a teacher, yes, we are all trying to work toward Teacher of the Year, but that's not why we do it. It was cool to be able to go and represent our district because there is so much negative press surrounding us. All people want to focus on is the bad, and there is so much

good happening here. To be able to be in a space and let other people know those good things that we don't see on the news was a really cool experience. I loved seeing all these people and being like, wow, look at all the hard work paying off. Some of these people I had heard about in educational circles, and to be on the same stage as them was a really cool experience.

Recently you were invited to NBHS to keynote the Educators Rising conference and sit down with students. What did you hope to impart to the high school students who are aspiring teachers?

I always wanted to be a teacher, but pressure from family and society told me that teaching wouldn't get me where I needed to go. I was pushed towards the doctor avenue and even went to Med School for a year and realized this was someone else's dream, not mine. So I really know that today, especially the way so many teachers are leaving the profession, someone interested in teaching might have a bad outlook. I know that we need good educators and people that care. Youth are always changing things and coming up with better ideas. I wanted to be there to tell them it's not going to be perfect, but if this is what they want, don't give up and go for it. It was so cool to sit in on their presentations and hear the ideas they have and see the passion they have at 14/15 years old. I see education moving in the direction that it needs to go, so being a part of that and being asked to be there was really cool. Some of them had me as a teacher, and some of them had me through the summer program, and I want them to know I'm another resource if they need someone to reach out to or need some advice.

What is the long-term legacy you hope to leave in education?

I strive every day to make sure my students, one, know that they're cared for and, two, that no matter what their circumstances or their situation are that they know they can find success in whatever avenue they want to take. My legacy is I want students to have the tools to succeed in society, and I want them to look back and think Mr. Hemme and the teachers I had were supportive enough to make sure I got to where I wanted to go, and I never gave up on myself. I think, as youth, it's a lot harder to believe in yourself. One little thing can go wrong and take you off the rails, and I want them to know no matter what setbacks they face, they can succeed. When I was announced as Teacher of the Year on the Facebook page, I saw so many comments from former students saying it's about time or he deserves this. Those comments show what I want to leave. I want them to look back and think, 'Maybe Mr. Hemme was hard, maybe Mr. Hemme yelled at us some days, maybe Mr. Hemme was annoying, maybe he made me work too much, but at the end of the day, he loved me and did the best he could, and I hope giving that gives students the chance to go out and achieve whatever they want.'

Get to Know VICTORIA MUSCARA

CSDNB's 2023 Paraeducator of the Year

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Without the kids in my KEY classroom, I wouldn't be the para I am today. These children have taught me so much about patience, understanding and kindness that you don't see often.

VICTORIA MUSCARA

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Name:

Victoria Muscara

School:

Smith Elementary School

Current/Former Key Roles:

Began career at Smith in 2019 in a new KEY room before assisting in opening a second KEY room, making a lasting impact on the school community!

Hometown:

New Britain, CT

Favorite Food:

Sushi

Favorite Restaurant:

Wood-n-Tap

Favorite Music Album:

'Collide with the Sky' by Pierce the Veil

Fun Fact:

I was a face painter and balloon artist for a while!



Q&A w/ VICTORIA MUSCARA

Why did you originally go into education?

My high school childhood education class! I loved working with the preschool children. It was my favorite class of the day. I remember how excited I was the first time I had to create and present a lesson to the students. It was definitely nerve-racking but it went so much better than I thought it would and from there I was hooked.

What went through your mind when you were named Paraeducator of the Year?

This is such an incredible honor. I was blown away with all the love and support. I have to say, without the kids in my KEY classroom I wouldn't be the para I am today. It has been such a wonderful experience getting to grow and learn amongst two new KEY rooms here at Smith. These children have taught me so much about patience, understanding and kindness that you don't see often. I wish I could share this award with all the wonderful paras, as I know as we have all put in so much hard work and effort into these children. Coming from the New Britain district myself, it was so exciting when I got offered the job in my hometown. It felt like a great way to give back to the same system that helped me. In this line of work educators don't always get the recognition they deserve so this award was so touching. I have a great staff and admin to thank for allowing me to constantly work on bettering myself as an Educator.

We always love to see educators giving back to their hometown as you mentioned. How has working in your hometown affected you?

It was a huge pleasure, and it really helped me feel like I was able to come full circle in my growth as a person raised in New Britain. I remember when it was announced that I won Paraeducator of the Year, a former science teacher from high school reached out to congratulate me. It was at that moment that I realized how far I have come.

What impact would you say being named Paraeducator of the Year has had on your professional career?

I believe it really gave me the confidence and motivation to put in more energy into better myself as a professional. With this job there are so many moments where you have no idea if you are doing things correctly or if what you are working towards makes a difference, but winning Paraeducator of the Year helped prove it was all worth it.

Can you tell us more about the impact your students have had on you?

My students have taught me so much about compassion, empathy, and the truest definition of not judging a book by its cover. Working in the key room and having all my children present differently, it was really the action of guiding them through interactions with the general ed. peers and helping them feel a sense of belonging. It was in those small moments that the children were able to teach me such valuable lessons.

Why did you originally go into education?

