

MES FAMILY STEM NIGHT BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Mitchell Elementary School's Family STEM Night brought families together for an energizing evening of math and STEM exploration. Nonnewaug High School students in the National Science Honor Society, Math Club, Computer Science, and Robotics Club volunteered to lead a variety of hands-on activities, sharing what they know and inspiring younger learners.

From building 3D shapes, coding Bee-Bots and solving math challenges, to creating STEM-themed cereal snacks, families enjoyed learning side by side. This event reflects our ongoing commitment to meaningful, community-focused learning.



Region 14 School Budget Referendum
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Bethlehem Town Hall, Main Street, Bethlehem
Woodbury Senior Community Center, Main Street, Woodbury

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WMS 7TH GRADE EXPLORE ECOSYSTEM WITH FLANDERS FIELD TRIP



Woodbury Middle School seventh-grade scientists returned to Flanders Nature Center this month to continue investigating and exploring the inputs and outputs of the plant cell and photosynthesis. On this second field trip, students visited a pond ecosystem on the Flanders campus. In research teams, they collected, identified, and documented plant and animal life. They examined microscopic views of cells from collected pond plants and identified the chloroplasts where photosynthesis occurs. Teams constructed a food web of the organisms they documented, showing the flow of energy through the pond ecosystem. This is the third year of this valuable seventh-grade experience that provides real-world application opportunities of their matter cycling and photosynthesis unit, allowing them to explore the natural world around them and see the value in the learning we engage in while in the classroom and how it applies to their everyday lives. The first part of the experience for seventh graders included a visit to Flanders for a lesson on the art of maple syring.

WOMENS' HISTORY WINNERS



Woodbury Middle School students Ava Cipriano and Fiona Lockwood won the 2026 Woodbury Women's History Month Essay Contest. Rep. Karen Reddington-Hughes presented the students with Legislative Citations and commended them on their terrific essays.

8TH GRADE TEAM VISITS BOSTON



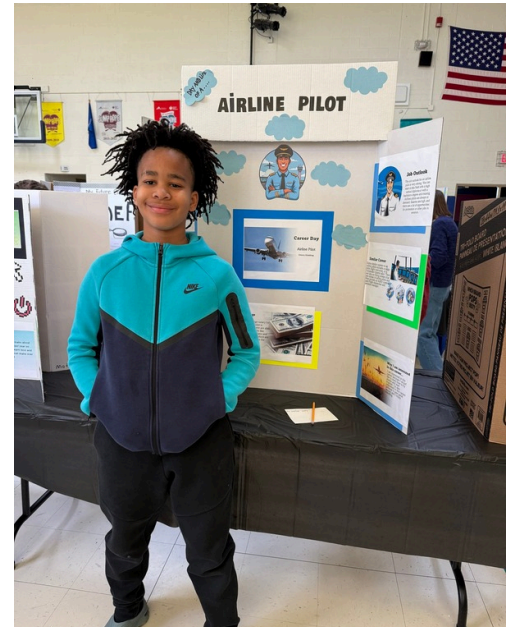
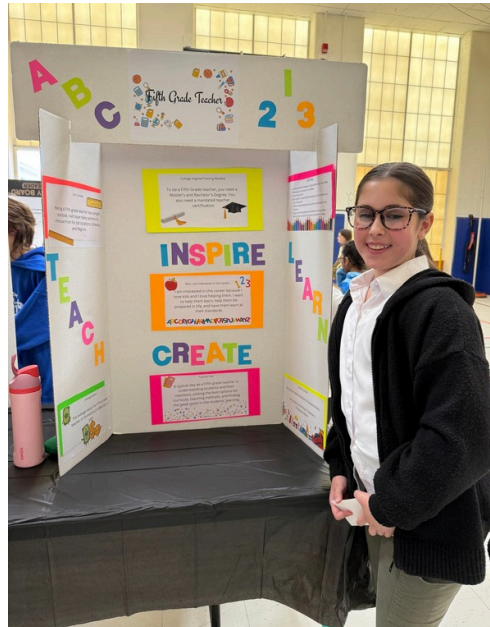
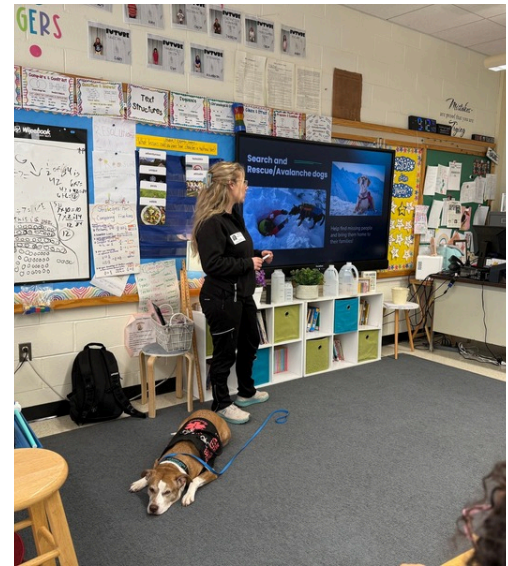
Woodbury Middle School eighth-graders had a fantastic trip to Boston this month. Highlights included stopping by Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall, learning about the Freedom Trail, taking a tour of Fenway Park, and visiting the New England Aquarium. What a wonderful day the eighth-grade team had taking in the sights of Boston for a memorable historical and educational experience.

