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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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Celebrating new friendships at Chamberlain Elementary School

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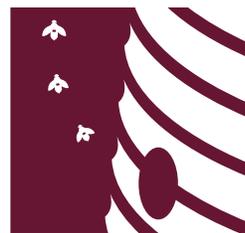


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# SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION



*Joseph Body / Rosa Ortiz*  
*DiLoreto Elementary and Middle School*

Joseph Body, DiLoreto Elementary and Middle School Dean of Students, was nominated by Dario Soto, DiLoreto Principal, to receive the Superintendent Challenge Coin. Body worked all summer to ensure learning would happen from day one at DiLoreto, organizing over 200 Chromebooks for the incoming sixth grade and kindergarten students prior to the start of the school year. In addition to all the work he does during the school day, Body has also cultivated relationships with a wide range of community partners to give our students an enhanced school experience. Because of his efforts, over 30 different community partners attended DiLoreto's Open House last month.

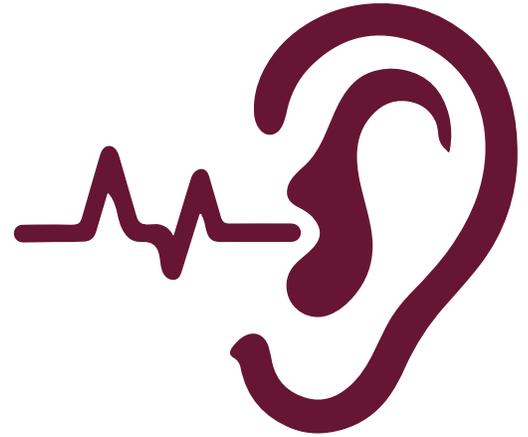
Rosa Ortiz, DiLoreto Elementary and Middle School Assistant Principal, was nominated by Dario Soto, DiLoreto Principal, to receive the Superintendent Challenge Coin. Ortiz has not only done all her duties as the middle school AP but has taken on the extra duties of the elementary AP roll to ensure that staff and students have everything they need for a successful start to the school year. Ortiz also communicated with community partners to start a program for middle school students. Soto said he is grateful for all the time Ortiz has given to help him grow as a professional.



*Sue Brigandi*  
*Smith Elementary School*

Sue Brigandi, Smith Elementary School fifth grade teacher, was nominated to receive the Superintendent Challenge Coin by Karen Falvey, Smith Principal for her dedication to the Smith students. Brigandi's belief in all students' ability to learn and to succeed has made an incredible difference for many. Her belief and impact is further illustrated when reviewing her students' test scores and growth.

# Engaging, Learning, Included.



## New Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program Opens at Chamberlain Elementary School

For years, one fifth grader at Chamberlain Elementary School has refused to wear her hearing aids for fear of standing out or being different. But in just one month, that's all changed with the completion of the renovation project at Chamberlain and the opening of CSDNB's new Deaf and Hard of Hearing program.

"Socially, it can be hard when you have these things on your head, other kids are asking you about them, and you don't want to be different. But we've had really great things already happen in the month we've been here," said Julia Leitao, Chamberlain Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. "We've had a fifth grader who has refused to wear her hearing aids for years and now has two other girls in her class with them. She's now wearing them every day because it's cool for her now. That's the biggest thing for our team. Making our students feel like they can be successful just like their peers in the inclusion setting."

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing program brings together students from all corners of the district, creating a space where children with varying degrees of hearing can learn

and grow together, normalizing and celebrating diversity in a way that benefits everyone.

"Our students used to be so spread out. Now they typically have 2-3 kids in their class with them who listen like them or have the same equipment as them. That's been really heartwarming to see," said Leitao.

While Leitao was the first district hired Deaf and Hard of Hearing teacher, she credits Kelly Cimma, contracted consultant and Teacher of the Deaf, for helping to build the foundation of the program here in New Britain.