It's working and communicating well with your team. We all have good and bad days and without the right support none of us could be at our best. Teaming up with my classroom teacher Rachel Maskowsky to open Smith's second KEY room was such an amazing experience. It was the first time for her running a flex room and it took my knowledge of the kids and her professional experience combined to have the room be such a success.

What is the long-term legacy you hope to leave in education?

The legacy I hope to leave is just knowing that each child was able to feel love and care during my time with them.



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VICTORIA MUSCARA





Taste of RAMADAN

AT NEW BRITAIN HIGH SCHOOL

Ramadan marks the holy month observed by Muslims around the world and is a time for blessings and peace to be spread. We recently hosted the 'New Britain High School Taste of Ramadan' to give staff and students a chance to learn about Ramadan traditions and Muslim culture and to try traditional ethnic food before the holy month begins.

"The Taste of Ramadan and similar events like it are extremely important, particularly in school settings, because they uphold individual and collective identities while enshrining the celebratory observances of a growing minority in a safe, educational, and enriching environment. It's also about equity, inclusion, cultural competence, and showing support for one another," said Zahir Mannan, NBHS Teaching Assistant and planning committee member. "Such events connect people on a deeper spiritual and social level and help people discover the beauty of humanity, highlighting our common grounds and respecting our differences."

Ramadan will begin on March 22 and end around April 21 this year. During the holy month, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset without eating or drinking during this timeframe. Muslims focus on praying, self-reflection, self-improvement, and charity during this time.

NBHS Principal Damon Pearce said the event was an opportunity for our Muslim community to share the importance of religious observance. Before the event, Mannan presented the importance of and practices of Ramadan to hundreds of teachers and staff during a staff

meeting. Pearce said he thought attendees really appreciated the presentation and the Taste of Ramadan event as a great opportunity to learn from the New Britain Muslim community.

"Zahir's presentation to the staff about the meaning of Ramadan deepened our awareness of the significance of Ramadan to the Muslim community... not just on the impact on students but a deeper insight into their faith," said Pearce. "It also afforded our students the opportunity to connect with the staff on a cultural level; the students with whom I spoke were so happy and proud to share... I literally had students escorting me to the tables, giving me hints on what tasty treats to sample. In an environment as truly diverse as New Britain High School, any event that promotes cultural awareness and connection is essential."

Anwaar Al-Qamus, a junior at NBHS, volunteered at the event with her family and shared her thoughts on the importance of the event.

"It was amazing to see everyone's positive reaction to the delicious food and the cultural artifacts that we brought," said Al-Qamus. "I hope to see this event continue to grow in the coming years so more and more people can learn about the culture and the traditions of Ramadan."

Many individuals, like Al-Qamus came together to make this event possible. We'd like to thank our custodians, JROTC, and student volunteers for preparing the Cafe for the event; Mr. Jeffrey Taddeo, Whitsons Resident District Manager, for

donating all the tablecloths, beverages, and utensils; Mr. Fable's 3D Art Class and Mr. Conant's Construction Class for making beautiful Ramadan/Eid sculptures and crafts for our tables; Chef Nelson for allowing us to use his kitchen tools and for offering his assistance as usual; and our school security staff and secretaries for making sure our guests felt welcomed and for their help directing individuals on where to go!

We also owe a huge thank you to this year's NBHS Taste of Ramadan sponsors: Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and Humanity First, Sahara Halal Market, Beirut Bites Restaurant, Morad Market, New Britain Halal Market, Brick Oven Pizza & Restaurant, Farmington Valley American Muslim Center, Inc., and the many NBHS families who took part sharing their culture.

"Our NBHS Taste of Ramadan was a very successful opportunity for our high school staff, students, state reps, and members of the community of various backgrounds to come together." said Najla Jahaf, CSDNB Communication Assistant. "In the future, I hope that we will continue to see our community come together for events where all cultures are celebrated..."

NBHS Taste of Ramadan team:

Atieh Mahmoudi, Majedah Nassir,
Mona Sabra, Najla Jahaf, Reem Jasser,
and Zahir Mannan.

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More photos of this experience can be found in the **CSDNB Smiles** photo gallery section of this newsletter!