CAREER WEEK AT BES INTRODUCES STUDENTS TO A WIDE RANGE OF PROFESSIONS

Bethlehem Elementary School's Career Week offered students a week full of learning and exploration. Through classroom visits, research projects, an on-site Touch a Truck event, and guest speakers, students discovered many different professions. Kindergarten through third-grade students met community helpers and explored the vehicles used in their daily work during Careers on Wheels Day.

Students in grades 3–5 met with professionals from many fields, including law, music, dog training, marketing, product development, handcrafted goods, farming, floral design, and law enforcement. They asked terrific questions in these presentations.

Fifth graders also shared their career research with third and fourth-graders, helping create an engaging and inspiring experience for all.



CELEBRATING THE TOP 10% AT NHS



Nonnewaug High School celebrated the Class of 2026 Top 10% with a terrific banquet at the Painted Pony in Bethlehem this month. The 19 students who have shown academic excellence, perseverance, resilience, and determination during their four years at NHS were each honored by a faculty member at this annual event. Congratulations to the Top 10% of the Class of 2026. Valedictorian William Herr, Salutatorian Gillian Fernandes, and Essayist Grace Rubacha, Bradyn Boisseau, Ella Brown, Delia Coelho, Maia Colavito, Sophia Garguilo, Malynda Karam, Samuel Kern, Luciano Pedros, Everett Pierce, Ella Quinn, Mia Salisbury, Katherine Savulak, Ella Schiron, Samantha Sorcher, Boe Stokes, and Brayden Whipple.



NHS AGRISCIENCE HOSTS ELEMENTARY AG DAYS

Region 14 second graders had an amazing time at Ag Day at Nonnewaug High School this month. This ultimate learning experience gave the elementary schools a look into the many areas of the Agriscience program, including equine science, aquaculture, floriculture, food science, and beekeeping, and gave them a chance to climb on some of the tractors and visit the barns to meet the animals. Thank you to our Agriscience students for making the annual Region 14 Second Grade Ag Day a great success.



NHS Art Honor Society members were chosen for the 2026 NAHS Juried Exhibition. The winners this year are Gemma Hedrei, Samantha Sorcher, and Lila Rogers. There were more than 2,100 submissions for this online juried event, and only 87 were chosen.



NHS juniors Hannah Keating and Sephora Martello were named winners in the 2026 Hartford Hospital Brainsdance Awards. This annual competition for students is designed to decrease the stigma of mental illness through academic and art projects. Hannah won first place in the Art Category for poetry, and Sephora won second place for her artwork.

CATCH A HOME GAME ON “COMMUNITY DAY” IN REGION 14

The community is invited to catch a home game on Tuesday, May 5, at Nonnewaug High School and Woodbury Middle School. Come cheer on our NHS Chiefs and Woodbury Warriors as students in grades 6–12 compete in baseball, softball, tennis, and track and field. All games are free and open to the community. Come over, enjoy a hot dog, and cheer on your Region 14 student-athletes!

COMMUNITY DAY ATHLETICS SCHEDULE FOR MAY 5, 2026

Nonnewaug Chiefs



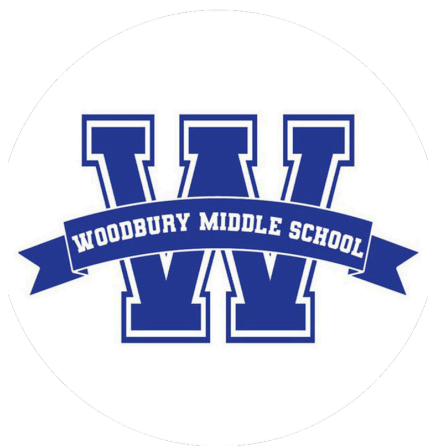
Boys' Tennis v. Northwestern 3:45 p.m.

Boys' Baseball v. Thomaston 4:00 p.m.

Girls' Softball v. Immaculate 4:00 p.m.

Boys' & Girls' Outdoor Track v. Shepaug 4:00 p.m.

Woodbury Warriors



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