



HAVERHILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Home of the Hillies"

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

A Message from the Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Margaret Marotta

Hello Haverhill Families,

I hope this message finds you all well. October has been a busy month for our students at Haverhill Public Schools. We started October by awarding homerooms with the best attendance in September; winners were awarded breakfast with their families. We encourage students to continue the routine of attending school every day unless they are not feeling well. Attendance is an essential component of achieving success in school.

The North Shore YMCA received nominations for Educators of the Year, and we are proud to find out that 10 out of the 12 nominees are teachers from Haverhill Public Schools. A reception celebrating these educators is on Thursday, November 16, 2022, at the Renaissance Country Club. For more information, visit the [YMCA Educator of the Year](#) website. We are so fortunate to have such great teachers at HPS, and we are grateful to all of them for their dedication to our students.

This month's newsletter includes an article about the HPS Learning for Life Program. The Learning for Life Program is a portion of the Special Education Department providing enhanced learning experiences in career development and independent living to transition-aged youth as they move to a post-secondary setting. This program benefits qualified students between the ages of 18-22. The students at LFL are enthusiastic about learning and working and are proud of their businesses. They welcome you to visit them at City Hall.

The holidays are quickly approaching; we understand that this can be a stressful time of the year. We have collaborated with our community partners to compile a list of resources to help make the holidays easier. Please visit the [Haverhill Public School](#) website for more information, if you or someone you know could benefit from these resources.

As we head into November, we remind you to check your child's school website and calendars to stay informed of school events. We invite you to like our HPS District [Facebook](#) page, where we post district and school information, news, and updates.

Stay well,

Dr. Marotta

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3, 2022
HHS - Marks Close Term 1

November 8, 2022
No School-Election Day

November 11, 2022
No School - Veterans Day

November 14, 2022
HHS - Report Cards Issued
Term 1

November 16, 2022
Early Release - All Students

November 17, 2022
School Committee Meeting

November 23, 2022
Early Release -
Thanksgiving Recess

November 24, 2022
No School -
Thanksgiving Recess

November 25, 2022
No School -
Thanksgiving Recess

November 30, 2022
Pre-K - 8 - Marks Close -
1st Trimester

For Important School
Calendar Information - Visit
School Websites

HAVERHILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
4 Summer Street, Suite 104
Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830
Phone 978-374-3400 | Fax 978-374-3422

Important Numbers

Bartlett School & Assessment Center
978-469-8735

Bradford Elementary, K-4
978-374-2443

Caleb Dustin Hunking, K-8
978-374-5787

Consentino Middle School, 5-8
978-374-5775

Gateway Academy, 7-12
978-374-3473

Golden Hill, K-4
978-374-5794

Greenleaf Academy, 5-12
978-374-3487

Haverhill High School, 9-12
978-374-5700

J.G. Whittier, 5-8
978-374-5782

Moody PreSchool, Pre-K - K
978-374-3459

Moody PreSchool Ext., Pre-K
978-420-1901

Nettle Middle School, 5-8
978-374-5792

Pentucket Lake Elementary, K-4
978-374-2421

Silver Hill Elementary, K-5
978-374-3448

Tilton Lower Elementary, K-3
978-374-3475

Tilton Upper Elementary, 4-5
978-374-3482

Walnut Square, K-2
978-374-3471

Fall Update from Health & Wellness

A Message from The District Coach of Health & Wellness Megan Arivella, M.Ed/NBCC/NCC

All levels are focusing on wellness, healthy habits and promoting kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

High School- On Oct. 5th PE classes for Coach Attah, Mr. Nigro, Ms. Crimmins, Mr. Jordan, & the Junior ROTC program participated in the Army Fit Event to raise awareness regarding the need for students to lead a physically fit, nutritional conscious and healthy lifestyle. Health I & II teachers will be collaborating with the HHS school nurses during various lessons as additional valuable resources particularly from the medical standpoint of topics. In addition, the curriculum mapping has been designed to offer more time on topics which will be discussed at a Parent Night for those students enrolled in Health classes this year (be on the lookout for more information). Health II classes will be piloting a Botvin Lifeskills drug abuse program by National Health Promotion Association.