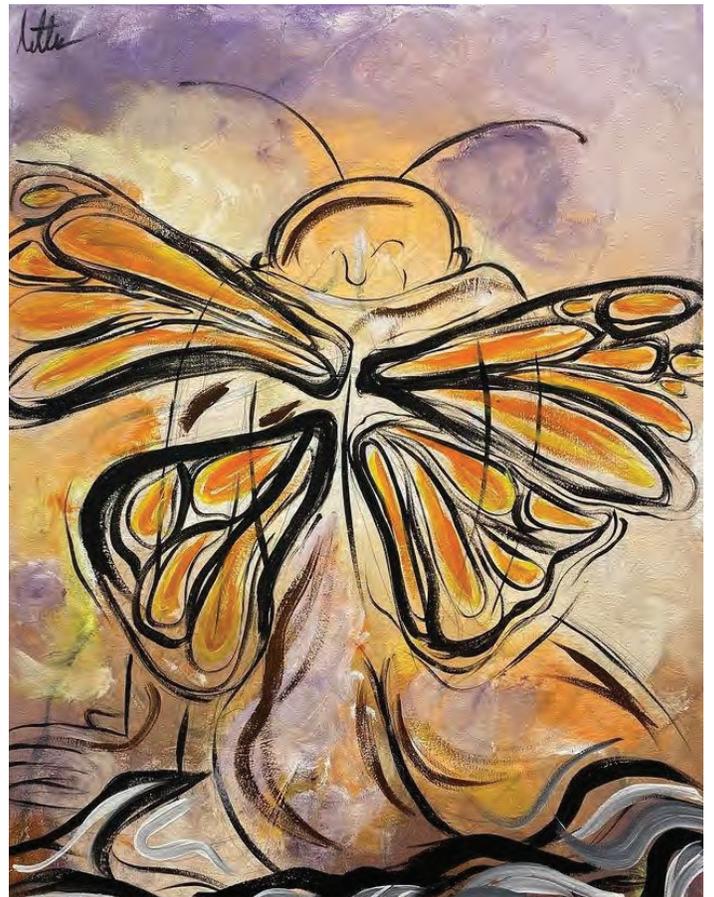
Pulaski Middle School 8th-grader Letty Rodriguez is an aspiring artist who loves to paint and recently had two of her canvases displayed at Gallery 66 in New Britain.

Letty was recently highlighted in our #FineArtFriday social media campaign. She was nominated to be featured alongside her artwork by her mother, Virgen Rodriguez. "Letty indicated that she loves art because it helps her express her feelings through her paintings and how it helps ease her mind. She was inspired by a well-known local artist, fellow New Britain native Olivia Nguyen, also known as Fiyabomb," said Virgen. "Fiyabomb has been helping Letty open up her creative side unapologetically through her art, showing her how to paint different styles of art and how to market and promote her art. She has also taught her business etiquette and how to now be afraid to be who you are and to be confident in not only herself but her artwork."

Beautiful Work, Letty!



Follow Letty on Instagram:
@lettys_art_creationz





DISTRICT UPDATES

What's New and Happening at CSDNB?



Parent/Guardian Survey

CSDNB is working each day to provide a great place for students to learn, teachers to teach, employees to work, and families to send their children for an excellent education. We are committed to listening and responding to your experiences as a parent/guardian in our district.

Please take a few minutes to complete the Parent Satisfaction Survey. The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Arabic, will close on Monday, April 24, and can be found on our website, www.csdnb.org, or scan the QR code shown above.



Academics Department Kicks Off Reading Sessions

American Reading Company (ARC) Coaching Sessions were held by The Department of Academics. Five training sessions were held with our Literacy Coaches for the rollout of ARC. Coaches worked with our ARC constituents to dive into the program and develop professional development and presentations for upcoming NBU sessions. The feedback from these sessions has been positive, and the coaches are getting ready to turn key their first ARC sessions to all K-5 teachers at the end of March and in April.



Rock Your Socks!

Every year, on March 21, people around the world come together to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly colored, mismatched socks.

WDS Day raises awareness of what Down Syndrome is, what it means to have Down Syndrome, and how people with Down Syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities. We love the way Ms. Libby's 5th-grade class at Gaffney Elementary School came together to celebrate and show their support together!



Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Registration for new kindergarten students for the 2023-2024 school year is now open! Visit csdnb.org/register to begin the online process.

If your student currently attends Gaffney Preschool, Gaffney KEY Preschool, or Roosevelt Early Learning Center (RELC) in the 2022-23 School Year, YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN IN 2023-24.

DISTRICT UPDATES

What's New and Happening at CSDNB?



Golden Hurricanes Crowned Top Band

The New Britain High School Golden Hurricane Marching Band and The New Britain Police Explorers recently joined Town Marshall, Mayor Erin Stewart, in the 2023 Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade.

We were so proud to see our students marching again, as there hasn't been a New Britain contingent in the parade for nearly five years.

New Britain was awarded the 'Best Town Contingent,' and the Golden Hurricane Marching Band took home the award for 'Best High School Band.'



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Smith Elementary 5th-Graders Advocate at State Capital

Justice, Yamara, Yazmin, and Jayden, all 5th-grade students from Smith Elementary School, recently advocated at the CT State Legislature to support Farm to School Programming. New Britain ROOTS, a local non-profit and valued community partner invited the students to join them to ask for the Education Committee's support in continuing funding for Farm to School curriculum and nutrition-focused programs.

The students spoke about their experiences, such as receiving garden beds and soil to plant in, planting seeds to watch them grow, trying new fruits and veggies, and the importance of having more nutritious foods in our cafeteria for students to eat.

"I really enjoy the taste tests they have there because I get to taste new foods that I never tasted before. One of them was eggplant. It was my first time trying eggplant, and it was really good," said Yazmin. "After I tried the eggplant I told my parents to make me it because it was really good."

We thank Brianna D'Alessio, CSDNB STEAM teacher and Farm to School summer programming instructor, New Britain ROOTS, FoodCorps Connecticut, and State Representative Bobby Sanchez for supporting our students in this initiative!

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Great Things Happening at Bridges Middle!

