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## Bakerville and New Hartford Elementary

Our school climate work is thriving at both Bakerville and New Hartford Elementary. Building on the High Five Rules, students are recognized for positive choices through celebrations like Bakerville's PJ Day and NHE's Dance Party. Programs such as Book Buddies strengthen our "one community" mindset by connecting preschoolers and second graders,



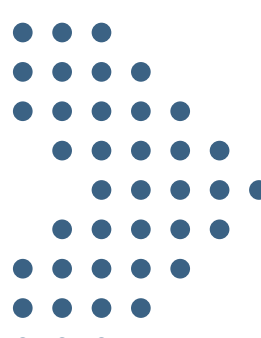
while family involvement—from mystery readers to events like Boo Bash, Reindeer Games, and Holiday Shoppe—continues to enrich our schools. Staff traditions like soup days and Staffgiving further support a welcoming culture where students and adults feel valued, connected, and ready to learn.



## Antolini

Antolini students continue to be actively engaged in school and community life. Fifth and sixth graders are building musical skills through band and have performed at events such as Veterans Day and Light New Hartford. Students also strengthen teamwork and school spirit through activities like the High Flyers jump rope team, the Antolini Action Team's school newspaper, and the STARS recognition program. Sixth graders further develop leadership and customer service skills through the school store and Holiday Shoppe, supporting student activities along the way.





# Districtwide Community Project

Following school-wide assemblies focused on community, all NHPS students created placemats, ornaments, and cards that were shared with residents at the New Hartford Senior Center and Valerie Manor in Torrington, spreading joy throughout the community. In addition, our district proudly participated in CCMC Pajama Day to raise funds in support of children in need.

## BOE Policy

Most recent approved policies.

- Community Relations
    - 1312.3 - New - [Library Material Review and Reconsideration](#)
    - 1312.4 - New - [Library Collection Development and Maintenance](#)
    - 1312.5 - New - [Library Display and Program](#)
  - Personnel
    - 4118.4 / 4218.4 - New - [Rights, Responsibilities and Duties Electronic Mail](#)
    - 4118.232 / 4218.232 - New - [Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace](#)
  - Students
    - 5118.2 - New - [Educational Opportunities for Military Children](#)
    - 5125 - Revised - [Confidentiality and Access to Student Records](#)
    - 5131.601 / 4118.236 / 4218.236 - New - [Medical \(Palliative\) Use of Marijuana](#)
    - 5141.213 - New - [Opioid Overdose Prevention \(Emergency Administration of Naloxone\)](#)
    - 5141.231 / 4118.234 - New - [Psychotropic Drug Use](#)
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### Board of Education

Welcome our two new members: Jon Puz and Kirby Morante!

Stay up to date on the [School Facility Utilization Task Force](#) by visiting the dedicated webpage. Thoughts and questions may be emailed to [NHTaskForce@newhtfd.org](mailto:NHTaskForce@newhtfd.org).

## Curriculum

Over the summer, regional superintendents from Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland, New Hartford, Norfolk, and Region 7 collaborated to reinstate the Unified Education Consortium (UEC) to support continuous improvement in teaching and learning. This year's work focuses on math through shared instructional rounds and grade-level collaboration. NHPS educators have participated in grade-level meetings to share best practices and analyze student work, and our sixth-grade math teacher joined Learning Rounds at Region 7. Collaboration will continue this spring as we work alongside our regional partners.



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