"For a long time, it was just Kelly and CT Ears servicing students in all schools. They were really able to build the capacity within the district to get us to where we are today. I went to New Britain schools and am so thankful my family chose to raise me here. It feels really fulfilling to come back to this community and be on the side of something so new that gives us a positive light where other districts are calling us and asking us about our program and asking if their kids can join us."



*"In the past month I have seen my child engage more as he's had the ability to be a part of a normal school environment and not be singled out."*



**ANGELIS SANTANA**



**Chamberlain student plays with a Barbie doll fitted with hearing aids, part of Mattel's new 'Fashionista' series of dolls designed for kids to 'see themselves reflected.'**

Leitao said the program has created a sense of community for families who have been able to come together to form a support system in addition to providing a unique learning experience for students and fostering a sense of inclusivity building-wide.

"In the past month I have seen my child engage more as he's had the ability to be a part of a normal school environment and not be singled out," said Angelis Santana whose son is a second grader in the program. "He's motivated and wants to learn more. I feel like being included in the program at Chamberlain has given him the chance to do that. He knows he's not the only kid that wears Cochlear Implants and it's a normal thing."

One of the standout features of the new program is an audiology testing booth. This cutting-edge technology allows for comprehensive testing and assessment of students' hearing abilities, ensuring that each child receives the individualized support they need to thrive academically and socially.

"The audiology booth in a school setting is definitely unique," said Leitao. "The booth gives us the opportunity to be able to fix something that's not working for a student right away. It's such a relief for families that our audiologist can come in and we can figure it out while they're at school."

For Leitao, the impact of this program extends far beyond her classroom walls and is an incredible example of how we can build a more inclusive society, one that values and supports every individual.

"Our students don't just have the support of our program staff, they have the support of our whole school. Our principal has been great about asking to learn signs, asking us to make videos of signs. Just like the equipment, it makes it more common and less embarrassing. It's making it the norm," said Leitao. "The entire staff is open and understanding and in awe of what our kids face every day to keep up. The inclusive environment gives our students the support to ensure they're successful and it's the gold standard. I think our program is the definition of inclusion and it makes me very proud."



**From left to right: Julia Leitao, Kelly Cimma, Katherine Sullivan**



**DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION**

**Every Child Feels  
Welcomed and Valued**

- The Essential 10 -



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# EL MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

## Smalley Elementary Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

For the students and staff at Smalley Elementary School, Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize, honor, and embrace the diverse and invaluable contributions of Hispanic and Latinx communities to society. The Smalley staff, and Multicultural Committee, is creating opportunities for students and staff to connect and celebrate the cultures of one another in a variety of ways.

"Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month in school is so important because it honors our students' culture. At Smalley our Hispanic/Latino students make up 78.3% of our school population and 27% make up our Multilingual Learners," said Arleen Torres Ruiz, Smalley Elementary School Assistant Principal and Puerto Rican. "This month is a celebration of them, it's a celebration of who they are and their roots."

Educators play a pivotal role in shaping the minds of future leaders, innovators, and change-makers with the power to inspire a deep appreciation for the heritage, history, and achievements of Hispanic and Latinx individuals, both past and present.

"I am most proud of how our staff has embraced our Latino community at Smalley. They are so creative and always advocate for celebrating our students every time they can. Our Smalley team is more than a team, they are truly a family who celebrate not only our students but our staff members," said Torres Ruiz.

Across the district, CSDNB staff, like those at Smalley, are actively engaging learners to honor the rich cultural contributions of Hispanic and Latinx communities in a variety of ways such as guest speakers, collaboration, library resources and research, open discussions and a continued focus on a diverse curriculum. These learning opportunities often open the door for increased connections for both students and staff.

