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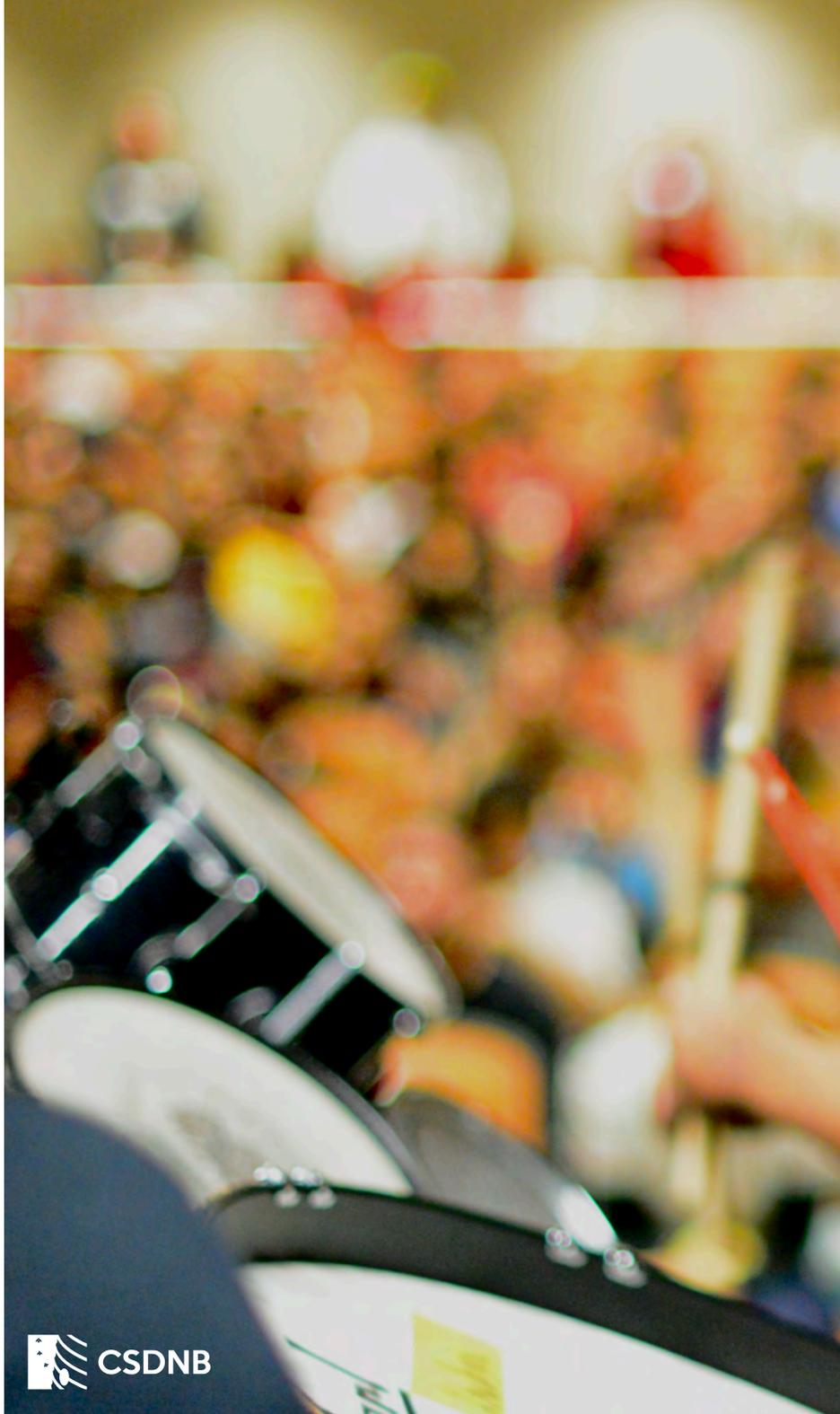
# HELLO NEW BRITAIN FAMILIES AND STAFF MEMBERS:

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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Smalley Hotstix amaze crowd with their drum routine in their debut performance on March 31, 2023.