Middle School- Middle School Health teachers & counselors participated in a training to implement the Boston vs. Bullies sponsored by the Sports Museum at TDBanknorth Garden which is a 3 lesson anti bullying program to Grade 5 in November. Mrs. Curry and Mr. Shaffer at Hunking spent summer time acquiring info and planning for an afterschool program called GRIT. They applied for a grant that funds a group which teaches kids how to handle emotions when presented with difficult situations. Consentino Middle School has been partnering with the YWCA to pilot a Grade 5 & 7 health program that focuses on healthy relationships and delivering other aspects of the curriculum from professionals who have a wide range of experience in working with children and families in the community. All middle school students received bullying lessons in October and will continue in November with lessons on 'Responsible Decision Making'.

Elementary- The Haverhill Exchange Club in collaboration with The Haverhill Fire Department was able to deliver an amazing program to all our Kindergarten classes at Sacred Hearts School on Oct. 13, 2022. Students met police, ambulance workers, fire fighters, Sparky the Dog, got a tour of the bouncy fire house, watched a video and took an oath to be a Jr. Firefighter. They went home with crayons, workbooks, pencils and a firefighter hat! Some of our elementary schools are working on coordinating a field trip for Grades 4 or 5 to attend UMASS Lowell's 8th Annual Health & Fitness Day. This day will feature an educational expo, activity workbooks, pregame activities/videos, exposure to Division I Women's Basketball game ULowell vs. Maine on January 25, 2023. Tilton Lower & Upper PE classes have had Premier Martial Arts as a guest for presentations during all PE classes the last week of September.

District-wide-MAHPERD (Massachusetts Association of Health, PE, Recreation & Dance) has amazing opportunities for professional development, particularly the 93rd Annual Convention at the DCU Center in Worcester. The Wellness Department will be going as a team on Nov. 8th for a professional development day. Wellness Committee- 1st meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 9th and is a wonderful group of community members, school committee members, HPS students, parents and teachers and medical professionals. This group will be promoting nutrition and physical activity with an emphasis on mental health, policies and offering a parent night in the Spring. PE and Health teachers will participate in training this year with Lighthouse Wellness and Health Education Consulting for professional development time to focus on understanding students' needs in relation to health curriculum planning and learning how to develop an effective and resourceful unit plan. Schools were also provided with new PE materials that fit their curriculum such as: basketballs, soccer and volleyballs, nets, fitness and resistance bands, yoga rollers and more.

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE AWARENESS BREAKFAST WINNERS!!!



THE WINNERS ARE: Consentino-Ms.Shea's Grade 7, Nettle-Mrs.McCarron's Grade 7, JG Whittier-Mr.Marinella Grade 8, Hunking Middle-Ms.Riley's Grade 6, Hunking Elementary-Ms.Crawford's Grade 3, Tilton Upper-Mr.Holt/Mr.Saba Grade 4, Tilton Lower-Ms.DeAvilla Grade 1, Silver Hill-Ms.Duffy/Mr.Zuber's HR, Golden Hill-Mrs.Curtin's HR, Pentucket Lake-Ms.Knapp's Grade 4, Bradford-Ms.Garden's Compass/Ms.Fetty Grade 3, Walnut Square-Mrs.Abreau Kindergarten

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are Hiring!

*For a complete list of current employment opportunities, visit:
[Haverhill Public Schools](#)*

HHS MCJROTC

Haverhill High School MCJROTC hosted a Raider Competition on October 8, 2022 and dominated! Our Alpha team won 1st place overall and our Bravo team won 4th place overall out of 12 teams competing. They also put 10 more trophies on the table. Thank you for your continued support. These cadets have put in countless hours to better themselves and their success shows how hard they've been working. Oorah Motivators! Visit their website page for more information about [MCJROTC](#)



CTE HEALTHCARE OCCUPATION PROGRAM

Congratulations to Leah Colantuoni (HHS Class of 2023) for passing the Certified Nurse Aide exam for the state of Massachusetts! Leah is one of many students from the CTE Healthcare Occupations Program who have completed the Department of Public Health approved Nurse Aide Training Program requirements as she adds to the program's 100% pass rate since the first graduating class of 2020.