"I have a lot of multicultural books in my room and I see firsthand what a big deal it is for kids when they see their culture represented in a book," said Emily Bugnacki, Smalley Teacher. "My family is from Ecuador and growing up I didn't know anyone from Ecuador. Making that connection is not



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**ARLEEN TORRES RUIZ**

something that always comes easily but through our work I'm making connections with kids who are not even my students. I had this little girl come up to me and tell me she saw me in the slideshow. She was so proud to tell me she is from Educor too. That's the biggest thing, to be proud of where you come from and we are trying to celebrate that."

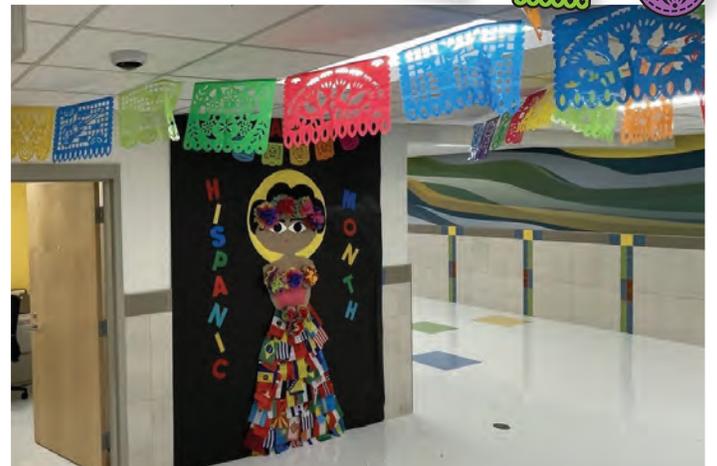
The Smalley team also put together a slideshow for all teachers to share and decorated the school hallways with traditional Papel Picado, which means 'punched paper,' student made flowers, flags, and a large world map featuring the flags of many Hispanic and Latinx countries.

"The map is a point of engagement for kids to tell us where they are from. I hear the kids walking in the hallway saying that's my flag and it's neat to hear the pride amongst our students," said Bugnacki.

Smalley still has more planned including an upcoming assembly with an educational musical guest, a building parade featuring music, dancing, singing, and cultural clothing, and much more.

"Teaching students about the contributions from well known Hispanic Americans can encourage them and give them inspiration that they are capable of also doing amazing things," said Sorangel Junquera, a proud Cuban and Smalley Paraeducator. "The most memorable experience so far is getting to know about other cultures and see our students enjoy all the activities and lessons that our school is doing." By actively participating in Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations, Smalley is not only enriching their students' educational experience but also promoting a more inclusive and equitable school environment empowering students to be more culturally aware.

"One of my favorite quotes is by John Leguizamo who said, 'When Latinx kids don't see themselves represented on stage or film or television or newspapers or history textbooks, what they're told is, you don't matter. But when they see themselves represented, then they are told you are important. You are authors. You are scientists. You are explorers. You are special. You are leaders. You are respected. You are the reason we are here,' said Amanda Andrews, Smalley Teacher and proud Puerto Rican. "It is so important for all of our students to feel seen and heard, especially during a time in which their culture is being celebrated."



Smalley Elementary staff pose in hallways decorated by school's Multicultural Committee

# DISTRICT UPDATES

*What's New and Happening at CSDNB?*



## NEW PLAYGROUND OPEN AT SMITH

In September, Mayor Erin Stewart hosted a beautiful ribbon-cutting ceremony at Smith Elementary School's new playground. We would like to thank Mayor Stewart and The City of New Britain Commission on Community and Neighborhood Development for making this new playground possible through a generous donation from the Mayor's Trophy Charitable Fund and all of the guests, city common council members, and dignitaries who joined us for the celebration!



## NBHS JUNIOR CHOSEN TO REPRESENT NBHS AT ANNUAL STATE-WIDE CONFERENCE

Two years ago, Elias, a junior at New Britain High School, was chosen to participate in the Special Education Youth Advisory Council (SEYAC) through the State Education Resource Center (SERC). SEYAC is designed to increase student involvement in the Special Education process as well as to develop effective leadership skills.