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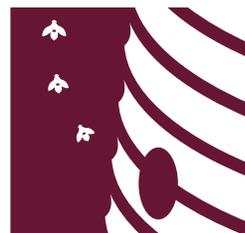


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# SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION



*Pawel Figat  
Communications Department*

## **Pawel Figat**

Pawel Figat, Communications Support Specialist, was nominated to receive the Superintendent Challenge Coin by Ryan Langer, Communications Officer. Figat consistently rises above expectations to produce professional documents, art, graphics and more for The Consolidated School District of New Britain with heart. His commitment to New Britain was further illustrated last month when he went the extra mile to congratulate two students highlighted in the District Dispatch. He purchased canvases for an artist and a journal for an author before gifting both with penned notes of congratulations encouraging the students to continue pursuing their passions. Figat's commitment to his work and the New Britain community is evident in all he does.



*Michael Mulvaney & Suzanne O'Connor  
Slade Middle School*

## **Michael McAvaney & Suzanne O'Connor**

Michael McAvaney and Suzanne O'Connor, Slade Music Teachers, were nominated to receive the Superintendent Challenge Coin by Leona Clerkin, Coordinator of Fine Arts, Gifted and Talented for commitment to supporting music education at Slade Middle School.

McAvaney and O'Connor partnered to apply for a grant from The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, an organization that keeps music alive in schools by providing vital support services to school districts and new musical instruments to underfunded music programs nationwide. Because of their dedication, Slade Middle School was selected to receive 40 instruments at a retail value of over \$38,000 made possible with generous funding from The Capitol Theatre. The donation includes saxophones, violins, clarinets, flutes, and trumpets.



# THE SMALLEY HOTSTIX!

## SMALLEY ELEMENTARY DRUMLINE BUILDS STUDENT CONFIDENCE

A quick Google search for 'elementary school drumline' would show you how rare the after-school program is for elementary-age students in the Northeast. However, Smalley Elementary School recently became the second school in New Britain to offer the experience to students in grades third through fifth.

Lisa Troiani, a paraeducator at Smalley, runs the afterschool program two days a week at Smalley. Troiani created the Jefferson Elementary School HotStix drumline over 20 years ago, having no previous drumming experience. After transferring schools as a paraeducator, she knew she wanted to start another drumline.

"I really started it to give kids a place to blow off steam and to get involved in music because I think it helps with learning," said Troiani. "It helps with a lot of different things, like confidence, and can keep them engaged all the way through high school. It has a positive effect, even if they don't stay in drumming."

After-school programs, like HotStix, provide many benefits for students. Research shows participation can lead to better

grades and test scores, improved school attendance, decreased participation in at-risk behaviors, an exploration of diverse interests, and improved social and life skills.

"I have to be good in school and in practice to be the captain," said Angel, a fifth-grader who started drumming this past fall and is now the HotStix Captain.

Angel was one of nearly 100 students who tried out for the program at Smalley. Troiani said she looked for kids with rhythm and coordination and got to work teaching it all from there.

"It makes me feel special," said Adrianna, a 4th-grader and fellow HotStix drummer. "It makes me feel good to show the kindergarteners that one day they could do this too."

All HotStix participants signed a student contract agreeing to manage their time and complete all their school and homework in addition to striving to be consistent peer role models, meaning they're leaders in the school and respectful at all times, not just at drumline.

"I think you have to behave because other kids look up to



“ “It makes me feel special. It makes me feel good to show the kindergarteners that one day they could do this too.” ”

ADRIANNA, GRADE 4 STUDENT

you, and you have to be responsible,” said Mahlak, a 5th-grader who just joined the drumline in January but put in the work to be ready for the first performance this spring, despite having never drummed before.

Like Mahlak, most of the drummers have zero previous experience and can't read music yet. They play completely from memory and focus to not only remember the beats but stay in sync with one another, something Troiani says is no easy task.

“This was their first performance ever, and I wanted it here,” said Troiani. “It's just a whole new thing when you have hundreds of eyes on you. It's just such a special thing.”

Troiani said the students were incredible in their debut and the HotStix have since received several invitations to perform outside of Smalley, including at the upcoming Celebrate New Britain community-wide event.

“Students in the program have become much more confident, not just in drumming but as learners. Students can see the return on investing time in practicing something to become

really good at it,” said Smalley Principal Andrea Foligno. “Some of these students struggled with self-esteem prior to becoming a member of the HotStix.”