Fire Safety Week

HPS kindergarten students participated in Fire Safety Day. Students assembled at Sacred Heart School to learn skills about Fire Safety and met members of HFD while having fun. Shout Out to The Haverhill Exchange Club and the Haverhill Fire Department for sponsoring and coordinating the event!



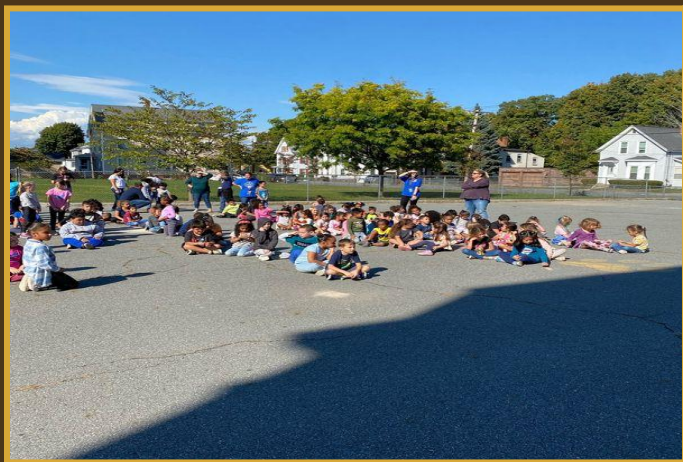
JG Whittier

The JG Whittier National Junior Honor Society Corn Maze Fundraiser at Kimball Farm was a success. We are so proud of these scholars planning and pulling off a great community event.



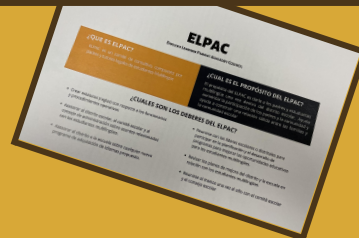
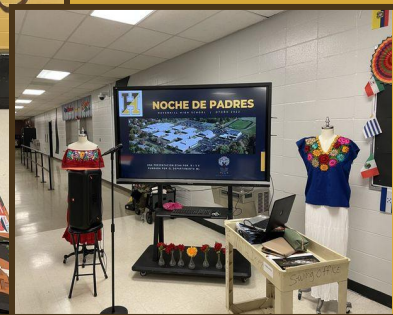
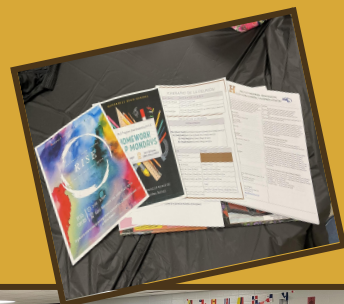
TILTON ELEMENTARY ROAR RALLY

Tilton Elementary (Lower) School had their ROAR Rally to promote PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)!



HHS R.I.S.E NIGHT

Haverhill High School hosted the R.I.S.E. Parent Night. Parents learned about HS scheduling, graduation requirements, ELD programming, Early College, and how to access sports and clubs at HHS. They were also invited to join the HPS ELPAC Advisory Group. Delicious food was serviced, the HS administration attended, and it was a GREAT night!



Students are Learning for Life at Haverhill City Hall

Sometimes school isn't just about classrooms and books. At Haverhill City Hall, we have a group of students learning essential life skills while working and contributing to the community. City Hall has two student-run businesses, and unless you are an employee or a student who works there, you probably haven't heard much about them. Let us introduce you to The Learning Cafe and The Hillies Shop at City Hall. The Learning Cafe is a small cafe offering an assortment of beverages, sandwiches, sweets, and specials throughout the week. The Hillies Shop features athletic apparel and a variety of school pride products, offering all you ever need to be a true Hillie! These stores are a part of the Haverhill Public Schools Learning for Life Program.

Learning for Life is a variety of vocational, recreational, social, cultural, and independent living activities experiences in community settings. LFL aims to prepare students by providing experiences, increasing independent living skills, knowledge, and utilization of community resources post-high school. Students in this program maintain and operate these stores and balance classroom academics, sports, and community service.