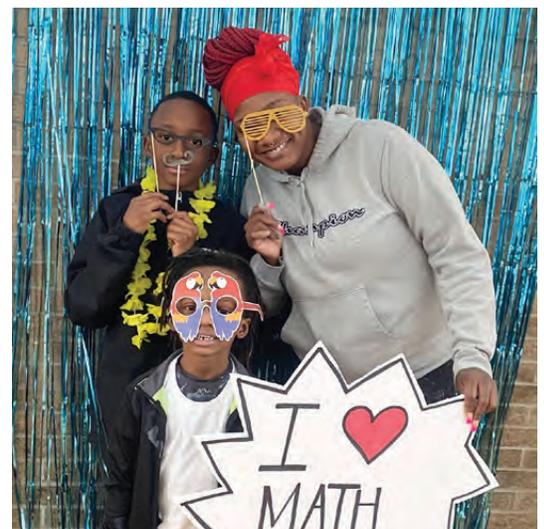
Teachers, staff, and students at Bridges are working hard to continue holding high expectations for students to promote a positive learning environment! Students are working to have daily on-task behaviors which earn them program points for class and program incentives as they grow in the BoysTown Small Classroom Management levels. Incentives include access to additional mainstream classes and opportunities to strengthen their social-emotional/behavioral skills. Many students recently earned positive points to attend the 2nd Trimester Program Trip to Lessard Lanes!



Family Math Night

Chamberlain held a Math and Numeracy Night engaging families in various math practices in a fun beach-themed way! Families participated in numerous math activities such as Illustrative Mathematics games, an estimation station, a 3D printer station, an iReady station, and more.

"The goal of the night was to provide families with the opportunities to engage in varying mathematical tasks with their child and realize that math is all around us! It was so wonderful to hear families engaging in rich math discussions throughout the night," said Match Coach Amanda Gratton.



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'Hit Factory' Hits the Kelly Clarkson Show

The Pulaski Middle School 'Hit Factory' after-school club continues to gain positive media attention for its innovative approach to engaging students. Marquan Shumpert-Reid, Behavior Support Assistant, runs the program with Erik Flores, Family School Liaison. The 'Beat Coach' has gone viral for utilizing his experience and skills as a music producer to teach students how to make beats themselves.

Shumpert-Reid recently traveled to California to appear on The Kelly Clarkson Show with Zion, Pulaski Student, to talk about the program and its impact in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Hip Hop. Mr. Shumpert's non-profit, Mud Multi Media, LLC, was awarded \$25,000 from The Kelly Clarkson Show and Netspend, show sponsor, to continue and expand his work teaching the next generation of creators not only in New Britain but across the country.

Congratulations to Mr. Shumpert! We thank Mr. Shumpert and Zion, aka Ziggy, for making New Britain so proud. We know our entire community can not wait to see what you both, and the rest of The Hit Factory students, do next!

Catch the clip here:



NBHS MET Academy Celebrates Women in Construction

Carolina Borges Cavalcante, President of Tilcon Connecticut, visited New Britain High School during Women in Construction Week with several colleagues to speak to female students in The NBHS Academy of Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology. Cavalcante has over 15 years of experience in the Building Materials industry and international experience in strategy and business intelligence.

"The event was important because it encouraged and inspired young people to work hard on what they want to accomplish after high school and college," said Isaelis Pérez, NBHS junior. "I learned a lot about the backgrounds and job descriptions of the guest speakers from Tilcon and President Carolina Cavalcante. It was an inspiring experience."

Tilcon CT is headquartered in New Britain and is a supplier of crushed stone, hot-mix asphalt, and ready-mix concrete. Each year, Tilcon supplies millions of tons of aggregate from five quarries and two sand and gravel pits. We thank the entire Tilcon CT team for joining us as they continue to give back to their community! We also thank Mr. Berhiau-me and Mr. Angelo D'Alfonso of the NBHS Work Based Learning Office, Mr. Eric Nelson, MET Academy Lead Teacher, and all others involved for putting together this opportunity.

To learn more about the MET Academy, visit:
www.newbritainacademiesct.org

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Student-Led Spirit Week at Vance

The Vance Elementary School Student Council representatives recently planned an amazing Spirit Week for the students and staff at Vance.

“Student Council is an opportunity for our students to build leadership and communication skills, and to support our school community,” said Principal Sarah Harris. “We want to foster these skills in our students as they move through CSDNB and beyond.”

The student team even created a presentation for staff that linked resources to support teachers in the planned activities. The representatives went from classroom to classroom, sharing the presentation.

“We wanted to hold a Spirit Week so that we can have fun and to make sure that our school had ways to build community,” said Student Council Vice President Alexandra Cataquet.

Way to go, Vance School Student Council!!



NBHS Educators Rising Club Sweeps Statewide Competition!

After competing in the EdRising building level competition, many students in the club recently qualified for the 3rd Annual Connecticut EdRising Conference competitions at CCSU. NBHS students showcased their talents in four categories and swept the competition!

Congratulations to the EdRising students who will now advance to the national competition in Orlando, some for the second year in a row! What could make this even sweeter? The national organization reached out to let us know they will be paying for ALL 24 COMPETITORS TO ATTEND!

