



ANOTHER BEST OF SNO AWARD FOR NHS JOURNALISM STUDENTS

Congratulations to Nonnewaug High School Chief Advocate writers Elliana Obolewicz and Addison Bushka! This dynamic writing duo had their piece on NHS athletics and the Berkshire League selected as a "Best of SNO" on the national SNO student news website.

The Best of SNO showcases the best student journalism from members of the SNO Network nationwide. Bushka is the Deputy Editor in Chief, and Obolewicz is a Junior Editor on the Chief Advocate.

Read their piece and other Chief Advocate articles here: [NHS Chief Advocate](#)

Nonnewaug High School students in the journalism program are committed to reporting on their school and community-relevant topics. Each day, the online NHS Chief Advocate is filled with stories about events, students, teachers, the local communities of Bethlehem and Woodbury, and beyond.



The Chief Advocate at NHS has grown from a single section taught by one teacher to five sections needing three teachers. Conor Gereg, Ben Guerette, and Kyle Brennan serve as advisors to the student writers' staff.

WMS ALLIANCE HOSTS SUPER BOWL PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The annual Woodbury Middle School Superbowl Pancake Breakfast was a terrific success on a cold Superbowl Sunday.

The community came out to support the WMS Alliance Group in this fundraising effort to help cover costs for future Alliance events. All items were donated by members of our WMS and broader community.

Our WMS students and staff prepared and served up the best pancakes and sausage in town.

2ND ANNUAL BES SPELLING BEE



Congratulations to fifth grader Charlie Fusco for winning the second annual Spelling Bee at Bethlehem Elementary School in February. The ten winners from each class in first through fifth grades met for a terrific final round, with more than 60 words. Charlie correctly spelled the winning word -- dubious. Fifth grader Jonah Fort was the runner-up. Well done to all the BES students, and thank you to the moderators, Principal Wendy Yatsenick, and Instructional Leaders Jen Schnitzer and Caitlin Jurkowski. Charlie competed in the state competition in March with other Connecticut elementary school Spelling Bee winners.

WMS CHEER TEAM BACK TO COMPETITION



Congratulations to the Woodbury Middle School Cheer Squad on taking second place in their division at the Rally in the Valley cheerleading competition this month at Naugatuck High School. Team member Brooklyn Start also took home two awards for stunts at the event.

This is the first year WMS has had a competition cheer team in over a decade. Congratulations to the team!

FINE ARTS STUDENTS GET MASTER CLASS WITH LOCAL TENOR

Nonnewaug High School hosted local vocalist Fredy Bonilla for a joint Musical Theater Master class for music students. Bonilla spent time working with and giving feedback to NHS musical theater students and their peers from Watertown High School. Bonilla is a seasoned performer, currently based in New Haven, CT, who sings in various ensembles and as a soloist in New England and around the US. This morning, he helped students with a variety of strategies on the pieces they performed, inspiring them with new interpretations of the music, along with giving them some technical suggestions. It was a terrific learning experience for the many students in attendance, who were also treated to a brief performance from Bonilla. This event was made possible through a grant from the Woodbury-Bethlehem Community Music Foundation. This was a wonderful prep for the joint NHS/WMS Musical Theater Revue and mini concert in February.

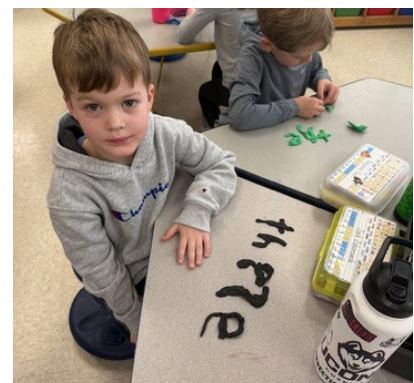
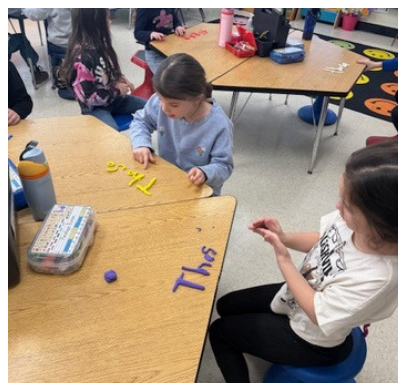


AGRISCIENCE STUDENTS STUDY THE SCIENCE OF CHOCOLATE

Agriscience students at Nonnewaug High School took a sweet approach to learning as they processed milk chocolate in celebration of Valentine's Day in February. The lesson was all about the food chemistry behind chocolate processing. Students explored how cocoa solids, cocoa butter, sugar, and milk solids interact; the science of melting points and temperature control; why tempering affects texture, snap, and shine; and the role of emulsification and crystallization in creating smooth chocolate. While Valentine's Day treats are definitely delicious, our agriscience students proved this annual observation is also a terrific educational opportunity!



CLAY HELPS HELPS WITH PHONICS LESSONS AT MES



First graders at Mitchell Elementary School spent time this month practicing building vce (vowel consonant e) words with Model Magic Clay. This table-top phonics lesson engages the students in many ways. They use their senses to build letter recognition and sound-letter correspondence, and the modeling of letters helps them with their fine motor skills.

IMPROMPTU VISIT FROM LOCAL K9 OFFICER AT BES

Bethlehem Police Officer Cono D'Elia, TFC Stephanie Cortes, and K9 Officer Trey popped into Bethlehem Elementary School this month to say hello to staff and students.

Second graders in Kate Von Duntz's class remembered K9 Officer Trey from their visit to the Resident State Trooper Office in Bethlehem during their community walk in October. BES students adore Trey, and some of the students even have his sticker on their pencil boxes. TFC Cortes handed out K9 Trey Trading Cards to some lucky BES students! K9 Trey is now a Canine Comfort Dog out of Troop L in Litchfield.



NHS STUDENT-ATHLETES SHINE IN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Some of our Nonnewaug High School student-athletes were busy in February -- winning Berkshire League Championships! Congratulations to the boys' basketball on their BL title capture in OT during the annual Red Out game against Shepaug. Wrestling captured their BL title, and the boys' indoor track won their BL title for the second year in a row. Additionally, the boys' and girls' indoor Track teams had terrific showings at their State Championship meets, with Maddie Garguilo taking the state title in 600 and the SMR relay team taking a 2nd place and qualifying for nationals



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