The Hillies Shop is a smaller version of the original at Haverhill High School. The shop offers many products, from key chains to hoodies and everything in between. Students are responsible for maintaining and stocking all products on the displays. They also exercise self-determination skills related to the workforce and increase public social skills with customer retention and money management. Allise Rodger, Lead Job Coach at the store, mentioned her favorite part of the program is watching kids acquire work skills and achieve success.

The Learning Cafe is a favorite of all City Hall employees. Students are always busy prepping food, cooking, taking, filling, delivering orders, cleaning, or engaging with customers. Their cooking often fills the halls with home-cooked meals and delicious smells. Theresa Diffin is the Lead Job Coach at The Learning Cafe. She enjoys watching the students when they achieve a task after repeatedly practicing. "There is that moment after they have practiced so hard that it clicks, their face lights up with pride, and they gain so much confidence at that moment."

The Hillies Shop can be found on the lower level of City Hall and is open M-F 8:00 am - 1:00 pm; they sell all the gear you need to be a true Hillie. You can also find them online at [The Hillies Shop](#); or on social media; [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

The Learning Cafe is on the second floor of City Hall and is open M-F 8:00 am - 1:15 pm. You can find their website with a menu at [The Learning Cafe](#).

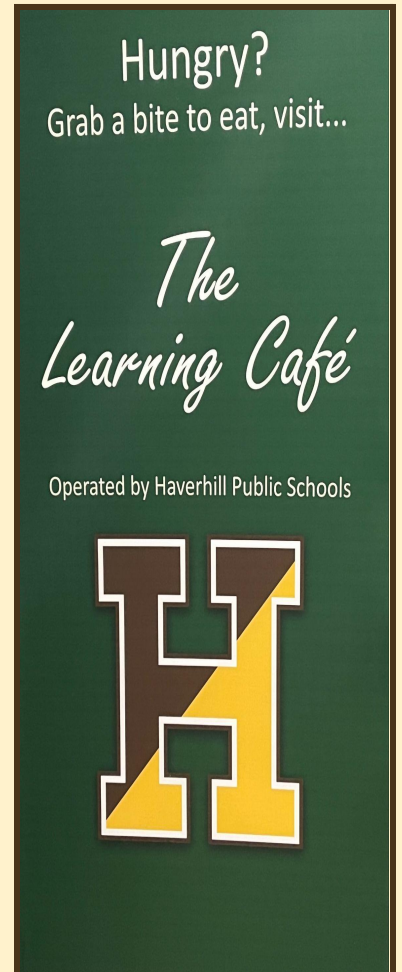
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Students are Learning for Life at Haverhill City Hall

The LFL program enables students to gain confidence and independence while mentoring newer students, achieving leadership qualities, and acquiring jobs after graduation. Many students find placements with our community partners as well as in the private sector.

If you are in the neighborhood, stop in and say Hi! The shops are open to the public, and students are always eager to meet new friends and learn new things. The one thing we can guarantee when visiting either shop is lots of smiles!

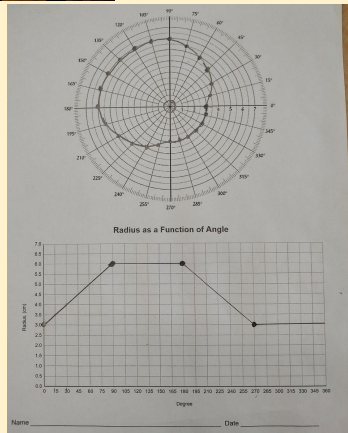
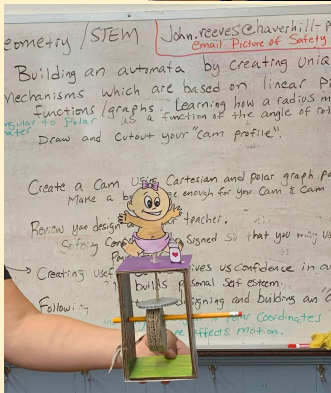


COVID - 19 UPDATE

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is not recommending universal mask requirements, surveillance testing of asymptomatic individuals, contact tracing, or test-to-stay testing in schools. To read the new guidelines on DESE, visit [here](#). While we look forward to returning to a more normal learning environment at HPS, we will also take the precautions necessary to keep our students, staff, and families safe. Testing kits will be available at schools as needed, and masks are encouraged for those feeling mildly under the weather. Those that are ill are encouraged to stay home, and information regarding vaccine clinics will follow for interested families.