We would be remiss if we didn't also congratulate and thank their Teacher Leaders, Eileen Marquez, and Colleen Moffett. These two incredible educators continue to go above and beyond for their students, and it shows.

You can see the list of winners here:



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Sister Act!

Did you catch New Britain High School's production of Sister Act? Congratulations to the students and staff involved who put on an incredible production of the Broadway spectacular!



CSDNB Staff Represents Connecticut in Georgia

Several staff members recently represented not only New Britain but Connecticut as well at a "Teach to Lead Summit" in Atlanta, Georgia.

These summits are two-day conferences designed to help spotlight and advance the groundbreaking, teacher-led work that is happening in states, districts, and schools across the country. During a summit, teams of educators convene to think deeply about a problem of practice – an idea for how to improve learning in their school, district, or state context – and to work as a team to plan solutions. We can't wait to see our staff put what they learned about improving our "Grow Your Own" program into action

TEACH TO LEAD



Camp Read A Lot!

What's better than reading with your family? Reading with your family at Vance Elementary School's Annual Camp Read A Lot!

Vance recently celebrated reading by inviting students, families, and staff to read under the stars in the gym, participate in camping activities and crafts, sing campfire songs, and hear campfire stories! We especially loved seeing students cross the bridge over "Reading Waterfalls" and fish for word rhymes!

We thank the Vance team for planning this incredible reading camp adventure for our students and families!

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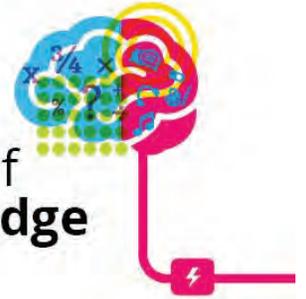
Pi Day at Slade

Slade Middle School took Pi Day to a new decimal earlier this week when students won the opportunity to 'pi' staff in front of a packed auditorium.

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14 around the world annually, celebrating the Greek letter π . The symbol used in mathematics, physics, and life is never-ending. It continues infinitely without repetition or pattern. 3.14159.....

To prepare for Pi Day, students at Slade tested their knowledge of π as they memorized as many digits as they could. Many students ended up with the chance to π a staff member of their choice on stage. We thank all the staff who volunteered to participate and those who organized this event!

"The event brought our learning community together to connect and laugh, as we often-times don't get to do," said Interim Principal Andrew Mazzei.



Depth of Knowledge

Depth of Knowledge Sessions Continue for Secondary Administrators

Grades 6-12 administrators recently attended their second Depths of Knowledge (DOK) session. They continue to collaborate and calibrate around DOK examples by using videos and participation in live activities. They began to strategize around introducing walkthroughs to teachers. Some schools have begun their own individual workshops at their schools with staff members. Secondary Coaches were provided with a DOK session last week which included the same activities that administrators participated in. This will help provide support to teachers from both coaches and administrators.



Vassar College Jazz Acapella Group Performs for DiLoreto Students

The DiLoreto Elementary & Middle School students experienced a live performance by the Vassar Night Owls, a jazz a cappella group. Making their trip to New Britain from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, the very talented Night Owls put on an inspiring performance for our students to enjoy! Thank you, Night Owls!

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State Representative Visits NBHS

The New Britain High School African American Club Town Hall series continues as they recently hosted State Representative Maryam Khan, 5th District, to speak to NBHS students.

Khan is the first Muslim member of the Connecticut House. She is the Vice Chair of the Housing Committee and a member of the Aging, Education, and Judiciary Committees. As Vice President of the Windsor Board of Ed, she fought for access to quality education, funding community infrastructure, and inclusion in decision-making. Her experience opened her eyes to the vast disparities our communities face, inspiring her to lead the fight for change. She is also a high school special education teacher for Hartford Public Schools.

We thank Representative Khan for joining us at NBHS and the AAC for creating another wonderful opportunity for our students.



Porkchop the Pig Visits Gaffney Classrooms with Best Attendance!

Two classrooms at Gaffney Elementary School got a special smile-inducing visit from Porkchop the Pig!

Mrs. Healy's 2nd graders and Mrs. Morello's 3rd graders won the opportunity through a schoolwide attendance challenge held in February. Excited, curious students got to pet and feed Porkchop the Pig grapes and cherry tomatoes and ask owner and trainer Jess Moffo many questions.

Thank you, Jess and Porkchop, for joy in your visit to the Gaffney Elementary School attendance challenge winners!



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Winter Sports Banquet

The New Britain Hurricanes celebrated the end of the winter sports season with their first-ever Winter Sports Banquet. We would like to thank all the student-athletes and families who joined us!