"Elias has shown strong leadership skills in SEYAC and was an easy choice when thinking of someone to represent New Britain High School and special education" said Stephen Howey, CSDNB Coordinator of Special Education for grades 9-12. "Elias is a student who is always willing to share his thoughts and ideas."

This year, Elias was chosen to be a voice for special education students across the state of Connecticut at the CT State Department of Education's annual Back to School Conference. Elias recorded a video that was shared with hundreds of leaders from across the state of CT. His video received a rousing round of applause! Elias's presentation left such a good impression on state leaders that it has led him to another opportunity as he has been selected by SERC to be a panel member at an upcoming PPT leadership training to represent the student's perspective in PPT meetings. When Elias is not sharing his voice, and studying for school, he is also a member of the NBHS football team.

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## EARLY DISMISSAL OCTOBER 18

Don't forget! Wednesday, October 18, is a scheduled early dismissal for all students throughout the district.

*For a full look at our district calendar, see page 25 of this newsletter.*



## GOODWIN UNIVERSITY BRINGS MANUFACTURING LAB TO NBHS

Students in the New Britain High School Academy of Manufacturing, and Technology had the chance to use the Goodwin University Mobile Manufacturing Lab at New Britain High School. The 44-foot-long unit is a mobile lab that brings the college experience on the road, connecting students to may not otherwise have access to training, and introducing them to a world of career possibilities. The state-of-the-art classroom created a great learning opportunity for NBHS students and we appreciate the continued partnership with Goodwin University!



## BECOMING THE BEACON

Last month, Eileen Marquez, CSDNB Teacher of the Year, hosted several visitors from Newington Public Schools who came to observe her classroom.

Ms. Marquez is a teacher in the NBHS Public Service Academy and a committed advisor to the Educators Rising Club recognized for her work molding future educators. We love every opportunity we can get to visit her room and see these future educators learning by doing firsthand, leading lessons to their own peers under Ms. Marquez's leadership.

We thank the Newington team for their visit and look forward to continued shared partnership and learning!



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## BROOKSIDE STUDENTS GIVE BACK

Several Brookside School students kicked off the school year with an act of kindness preparing breakfast sandwiches for their peers. We applaud these students for their commitment to creating a positive school culture!



## CHAMBERLAIN ATTENDANCE TEAM CELEBRATES WITH STUDENTS AT HOME

Last month's rainy weather couldn't keep Chamberlain Principal Manuel Zaldivar and the school attendance team from visiting students at home to celebrate their outstanding improvement in attendance. We love the creative way Mr. Z and his team celebrated students and can't wait to see who they visit next!



## NBHS FAFSA TEAM PASSES GOAL, RECORDS SECOND-HIGHEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN COMPLETION STATEWIDE

Congratulations New Britain High School! The NBHS FAFSA Taskforce was recently recognized by the State of Connecticut after recording the second-highest percentage increase FAFSA completion rate statewide. Members of the taskforce were honored at a CTSDE celebratory event at Middletown High School, publicly recognizing schools that achieved, or passed, their growth goal!

Last year, the Taskforce set a goal of a 48.2% completion rate. By the end of the year, they met and exceeded that goal and attained a FAFSA completion rate of 54.9%! We commend the Taskforce members for their commitment to ensuring the senior class students applied for and received the financial aid they deserved to pursue a postsecondary education.

Please note that this excludes our ten undocumented students who completed the AACTUS application, a beneficial and important process for our undocumented students and their families.



**Attention Class of 2024: Join us as we try to top last year's goal! If any Class of 2024 students or families need help with FAFSA or AACTUS completion, please visit the NBHS Counseling Office or call 860-225-6300 x1634**

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## SMITH SCHOOL OPEN A HOUSE A HIT!

The Smith Elementary School Open House Picnic was one to remember! An incredible amount of families come out to connect with their school community and enjoy pizza and apple fritters thanks to some help from Grace Church and Pastor Mills.