GATEWAY ACADEMY

Gateway Academy students are enjoying STEM! Students had just finished learning to identify lines and parts of lines and measured angles. This project brought these concepts together and is used as a segue into identifying slopes, and y-intercepts, writing linear equations and examining piecewise domains and ranges. Students drew a linear cam profile of radius as a function of angle and then transposed this onto a polar graph. Once the points were transposed, students manually connected the points with gentle curves. Students then used double-faced tape to make a multi-layered cam for their "Automata." Their polar plots were then cut out, taped onto the cardboard, and cut out using a scroll saw. The rest was measuring and building a box to mount their cam and designing a fun top! Students were engaged and still enjoyed this activity by using part of their class time to complete their designs or build new ones! To see other fun learning skills happening at Gateway Academy, visit their [Facebook Page](#).



2022

EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

And the Nominees are.....

Elaine Ventura - Haverhill High School
Charles Luongo - Haverhill High School
Lori Curry - Caleb Dustin Hunking School
Susan Hall - Caleb Dustin Hunking School
Darlene Budds - Bradford Elementary School
Janice Vinci - Bradford Elementary School
Heather Azzarito - Moody School
Elizabeth Teixeira - Whittier Regional Vocational Tech
David Charbonneau - Whittier Regional Vocational Tech
Jessica Wright - Greenleaf Academy
Christine Neira - Silver Hill Elementary School
Teresa Harding - Dr. Paul Nettle School

All nominees will be honored during a reception Wednesday, Nov. 16, beginning at 5 p.m., at Renaissance Golf Club, 377 Kenoza St. Rep. Andy X. Vargas is serving as master of ceremonies.

Individual tickets begin at \$50 and include appetizers. There is also a cash bar. Tickets may be purchased online at the [Haverhill YMCA](#)

For more information, email Colette Ekman at ekmanc@northshoreymca.org.

HPS Student Device Insurance Plan

Haverhill Public Schools has chosen School Device Coverage (SDC) to insure the devices that will be given to your student as part of this year's 1:1 device program. For only \$20 per student, this insurance program will protect you and your student(s) in the event that your device is lost, stolen, or damaged accidentally over the course of the school year. Please follow this link for more information and to sign up. [Haverhill Student Device Insurance](#)

This information is also posted on the [Parent and Student Resources](#) page, Our [Technology](#) page, and the [HPS Student Technology Device Policy](#) ([Spanish Version](#)) document.

U.S. Army Fit Challenge visits HHS

Today at Haverhill High School, over 500 students in 22 classes participated in the U.S. Army Fit Challenge. Students led by U.S. Army Soldiers participated in shuttle spring relay, weighted carry relay, cross-function relay, pull-ups, and team building. These results will be used to compete with other New England Schools for the title of "U.S. Army Fittest School." Winners for each group were awarded T-shirts! We are Hillie Strong!



A.B. Consentino School

We have some talented students at A.B. Consentino School. Students have worked hard on their projects and they have been rewarded with a display at Haverhill District Court. Great job Chargers!



Haverhill Hispanic Heritage Month Spotlight Series: Jennifer Cabrera, A Return to Roots



October is Hispanic Heritage Month: State Representative Andy Vargas featured Haverhill High Schools Jennifer Cabrera in a Facebook Spotlight

For Jennifer Cabrera, luxuries of a linear path through education were not a reality. "I was surprised I graduated from Haverhill High. I had my son when I was a junior. There was a point where I had to choose between education and being able to afford living." After attempting to get a college degree, Cabrera was forced to drop out.