Boys Basketball

* Finished Second Overall in Division *

Kenny Robinson Tournament Champions:
Freshman Boys Basketball

Most Valuable Player:
Dontay Bishop

Most Improved Player:
Juan Desiderio

Black and Blue Award:
Demari Johnson

**NBHS Boys Basketball All-Conference,
CCC North Division:**
Dontay Bishop, senior, and
Na'Zier Williams, junior



Cheerleading

* Hosted the CCC Conference Championships *

* Recipient of the CCC Conference Coaches
Sportsmanship Award *



Girls Basketball

* Finished Fourth Overall in the Division*

Freshmen Awards:

Most Improved
Julia Parzych

Rising Star
Saniyah Demus

Junior Varsity Awards:

Rising Star
Malia Burgos

Heart of a Hurricane
Julie Clavette

Varsity Awards:

Most Outstanding Player
Janessa Yaconiello

Heat of the Hurricane
Kiatyanna Denmark

All-Conference, CCC North Division:
Kiatyana Denmark; Janessa Yaconiello



Girls Indoor Track and Field

* Finished 5th in the Division *

Competed in the 2023 Hispanic Games
in New York, NY (200m and 400m)

CCC & Class LL Championship qualifiers in the
55m, 600m, 4x200m Relay, Sprint Medley Relay,
and 4x400m Relay

State Open qualifier and Top 10 finisher
in the 600m (Sultana Ali)

New England Championship qualifier and
Top 10 finisher in the 600m (Sultana Ali)

Sophomore Sultana Ali finished 10th overall at
New England's, running a personal best time. Of
the top 10 finishers, 7 were juniors and seniors.

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Boys Indoor Track and Field

*** Finished 4th in the Division ***

Competed in the 2023 Hispanic Games in New York, NY (4x200m Relay, 200m, 400m, and 800m)

CCC & Class LL Championship qualifiers in the 55m, 300m, Long Jump, 4x200m Relay, 4x800m Relay, Sprint Medley Relay, and 4x400m Relay

All-Conference recognition in the Sprint Medley Relay

Class LL Championship Top 5 finisher in the Long Jump (Jeremiah Hines)



Wrestling

*** Finished 4th in the Division ***

Breakthrough Award

Jeremy Castillo

Coach's Award

Cameron Cardona

Hurricane Award

Fernando Ortega

CCC All-Conference

Cameron Cardona, Jeremy Castillo, Daevious Stevenson, Marquise Eason, Luviss Offeril



New Britain High School Hosts Unified Sports Basketball Tournament

New Britain High School recently hosted a Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) Unified Basketball Tournament for over 18 teams from all over central Connecticut. Congratulations to all of our athletes who participated!

For the fifth year in a row, NBHS is a National Unified Champion School. Unified Sports is a registered program of Special Olympics that combines athletes with and without intellectual disabilities (or other developmental delays) on sports teams for training and competition. The cooperative and innovative partnership between the CIAC and Special Olympics Connecticut has had a dramatic impact on the number of school-age children who have the opportunity to participate in organized team sports.

We would like to thank the athletes, staff, JRTOC, New Britain High School Golden Hurricane Marching Band, referees, and all others who volunteered their time to make this event happen!

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Gerry Berthiaume to Receive the Bill Huber Award

The New Britain Sports Hall of Fame committee has named Mr. Gerry Berthiaume as the recipient of this year's Bill Huber Award.

Huber had a major impact on New Britain sports. After graduating from NBHS in 1944, he began his career teaching physical education and health and coaching basketball and baseball before becoming the Athletic Director. In 1987, he became the Director of Physical Education, Health, and Safety for CSDNB. He mentored many throughout his career, greatly impacting the lives of many students and teachers. Berthiaume will be recognized as a recipient of the award in Huber's honor because he embodies this spirit, mentoring many through education and sports in New Britain and beyond. Berthiaume is currently serving as both a Work Based Learning Liaison and the longtime Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach at NBHS.

The 26th Annual New Britain Sports Hall of Fame Induction and Award Ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 30, at CCSU's Alumni Hall. Tickets are \$70 and need to be purchased ahead of the event. Tickets will not be available at the door. Congratulations to Berthiaume and all other individuals being inducted this year!



Smith and Vance Elementary Schools Receive National Recognition

Learning Ally recently hosted the 'Great Reading Games' nationally and two New Britain schools won big! Smith placed 6th in the nation amongst elementary schools their size, and Vance placed 3rd amongst middle schools (schools with grades 5-8) their size. Smith will receive a \$100 gift card, and Vance will receive a \$150 gift card. Smith Principal Karen Falvey at Smith and Vance Principal Sarah Harris both say they are proud of the reading their students have been doing and excited about this recognition.

Based on brain science and leading instructional practice research, Learning Ally provides new, integrated tools to help educators drive sustainable transformational change in literacy leadership and student achievement. Their programs help educators identify and prevent learning issues, allowing struggling readers to become independent, engaged learners who are empowered to achieve socially, emotionally, and academically, regardless of background or learning difference.



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Colorful Hallways at NBHS

We were so impressed with the art highlighted at the first-ever New Britain High School Art Night! Student work was displayed from the trophy case outside the gymnasium all the way down to the auditorium featuring the work of student artists in AP Studio Art and 3D/Ceramics.



Facilities Department Highlights



Great Work Richard Troiani!

On behalf of the Facilities Department, the management staff would like to commend Richard Troiani of the Maintenance Department for his service excellence. We recently hired Rich to our team, and he has come in with both feet running from day one. Rich has been providing excellent suggestions and service in the realm of painting, especially in our administrative building. Rich is very proficient with his approach to work orders and is managing the paint list very well.