We thank the entire Smith School community for making the event so successful and look forward to many more nights like this during the 2023-2024 school year!



## MOVING THE NEEDLE ON ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The results are in, and we're moving the needle on academic success within our school district!

"We are not perfect, but we are making notable progress and that is what's important," said Mayor Erin Stewart in a Facebook post. "Over the past year alone we have seen encouraging improvements in our standardized test scores across multiple schools and grade levels that are encouraging places to start as we head into this new academic year."

The numbers don't lie. DiLoreto 3rd grade English Language Arts scores increased 5.7% and 5th grade Math scores increased 7.7% within the past year. Vance Elementary School saw a 7.1% increase in their 4th grade English Language Arts scores, while Slade Middle School noted an 8% increase in English Language Arts scores this past year. Most notably, at Smith Elementary School there was a 13.9% increase in 5th grade Math scores and a 26.9% increase in English Language Arts scores in one single year.

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## **NBHS STUDENTS EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH NBFD**

The Intro to First Responders course in the Academy of Public Service is well under way at New Britain High School. Under the leadership and guidance of Chief Raul Ortiz from the New Britain Fire Department, students are receiving hands-on experience with many different fire engines, fire safety tools, equipment and gear. They will soon do an onsite field experience at Station #2 where they will participate in some of the training of a firefighter. In two weeks they will have created an exploratory project about the career path of a firefighter and then they will begin their experience with the NBPD. Stay tuned for their continued service career adventures.



## **LITTLE CANES ACADEMY OPENS AT NEW BRITAIN HIGH SCHOOL**

The Little Canes Academy preschool lab at New Britain High School opened on September 14th. Students in the Academy of Public Service serve as teacher assistants to Mrs. Moffett and Mrs. Miano. They run centers, teach lessons and most importantly help our community preschoolers learn through play. We look forward to sharing more updates throughout the year from this innovative program as our high schoolers and youngest students learn together.





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## LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOSTS BRICEYDA LANDAVERDE

As Hispanic Heritage Month continues, we want to thank NBC Connecticut's Briceyda Landaverde for joining us at Lincoln Elementary School to inspire future journalists.

Landaverde spoke to about 90 fifth-graders about both her career and Hispanic roots. Conversations focused on the importance of education, being bilingual, and overcoming adversity. About 80% of the population at Lincoln is Hispanic and/or Latinx.

"Hispanic month means to me a celebration for people who speak Spanish", said Angel Gonzalez Navarro, a student.



## CHAMBERLAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

We thank everyone who joined us last month at Chamberlain Elementary School for the new building's official Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony.

"As we gather to cut this ribbon, let us continue to support one another, and foster a culture of inclusivity and respect," said Principal Manuel Zaldivar. "Together, we will make this new building the place where we will all demonstrate that Chamberlain CARES through Character, Achievement, Relationships, and Expectations that will lead to success."

The renovation project at Chamberlain Elementary School broke ground in the summer of 2021 after New Britain benefited from a state package that ensured funding reimbursement for 95% of the project through the state's school construction grant program.

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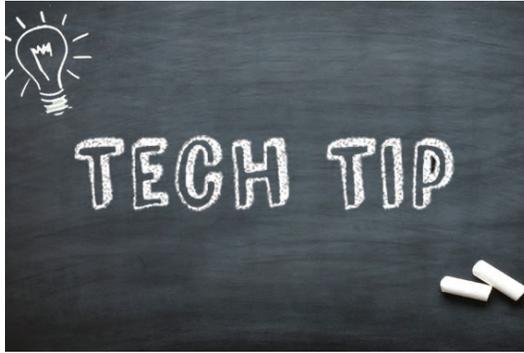
### **CELEBRATING OUR NEW ADMINISTRATORS**

At their August and September Board of Education meetings, The New Britain Board of Education voted to approve the appointment of five individuals to administrator roles. Their years of service and expertise in their respective areas are expected to strengthen CSDNB's leadership team and positively impact student outcomes.