"Years ago, my son who was eight, said to me, 'Why are you always pushing me to go to college if you don't even have your bachelor's?' Taken aback, Cabrera replied "Oh, okay, so if I go get my master's, what is the limit for you?" Years later, Cabrera would have something to show. "I went back to school when I was 22. I ended up getting a dual bachelor's degree in history and psychology. Then I went for my Master's in community social psychology."

Today, Cabrera works as the Student Support Coordinator at Haverhill High School. "We have a program called Respect Inclusion Service and Equality (RISE), which is for multilinguals. We help them kind of get situated in American society. We teach them about the process of getting a job. We teach them about college, and how there are different options. It's not just about academics. You don't have to go to a four-year college now. You have trades. We are giving them the information that I wish I had when I was younger."

To Cabrera, the sight of a student bears reflection. "I look at these kids and I see the potential. They may not see it, and I know it has a lot to do with situations that are beyond their reach, but to me, it means progression. It means social justice. It means having equitable resources for all and teaching others how to be open minded." Cabrera's passion is fueled by the bonds built between herself and her students. "The kids in the hallways, they're like, 'oh, you know that artist?' I'm like, yeah, I do. And they like that because then I get a connection with them. The more connections a student has, the more likely they're not going to miss a school day."

Hidden behind the scenes at Haverhill High, Cabrera pushes forward with dedication to seeing her vision of a brighter community come alive. "I see myself as a bee, just doing the work. And the work excites me because I know the potential that it has. It's hard to explain but I think it ignites the passion within me that makes me want to keep learning. Yeah, like keep learning and keep helping. If that makes sense."



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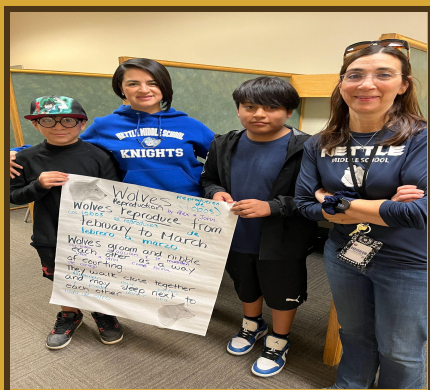


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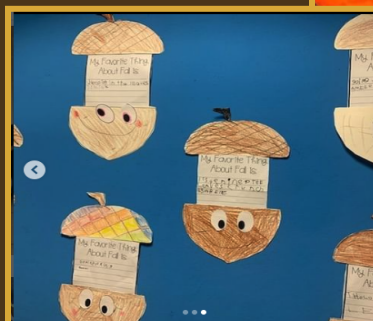
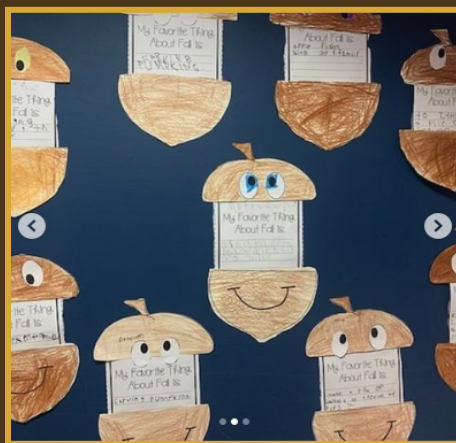
Students learned about reproductive habits of wolves:



And then helped assemble recess equipment which was found on Facebook Marketplace by staff members. Staff reached out to sellers to see if they would be willing to donate, many said yes!



First Grade Students at Silver Hill Elementary took some time this month to write down their favorite thing about fall



HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Haverhill School Committee Approved Meeting Schedule:

Thursday, October 27, 2022

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Thursday, December 8, 2022



Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, 4 Summer Street in Haverhill. Citizens of Haverhill who wish to submit items for a meeting agenda, should email the agenda item to the School Committee Office, Attn: Beverly Cassano, Executive Assistant to the Haverhill School Committee bcassano@haverhill-ps.org with a copy to both the Superintendent of Schools and the Mayor no later than the seven (7) days prior to a Committee meeting is held.

For additional information please visit the School Committee Department on our website:

<https://www.haverhill-ps.org/school-committee/>

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