Thank you very much to Rich, congrats, and your work is much appreciated! You are an excellent addition to our team!



Well Done Angelo DePamphilis!

On behalf of the Facilities Department, the management staff would like to commend Angelo DePamphilis for the excellent service he provides in the realm of plumbing. Angelo's approach to repair work, conscious cost-effectiveness, and the end product are always at the highest level of professionalism, and we very much appreciate it. Thanks for a job well done, Angelo!

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STANDOUT STUDENTS & STAFF



Zaire
Student
Brookside School

"Zaire has done a great job transitioning from the Brookside Re-Engagement program to Brookside School. He has demonstrated belonging in the way he quickly adapted to working with his classmates. Zaire is consistently respectful to staff. He shows autonomy with his self-reflective demeanor and his drive to independently complete his work. Zaire is a dependable student who has demonstrated consistent levels of competence in his approach to school and is always willing to do for others."

- submitted by Principal Jason Miramant.



Jaxson
Student

DiLoreto Elementary and Middle School

"Jaxson is such an amazing kid! Not only does he care about his learning, but he actively works to make the learning of his peers better as well. He uses his roles as President of the Student Council and Lead Anchor at DiLo Daily News to advocate for the school community and ensure DiLo is a positive place to learn! Way to go Jaxson!"

*- submitted by Mr. David Hemme, Jr.,
DiLoreto Teacher &
CSDNB Teacher of the Year*



Amethyst
Student
Gaffney Elementary School

"Amey is a hard worker who loves to participate in class and help out when she can. She always accepts a challenge. Amey is a happy-go-lucky kid who spreads kindness around like confetti."

- submitted by Principal Anita Fazio



Jadwiga Furtak
School Nurse
Chamberlain Elementary School

"My son has had issues with his sinuses since last year, and that's caused him to miss a lot of school as well as miss class time to go to the nurse as needed. They have developed such a bond over this time. Parker talks about her in the highest regard and speaks highly of how well he feels taken care of. Every time I speak with her, I understand why he feels so safe with her. She's so kind and soft-spoken. I feel so good knowing when my child is at school with his health issues that she will have his back for whatever special permission he may need and takes care of him with professionalism and love."

- from a parent/guardian

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Keith Pigeon
Math Teacher
New Britain High School

"Mr. Pigeon goes above and beyond to make connections with students and to ensure they are understanding the concepts presented in his classes. He even holds math learning sessions on Saturdays or during vacation weeks to make sure his students are learning the course material."

- from a parent/guardian



Eileen Marquez
Teacher
New Britain High School

"She helps students succeed in every way possible! She is willing to sacrifice her time in order to be engaged in her students' life! She knows everything and anything about each one of her students, and you can see how her passion grows each day as she teaches! She's just an outstanding person, and she cares for everyone! She deserves to be recognized for all she does!"

- from a student



Daniel Brenes
Teaching Assistant
Smith Elementary School

"Mr. B is a teacher assistant here at Smith School, but he deserves recognition for much, much more than that! He is the epitome of a TEAM PLAYER. He is always there to help when he is needed, even outside of his TA role... all the while maintaining a composed, calm energy that is contagious in the most positive way to staff and students alike. Mr. B is bilingual, and many of our ESL students have formed a strong connection with Mr. B that they may not have found otherwise. When our school nominated for teacher and para of the year—the first person that came to mind was Mr. B, and I was sorry to see there was no spot for "TA" of the year, so I love the idea of CSDNB recognizing other phenomenal staff members!!! Thanks for all you do, Mr. B!"

- from a colleague



Quentin McDougald
Science Teacher
Slade Middle School

My child comes home daily reminding me why Mr. McDougald is the best teacher by far. Always going above and beyond to be respectful to the children.

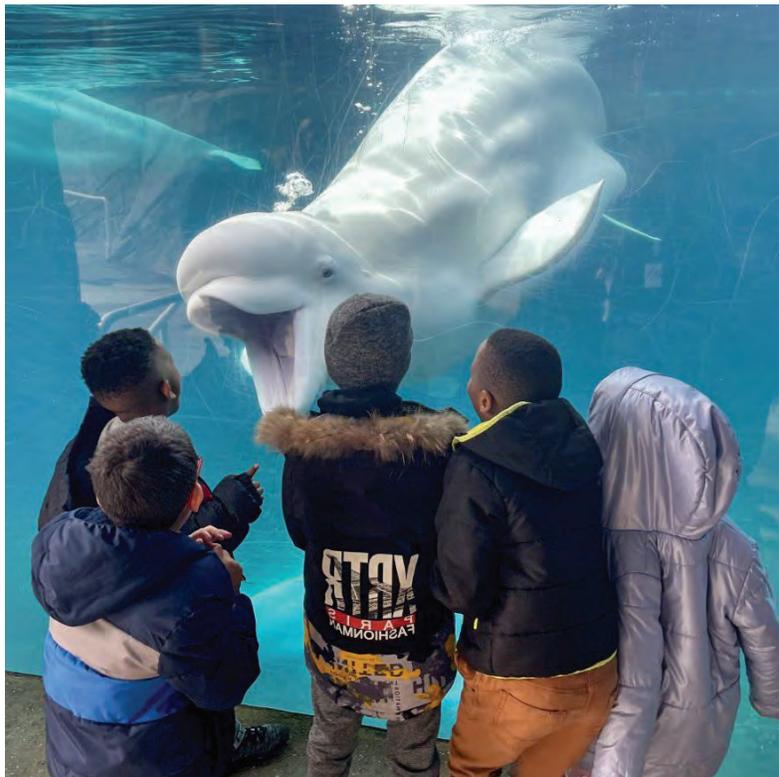
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All Around CSDNB
March 2023





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Visit csdnb.org/register to get started!