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## OCTOBER TECH TIP: CREATING A STUDENT TECH HELP TICKET IN POWERSCHOOL

Need assistance with your student device? Is your account not working as it should? Use the Student Tech Help Form in PowerSchool to get the help you need! 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. Anyone can fill out this form!

Please use the QR code to watch the video walkthrough. The video is also accessible in the Parent Tech Support Section linked on the [csdnb.org](http://csdnb.org) website.



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



## 2023-24 STUDENT DEVICE INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE

Last year we had over 1800 students participating in the student device insurance program and honored over 1100 claims. Student Device Insurance is now available for purchase through the My School Bucks store. 503 have enrolled so far in the first month. Let's continue the trend and enroll more students than last year! Thank you to those who have already enrolled. Details on the student device insurance program can be found on our district website: [www.csdnb.org/csdnb-student-device-insurance.php](http://www.csdnb.org/csdnb-student-device-insurance.php) or by scanning code below:



## DISTRICTWIDE COPIER FLEET UPDATE

After going through a competitive bid process in the spring, the school district is nearing completion on the replacement and deployment of multifunctional copiers throughout the district. The project involved replacing over 100 devices in every building throughout the school district, while minimizing disruption to services as much as possible. Special thanks to our MIS staff who have been working hard and closely with our new vendor to roll out the devices and support to school staff during this transition.

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## Staff Shoutouts



**MELISSA QUALLS**  
 Teacher  
 Jefferson Elementary School



**TINA BENACQUISTO**  
 Breakfast/Lunch Aide  
 Holmes Elementary School



**JADANIQUE WHITE**  
 Paraeducator  
 Roosevelt Early Learning Center



**ROLANDA BOOKER**  
 Principal  
 Northend Elementary School

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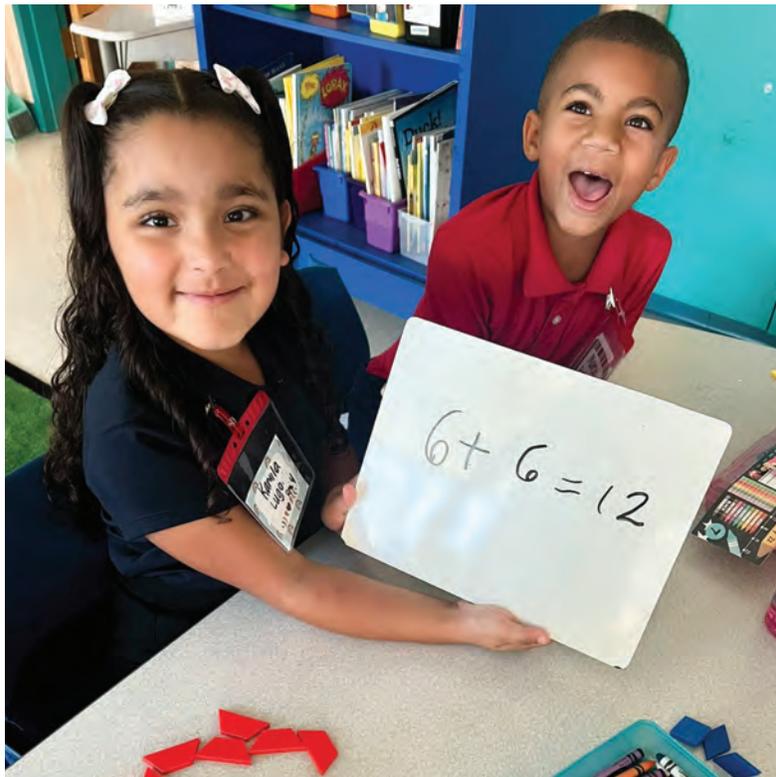




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September 2023





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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.