For many, that confidence and pride is bubbling up post performance.

“Hearing everyone scream so excited to see us made me feel proud of myself,” said Angel. “I have people looking up at me. I have a younger sibling, I'm a twin and a big brother, and I'm really proud.”



CSDNB has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for our commitment to music education. Read more in the District Updates section of this newsletter.



# NEW FOODS IN NEW BRITAIN

When someone says school lunch, what types of food typically come to mind? In New Britain, our food service provider is dedicated to making sure the connotation is not only positive but delicious and healthy. CSDNB is proud to be partnered with Whitsons Culinary Group as they continue to advance school nutrition and increase access for students to organic food through new cutting-edge menu items and changes.

“Student nutrition is at the heart of ensuring that students are ready to learn,” said Dr. Tony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools. “In the Essential 10 we say, ‘Students attend regularly and are ready to learn.’ I hope that this nutritious and appetizing food is one more reason for kids to come to school every day.”

The enhanced menu features fresh, local, and eco-friendly options. In April, Whitsons launched three of their five new organic menu options in New Britain and will debut two more this month. We caught up with Vance Elementary School students during their lunch wave when honey-glazed wild-caught local Atlantic salmon was served as a meal option for the first time.

“This is really good. It is very juicy,” said Felix, a Vance Elementary School 3rd-grader. “I’ve had salmon before, but I think it’s good they’re doing new foods so other people can try it too.”

Behind the scenes, Whitsons is taking extra steps to introduce the new menu items to students. Their team has been traveling from school to school to offer samples in the days leading up to each new item’s lunchtime debut to slowly introduce students to potentially unfamiliar foods and to build excitement for the changes before each becomes a full meal option.

“We’re really taking a much healthier approach,” said Jeffrey Taddeo, Whitsons Resident District Manager. “Unfortunately, some of our kids don’t have access to this type of food, so it’s really imperative that we introduce a variety and give kids opportunities that they might not be afforded in their home environment.”

When it came time to debut the salmon for lunch, Whitsons paired it with a brown rice pilaf and a fresh ginger marinated edamame salad. Taddeo said the salmon has been the most popular new menu item to date.

“This was my first time having salmon, and I liked it,” said Serenity, a Vance 3rd-grader. “I didn’t try it during the taste testing but decided to try it today, and I like it a lot.”

Other new lunch menu items in the month of April included an avocado ranch grass-fed burger served on a whole grain pretzel bun with smashed avocado, salsa fresca, and ranch drizzled waffle fries in addition to a house-made eggplant parmesan with organic salad and an asiago dusted



breadstick. Whitsons is also diversifying its breakfast options, with overnight oats and acai bowls rapidly gaining in popularity across the district.

Superintendent Gasper said he challenged Taddeo with two questions; Why not us, why can't we be known as the district giving kids the best food in the state?

"Jeff and his team have taken to this challenge with a lot of enthusiasm," said Gasper. "I asked two simple questions, and Jeff did the rest. I'm looking forward to even more menu improvements in the coming school year."

In addition to the new items, Whitsons is transitioning to organic options for many of its everyday items. All yogurt in the parfaits now comes from Stoneyfield Organic, a leader in organic yogurt that sources its dairy from organic farms throughout the Northeast. Whitsons is also transitioning to source tree fruit through a program featuring a network of local growers who are committed to rigorous ecological standards regionally tailored to local climate conditions.

"I think these kinds of menu changes are extremely rare. It's not typical for schools to serve Atlantic salmon, parmesan-crusted cod, and daily organic items, but our district has really adopted the philosophy of why not us from Dr. Gasper," said Taddeo. "We have a tremendous amount of support from the operations and leadership team helping us drive our mission forward."

New menu items for May include a parmesan-crusted local fresh baked cod served with asparagus and whole wheat cous cous tabouleh and a free-range organic arroz con pollo served with a tomato cucumber salad and a fresh whole grain corn loaf.

"My long-term goal is to fully recreate our culinary program to be diverse with cultural and sustainable items. I want every one of our kids to have the opportunity to have the most relevant culinary trends and the healthiest program not just in the state but in the nation," said Taddeo.