New student registration is only required for students who will be new to the Consolidated School District of New Britain for the 2023-2024 school year. If your student currently attends Gaffney Preschool, Gaffney KEY Preschool, or Roosevelt Early Learning Center Preschool, you do not need to complete the online registration form to register your student for Kindergarten. Your student will automatically be enrolled into kindergarten, and you will receive more information over the summer when our Back to School Guide is available.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Central Registration Office at 860-223-5501



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Districtwide

- No School ● Holiday (School/District Closed)
- August 24 Convocation AM/Building Meetings PM
- August 25, 29, 30 Professional Development
- August 31 First Day of School for Students (Full Day)
- September 5 Labor Day
- October 10 Indigenous Peoples Day
- November 8 Election Day, Prof. Dev. (No School for Students)
- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 23 No School
- November 24-25 Thanksgiving Recess
- December 22-January 2 Winter Break
- January 6 Three Kings' Day
- January 16 Martin Luther King Day
- February 17 Lincoln's Birthday (Recognized 2/12)
- February 20 President's Day
- February 28 Snow Day
- April 7 Good Friday
- April 10-14 April Break
- May 29 Memorial Day
- June 15 Last Day of School
- June 19 Juneteenth Holiday

Special Observance Days

Faculty will make appropriate accommodations for students affected by these and other special observance days.

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| Sep. 25-27 Rosh Hashanah | Mar. 7-8 Holi |
| Oct. 4-5 Yom Kippur | Apr. 5-13 Passover |
| Oct. 9-16 Sukkot | Apr. 6-22 Bright Week |
| Oct. 24-25 Diwali | Mar. 22-Apr. 21 Ramadan |
| Jan. 6 Three Kings' Day | Apr. 21-22 Eid al-Fitr |

Pre-K ▲

- ▲ September 28 PD (Early Dismissal)
- ▲ October 26 PD (Early Dismissal)
- ▲ November 30 PD (Early Dismissal)
- ▲ January 25 PD (Early Dismissal)
- ▲ February 22 PD (Early Dismissal)
- ▲ March 29 PD (Early Dismissal)
- ▲ April 26 PD (Early Dismissal)
- ▲ May 24 PD (Early Dismissal)

Elementary School ◆

- ◆ November 29 End of 1st Trimester
- ◆ December 6 Conferences (Early Dismissal)
- ◆ December 7 Conferences (Early Dismissal)
- ◆ December 8 (Evening Conferences)
- ◆ March 14 End of 2nd Trimester
- ◆ March 28 Conferences (Early Dismissal)
- ◆ March 29 Conferences (Early Dismissal)
- ◆ March 30 (Evening Conferences)
- ◆ June 12 End of 3rd Trimester

Middle School ◆

- ◆ August 24 Orientation - HALS, Pulaski, Slade
- ◆ August 30 Grade 6 Only First Day (Early Release)
- ◆ November 29 End of 1st Trimester
- ◆ December 6 Conferences (Early Dismissal)
- ◆ December 7 Conferences (Early Dismissal)
- ◆ December 8 (Evening Conferences)
- ◆ March 14 End of 2nd Trimester
- ◆ March 28 Conferences (Early Dismissal)
- ◆ March 29 Conferences (Early Dismissal)
- ◆ March 30 (Evening Conferences)
- ◆ June 12 End of 3rd Trimester

High School ■

- August 23 Freshmen Orientation
- August 30 Freshmen Only First Day (Early Release)
- August 31 First Day of School - All Grades
- September 15 Open House (6:00-8:00PM)
- October 3 Progress Reports Available in PowerSchool
- October 13 Conferences (6:00-8:00PM)
- November 3 End of Quarter 1
- November 14 Report Cards Available in PowerSchool
- December 13 Progress Reports Available in PowerSch
- January 26 End of Quarter 2
- January 27 Second Semester Begins
- February 2 Report Cards Available in PowerSchool
- March 1 Progress Reports Available in PowerSchool
- March 2 Conferences (6:00-8:00PM)
- March 22 SAT School Day for Gr. 11 Only. (Early Release)
- April 4 End of Quarter 3
- April 17 Report Cards Available in PowerSchool
- May 12 Progress Reports Available in PowerSchool
- May 3 Senior Presentations (Early Release)
- May 10 Senior Presentations (Early Release)
- June 8 End of Quarter 4
- June 9-14 Final Exams



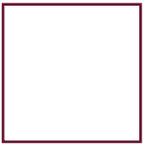
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