The NBHS Choral Department presents

A NBHS Madrigals & Treble Choir Fundraiser

**Autumn Voices:**  
~ a Choral Showcase ~  
**'70s Edition**

An evening of Choral music, solos  
and ensembles from stage and screen



**Wednesday October 25th at 7:00PM**

*\$5 Suggested Donation at Door*

*~ Snacks & Drinks ~*

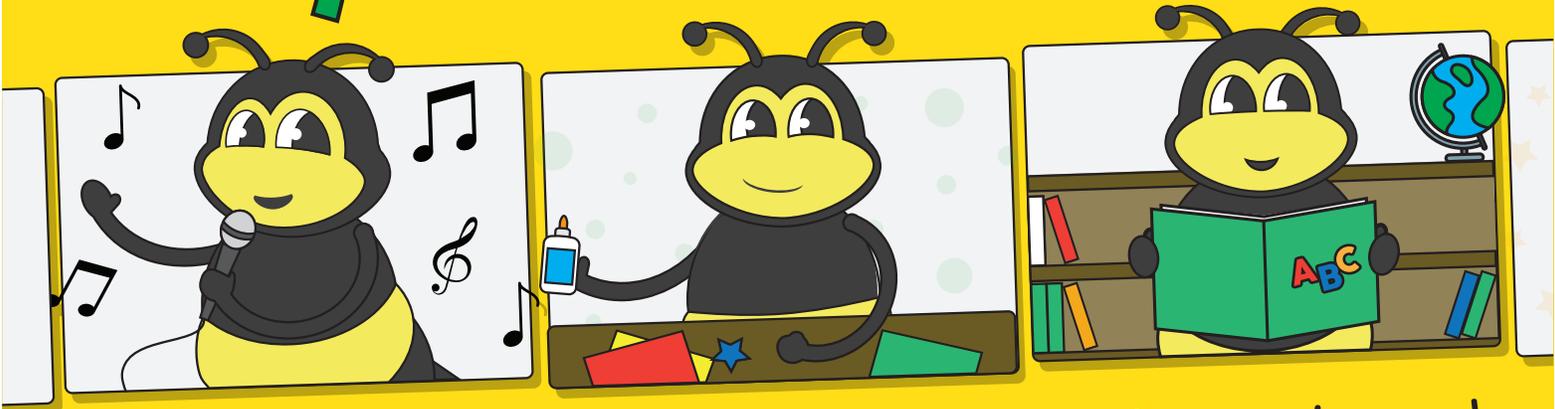
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# We invite you to join our **FREE** **Play & Learn Group!**



*Sing-a-longs, crafts, story time, pretend play, and more!*

Our Play and Learn Groups allow children from birth to age 4 to engage in group activity and learn through play, preparing them for school success! Groups are also a great opportunity for adults to connect with other adults and to receive child development and parenting information.

## **Play and Learn Groups are FREE!**

(Parents, guardians, grandparents, and expecting mothers are welcome to join!)

### **Dates & Times:**

To Be Decided

### **Locations:**

Family Resource Center at Chamberlain Elementary School  
120 Newington Avenue, New Britain, CT 06051

Family Resource Center at Jefferson Elementary School  
140 Horse Plain Road, New Britain, CT 06051

Family Resource Center at Smith Elementary School  
142 Rutherford Street, New Britain, CT 06051



REGISTER HERE!