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*"I want others in the food service industry to see you can feed your children healthy food no matter where you are. It doesn't matter if you're in the inner cities or not. It should be equitable for our kids, for every kid in the country, regardless of race or income. Our kids deserve access to the best food available and we are going to keep pushing to give it to them."*

JEFF TADDEO

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# DISTRICT UPDATES

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### Lincoln 5th-Graders Lead Drive

We would like to send a special shout-out to a team of 5th-graders at Lincoln Elementary School who organized and led a drive in April to support My Portion Inc., a new pantry located in the New Britain Public Library Community Room. Students collected boxes and boxes of goods to support the community. We thank the following students, and Autumn Swartz, Behavior Support Assistant, for their outstanding work collecting contributions!

Sebastian Torres-Llanos, Angelo Ballester, Flor Amparo Gruillo, Keiliarys Nahomy Cruz Vazquez, Jaden Perry, Jaylee Rodriguez, Lily Lopes, Shaellys Rosa, Ava Rosario, Joseph Gutierrez, Peyton Thaxter, Diana Colon, Kailany Sierra, Olivia Banach, Jayce Vega, Kayla Da Silva, Kaspian Wysk, Sebastian Torres-Llanos



### EdRising Students Present at CCSU

19 New Britain High School students recently presented their culminating projects on local issues at Central Connecticut State University. The students were joined by four other Connecticut high schools and current CCSU students, all of whom are currently enrolled in CCSU's EDF215 Education in a Multicultural Society Course that focuses on social justice and equity in Education. The project gave students the opportunity to conduct research and present their findings to one another as many of the students continue to prepare for this summer's National EdRising Competition in Orlando.



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### NBHS Students Volunteer During 8th-Grade Visits

8th-Graders from across the district recently visited New Britain High School, and we had no shortage of volunteers eager to introduce the students to all the wonderful and unique things NBHS has to offer. Students represented the four Academies, sports, and a wide variety of clubs, stressing the importance of getting involved. We thank the students and staff who volunteered!



### Holmes International Dinner Returns

The Holmes Elementary School International Dinner, a longtime tradition and cultural celebration, has returned! We thank all of the families and staff who joined us for this incredible event to share and celebrate our many cultures.

This event would not be possible without the support of the Holmes International Dinner Committee, Holmes PTA, our students, parents, families, and our school staff! We thank everyone for their commitment and already can't wait for our next International Dinner!



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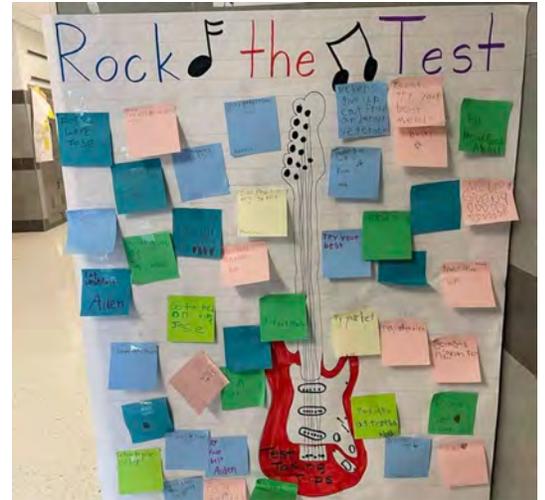


## Chamberlain Kindness Libraries

The Ana Grace Project continues to spread kindness to the Chamberlain Elementary community!

Each Chamberlain classroom was gifted \$100 to build their classroom library. Possible Futures bookstore went above and beyond to create an ordering system allowing each teacher to pick out their own books, added an extra discount to allow for more books, packed each classroom's library beautifully, and delivered them all to the school.

We thank Possible Futures, The Ana Grace Project, and the Márquez-Greene family for supporting New Britain students, staff, and families. We are honored to carry Ana's love of reading forward.



## Students Cheer on Peers

Smarter Balance Assessments have begun for all students in grades 3-8 across the district. Students will be taking the Literacy and Math Assessments and our Grades 5 & 8 students will be assessed in Science.

Students around the district are finding creative ways to rally support for one another. Gaffney Elementary School students shared messages with one another through post-it art projects and other signs to motivate their peers while the K-2 Jefferson Elementary School built a high-five parade to inspire the third, fourth, and fifth graders as they prepare to begin their state testing.

Families remember to send your child(ren) to school on time and make sure they get plenty of sleep. Please reach out to your child's school for information about testing days.



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## Slade Middle School holds Anti-Bullying Bike Raffle

Congratulations to Slade 8th-grader Jamyalis Rivera! Rivera won the first Anti-Bullying Bike Raffle at Slade after she was entered into the raffle for helping new students acclimate to the building. Rivera helped with transitions, lockers, and learning the ropes of what it means to be a Slade Stallion. Students have two more chances to win a bike before the end of the school year!



## Culinary Team Gets 'Sneaky-Clean'

While the culinary students at Pulaski Middle School are learning about handwashing, the staff secretly put a powder on a kitchen tool before inviting the students to practice using the tool. Afterwards, the group had a discussion about handwashing, why we do it, and how to do it properly. Staff used the experiment to show the 'bacteria' you usually can not see. This glowing 'bacteria' encouraged students to practice their handwashing to see if they do a good job or not!



## NBHS Students Accepted into Future Ready Engineer's Program

Three New Britain High School students have been accepted into the Future Ready Engineers Program this summer! Congratulations to Magdi Adbulla, Tairan Habib, and Michail Mathew Souza!

The Future Ready Engineers Program is a 4-week, 80-hour, compensated virtual experience for Academy of Engineering (AOE) and Academy of Information Technology (AOIT) students in the Class of 2024 and Class of 2025, that fulfills the NAFTrack Certification internship requirement.



## Crime in the Kitchen

Pulaski Culinary students illustrated their knowledge of kitchen safety by looking at this crime scene and identifying what is unsafe and how to correct the unsafe behavior. Can you find five unsafe things?

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## **DiLoreto Students Observe, Hike, and Research like Scientists**

Kindergarten and first-grade students at DiLoreto Elementary and Middle School are using their observation skills to explore the world around them. They took small hikes near their school to observe plants and animals and collected their findings in their field journals, just like scientists do! Students will use their research to create models with playdough or clay, showing how different creatures connect to the place they live. Through this lesson, students will learn about the importance of observing and researching the world around them.



## **Holmes Staff Hosts Second Student Recognition Breakfast**

Smarter Balance Holmes Elementary School recently hosted their second "Student Recognition Breakfast" for the 2022-2023 school year, serving over 50 student honorees and their families!

Two students from each classroom were chosen to be recognized in one of the following categories: Academic Achievement, Effort, Responsibility, Role Model, Kindness, and Good Citizen.

The Holmes Student Recognition Breakfasts are hosted and sponsored by the building staff. We thank the staff for their incredible generosity and commitment to creating these opportunities for students and families to celebrate!

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### HALS Academy Gets Published!

Congratulations to the 50 6th-Graders from HALS Academy who were recently published in a book titled, "Twisted Tales" after being selected through a Young Writers contest.



### Writing Brings Family Engagement at Jefferson

2nd-Grade students at Jefferson Elementary School recently celebrated the end of their informational writing unit by sharing their pieces with other students and their families. We loved to see so many students beaming with pride to share their hard work with their friends and family.



### Pulaski Science Fair

The Pulaski Science Fair returned last month, featuring interactive displays, inventions, experiments, and demonstrations. We thank all of the individuals who volunteered to judge the event, congratulate the winners for their outstanding work, and commend all participating students for their dedication to their projects over the last few months.



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### **Porkchop the Pig Visits Lincoln Winners**

Smarter Balance Students at Lincoln Elementary School had a very special visitor in April after their classrooms went head to head in their third-annual March Madness Attendance Challenge. Classes with the best attendance advanced through the bracket, and Porkchop the Pig stopped by to congratulate the four classes who made it all the way to Lincoln's Final Four!

Students got to pet and feed Porkchop the Pig grapes and cherry tomatoes and ask owner and trainer Jess Moffo many questions. They especially loved watching her play the piano and perform her tricks.

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



### **Holmes Library Hosts Book Swap**

The first annual school book swap at Holmes Elementary was a huge success!