# 2023-2024 School Year

JULY					AUGUST <small>4 Days</small>					SEPTEMBER <small>20 Days</small>					OCTOBER <small>21 Days</small>				
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### Districtwide

- = Holiday (Schools/District Closed)
- = No School ● = Half Day ■ = Professional Development
- August 23 Convocation AM/Building Meetings PM
- August 23, 24, 25 Professional Development
- August 28 First Day of School (Full Day)
- September 4 Labor Day
- October 9 Indigenous Peoples Day
- October 18 Prof. Dev. (Half Day for Students)
- November 7 Election Day, Prof. Dev. (No School for Students)
- November 10 Veterans Day Observed
- November 22 Half Day
- November 23-24 Thanksgiving Recess
- December 21 Half Day
- December 22-January 1 Winter Break
- January 5 Three Kings' Day Observed
- January 15 Martin Luther King Day
- January 31 Prof. Dev. (Half Day for Students)
- February 16 Lincoln's Birthday Observed
- February 19 President's Day
- March 4 Prof. Dev. (No School for Students)
- March 29 Good Friday
- April 8-12 April Break
- May 15 Prof. Dev. (Half Day for Students)
- May 27 Memorial Day
- June 7 Last Day of School (Early Dismissal)
- June 19 Juneteenth Holiday

### Special Observance Days

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

Sep. 15-17 Rosh Hashanah	Mar. 31-Apr. 6 Bright Week
Sep. 24-25 Yom Kippur	Mar. 10-Apr. 9 Ramadan
Sep. 29-Oct. 6 Sukkot	Apr 9-10 Eid al-Fitr
Nov. 12 Diwali	Apr. 22-30 Passover
Mar. 25 Holi	June 17 Eid al-Adha

### Pre-K ▲

- ▲ September 27 PD (Half Day)
- ▲ October 25 PD (Half Day)
- ▲ November 29 PD (Half Day)
- ▲ January 24 PD (Half Day)
- ▲ February 28 PD (Half Day)
- ▲ March 20 PD (Half Day)
- ▲ April 24 PD (Half Day)
- ▲ May 29 PD (Half Day)

### Elementary School ◆

- ◆ November 27 End of 1st Trimester
- ◆ December 12 Conferences (Half Day)
- ◆ December 13 Conferences (Half Day)
- ◆ December 14 (Evening Conferences)
- ◆ March 6 End of 2nd Trimester
- ◆ March 19 Conferences (Half Day)
- ◆ March 20 Conferences (Half Day)
- ◆ March 21 (Evening Conferences)
- ◆ June 7 End of 3rd Trimester

### Middle School ◆

- ◆ August 25 Grade 6 Only First Day (Half Day)
- ◆ November 27 End of 1st Trimester
- ◆ December 12 Conferences (Half Day)
- ◆ December 13 Conferences (Half Day)
- ◆ December 14 (Evening Conferences)
- ◆ March 6 End of 2nd Trimester
- ◆ March 19 Conferences (Half Day)
- ◆ March 20 Conferences (Half Day)
- ◆ March 21 (Evening Conferences)
- ◆ June 7 End of 3rd Trimester

### High School ■

- August 21 Freshmen Orientation (10:00AM)
- August 25 Freshmen Only First Day (Half Day)
- August 28 First Day of School - All Grades
- September 28 Q1 Progress Reports Available in PowerSchool
- September 28 Open House (6:00-8:00PM)
- October 30 End of Quarter 1
- November 3 Q1 Report Cards Available in PowerSchool
- November 6 Fall Conferences (6:00-8:00PM)
- December 6 Q2 Progress Reports Available in PowerSchool
- January 17 End of Quarter 2
- January 18 Second Semester Begins
- January 23 Q2 Report Cards Available in PowerSchool
- February 21 Q3 Progress Reports Available in PowerSchool
- March 22 End of Quarter 3
- March 28 Q3 Report Cards Available in PowerSchool
- March 29 Tentative SAT School Day (Half Day)
- April 2 Spring Conferences (6:00-8:00PM)
- May 1 Q4 Progress Reports Available in PowerSchool
- May 8 Senior Presentations (Half Day)
- May 15 Senior Presentations (Half Day)
- June 3-6 Final Exams
- June 7 Last Day of School (Half Day) (Make-up day)
- June 7 End of Quarter 4
- June 10 Q4 Report Cards Available in PowerSchool
- June 11 Graduation (Tentative)



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