Students were encouraged to bring up to three gently used books from home to swap for different books donated to the Holmes Library. Students were greeted by colorful balloons, tablets, and beautiful signs made by students from 3rd and 5th-Grade. Every student in the school was able to take home at least one book.

Thanks to the donations from the students, staff, and the New Britain Public Library, every student in the school was able to take home at least one book giving them new reading material to keep at home for April break.

The event was hosted by Amanda Glowicki, Library Assistant.



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## Students Attend Annual Young People's Concert

Our 5th-Grade students from across the district recently visited Central Connecticut State University, where they were treated to a performance by the New Britain Symphony Orchestra for their annual Young People's Concert.

New Britain schools joined 1500 students from Berlin, Newington, and Plainville for the first time since 2019. We thank the New Britain Symphony Orchestra for inviting us back to enjoy such a fantastic performance of pieces by American composers. Our students especially loved the John Williams feature, composer of the themes from both Star Wars and Harry Potter. Enrique, a Smalley Elementary School student, even had the chance to conduct the orchestra!



Prior to the trip, students entered essays into a "What Music Means to Me" contest. The judges selected five winners out of all entries, and Kaylani, a Smalley student, and Natalia, a Diloreto student, were each selected! Congratulations, Kaylani and Natalia!

We thank Mr. Paul Salina for contributing some of the photos from this event.

## NBHS Students Accepted into Travelers' EDGE Scholarship Program

Congratulations to the three New Britain High School Academy Students who have been selected to receive the Travelers' EDGE Scholarship: Elmel Salvador-Perez (MET), Evan Ion (AoB&F), and Kiera Johnson (AoB&F). Travelers' EDGE provides a unique, holistic approach to college and career readiness for underrepresented students. Through partnerships with colleges, universities, and community-based organizations, Travelers' EDGE increases access to higher education and provides students with opportunities to excel. The program helps high school students prepare for post-secondary education, funneling a strong pipeline of future leaders to college and beyond, providing tuition support and mentorship all through college!



Evan Ion



Kiera Johnson Gathers



Elmel Salvador Perez

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## CSDNB Named to National Best Communities for Music Education List

The Consolidated School District of New Britain has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for our commitment to music education. Now in its 24th year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

"Music is important because it is a language understood by all, bringing people and cultures together. Musical training develops a young person's language skills, builds reasoning skills, supports healthy social-emotional development, teaches young people how to work alongside others, how to problem solve and a plethora of other life skills," said Leona Clerkin, Coordinator of Fine Arts and Principal of HALS Academy. "New Britain has a rich musical history, and this recognition from NAMM symbolizes the best of the past and the opportunities available to our students for the future."

CSDNB would like to thank all of those staff and students who made this distinction possible, as we are incredibly proud to receive this honor! Congratulations New Britain!

For more information,  
check out @NAMMFoundation  
on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.



## Great Job!

Gabriella Amaya, DiLoreto Elementary and Middle School 8th-grader, recently won Third Place in a state-wide poetry council hosted by the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers (COLT).

Amaya was one of two students who dedicated time after school with DiLoreto Spanish Teacher Baileys Irizarry to practice memorizing and reciting their Spanish poems in order to compete in the Middle School Heritage Speaker category. We would also like to applaud Stephanie Mares, DiLoreto 8th-grader, for representing New Britain so well in the contest.

## STANDOUT STUDENT



Josiah  
Student

*Lincoln Elementary School*

"Josiah is a hard worker who always completes his work and tries his best. He is helpful around the classroom and nice to his friends. He is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the great work, Josiah!"

- submitted by Mrs. Brooks.

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## STANDOUT STAFF



**Eric Jiantonio**  
Guidance Counselor  
Adult Education

"He goes above and beyond to help the students. He's helped me a lot personally."

- submitted by Faith Castro, Student

"[Mr. Jiantonio is] helpful when it comes to needing assistance with food, shelter, and/or transportation in the means of having a list of resources, guides through virtual high school and regular classes when and if needed, and is overall understanding and supportive of all students."

- submitted by anonymous student



**Mike Tino**  
Fine Arts Teacher and  
National Art Honor Society Advisor  
New Britain High School

"Mr. Tino spends time getting to know his students and helps them in any way he can. He communicates well with parents and the student and makes sure all parties are on the same page."

- from a parent/guardian

## STANDOUT STAFF



**Valentina Cordoba**  
Campus Safety Officer  
New Britain High School

"Valentina is literally the sweetest, kindest, and most beautiful soul I've ever met!!

She always put a smile on my face when I'm feeling down, and I love when she gives me a hug every time I see her. She always tells me to have a good day and always asks me how my day went. I feel so comfortable and safe around her. I am so grateful to get to know her as a security guard, but

I also got to know her as my friend. I'm so grateful for the bond that we created. I love Valentina so much!! She is like a mom to me.

I literally gonna miss her so much when I graduate in June!!"

- submitted by anonymous student



**Tanya Debernardo.**  
Math Teacher  
Slade Middle School

"She's a very kind teacher who goes above and beyond to make sure her students are taken care of and shes always there for us when we need her."

- submitted by Zayanna, Student

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## What's New and Happening at CSDNB?



### Copier Fleet and Copier Services Request for Proposals

The school district recently released a Request for proposals for Copier Fleet leasing and copier services. Proposals were reviewed in April and presentations will now happen for the most competitive proposals. The goal is to replace the multifunction copier fleet during the summer months at all school locations.

### May Tech Tip: Completing a Student Tech Help Form in PowerSchool

Here is a short video walkthrough of the Student Tech Ticketing System - A one-stop shop for reporting all tech issues for a student. The same form is used to report both student device issues as well as account issues for all students. Please use the QR code to watch the video. The video is accessible in the Parent Tech Support Section linked on the csdnb.org website.



Please scan the QR Code for video

### Device Tickets and Insurance Summary

Currently, we have over 1700 students participating in the student device insurance program! Hundreds more students have enrolled this year than last year!! Thank you all for participating. Here are some quick numbers on the program's progress

#### Insurance Claims

Count	Insurance Claim Type
144	Broken Keyboard
521	Cracked Screen
231	Internal Damage
212	Replacement Charger
20	Replacement Protective Case
<b>1128</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>

#### Student Tech Tickets Summary

Count	Ticket Issue Type
176	Account Issue
330	Charger or Case Issue
1119	Damaged Device
13	Destroyed Device
763	Lost Device
1126	Performance Issue
<b>3527</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>

#### Ticket Status Summary

Count	Status
887	Open Tickets
188	New Tickets
16	Work in Progress
18	Work on Hold
235	Awaiting Insurance
15	Awaiting Invoice Payment
2640	Work Completed
415	Device Locked Out
<b>3527</b>	<b>ALL TICKETS</b>

*WORD OF ADVICE:  
Insure your student's device...*



Just  
**\$20/** SCHOOL  
YEAR  
provides accidental  
coverage for your  
student's device

## CSDNB'S STUDENT DEVICE INSURANCE PROGRAM

*We all know accidents happen.*

Without CSDNB's Student Device Insurance Program, you could be on the hook for costly repairs and replacement costs.\*

The Student Device Insurance Program is designed to protect students and families in the event that a CSDNB-issued device is damaged or malfunctions due to no fault of the student.\*

*Don't let an accident ruin your day, enroll today!*

**Sign up is easy with MySchoolBucks!**

MySchoolBucks Store is accessible through PowerSchool Parent Portal.

# CSDNB Smiles

All Around CSDNB  
April 2023





Many more photos of this experience can be found on CSDNB's social media!

# KINDERGARTEN

at the Consolidated School District of New Britain!



**REGISTER NOW FOR  
KINDERGARTEN!**  
Now enrolling Class of 2036!

**Registration for new kindergarten students for the 2023-2024 school year occurs through an online registration process.**

**Visit [csdnb.org/register](https://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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2022-2023 School Year

JULY					AUGUST					SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
				1	1	2	3	4	5				1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30	31				

NOVEMBER					DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
								1	2					6			1	2	3
7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	12	13	6	7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	16	17	18	19	20	13	14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24
28	29	30			26	27	28	29	30	30	31				27	28			

MARCH					APRIL					MAY					JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5				1	2
6	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31						29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30

**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 (Regular Half Day)
- 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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