

Weare Middle & Center Woods Upper Elementary NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year, students in grades 3 through 8 participate in the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS) and students in grade 11 participate in the College Board School Day SAT and NH SAS science assessment. Later this spring, your child will take the following assessments, depending on their grade level:

- NH SAS for English language arts/writing and mathematics in grades 3 through 8
- NH SAS for science in grades 5, 8, and 11
- SAT School Day with Essay in grade 11

In a typical year, state assessments are an important part of a student's core educational program, but even more so this year as we seek to learn more about the impact of the pandemic. To learn more about the state accountability testing system, including average test times and a FAQ, please click [here](#).

NH SAS results are available immediately after testing, however, we plan to send home Individual Student Reports with report cards at the end of the year. Should you want to see the results before then, you can reach out to your child's teacher. School Day SAT results will be available to students 6-8 weeks after they complete the assessment. Students may retrieve their results through their personal College Board (SAT) account.

Parents are allowed to exempt their child from participation in the statewide assessments (permitted in RSA 193-C:6). Parents must complete and submit an exemption form that is provided by the school or district. Please contact the local school to receive a copy of the exemption form. Please understand that if you choose to exempt your child from the assessment, no scores or summary of individual student performance, based on the statewide assessment, will be provided for your child.

If you have any questions related to this assessment administration, you may contact your student's principal. Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him/her to do his/her best during this assessment administration.

Your admin team:

Mrs. Hilliard, Mr. Matzke & Mr. Morrill

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Learning Across our School

Clockwise from top left:

Ms. Couhie, one of our amazing substitutes, teaches a bullying lesson to a UE class.

Showcasing a respect board in one of our UE hallways.

Science lessons on mitosis and cells.

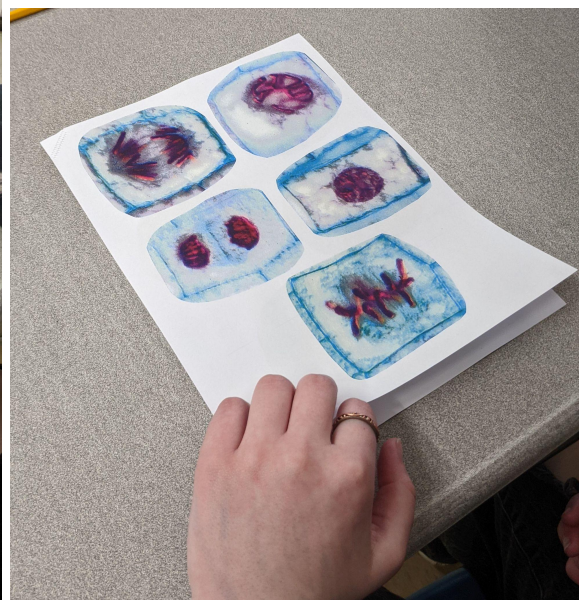
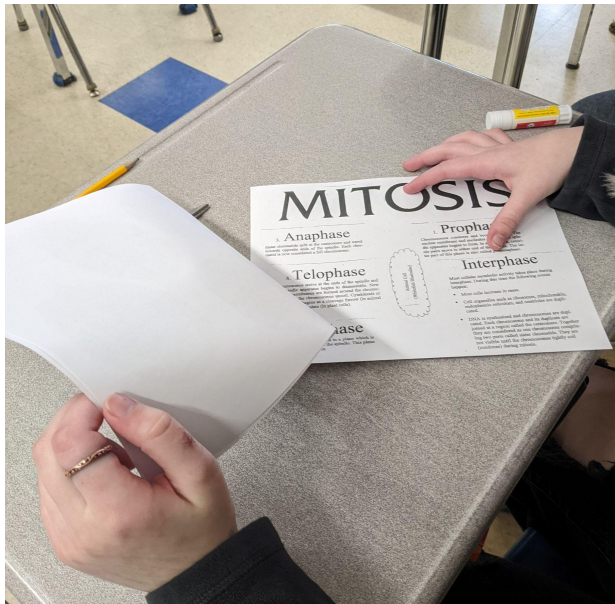
A bulletin board with facts about owls and hawks from Ms. Dwinnells 7th grade science class



A lesson about bullying



Our Respect Board



Some Science Work



Our Feathered Friends

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2021-2022 Yearbook orders

The online portal for yearbook orders is now open. Yearbooks are \$30 and must be ordered online through Lifetouch's portal. Click [here to reserve your copy](#) and use this code **14317222**.

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Meet the Principal Candidates

Superintendent Coe cordially invites you to attend a public forum with the Weare School Board for parents, staff, and community members to meet the final candidates for the Center Woods Upper Elementary School/Weare Middle School principal position. The forum will be held in the Weare Middle School Library. All are invited to attend and hear the candidates' views on education. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.

Weare Middle School Library
April 4, 2022
4:00 pm

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Weare School District Board Meeting

The Weare School Board will have their next meeting on April 19, 2022 at 6 pm in the WMS Cafe.

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WMS STAGE COMPANY PRESENTS!



Stage Company director Ms. Fitzpatrick and her cast and crew are excited to invite you to their performance of *Help Desk: A Stay-at-Home Play*, written by Don Zolidis. This hilarious comedy pokes fun at various customer service situations!

Performance dates are Friday April 15 at 7:00 and Saturday April 16 at 2:00. Tickets are \$8 per person, or \$28 for a group of 4.

No tickets will be available at the door. See a cast or crew member to order tickets, or order online at www.wearemiddle school.net

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7th Annual Fun Run 5K



Get Ready for the 7th Annual Weare Fun Run 5K

Friday, May 13 at 4:00 PM

Register by May 4 to qualify
for a Race T-shirt

This is a Walk/Run Event

Registration Form Attached

[Click here for a registration form](#)

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Notes from the Nurse

NH DHHS guidelines for COVID testing have not changed. This means that if your student is having any of the following symptoms (congestion, cough, sore throat, headache, body aches, fever), then a negative Covid test is necessary prior to sending them to school.

Although there are other viruses circulating around causing the common cold and the flu, and we are seeing less positive Covid cases, DHHS has not relaxed the requirement for Covid testing. If your child is having any of these symptoms, please keep them home, do a Covid test and provide me with the results prior to them being cleared to return to school. I still have a supply of rapid tests that I am happy to share with you if you do not have tests at home. If your child tests negative, they may return to school when their symptoms are resolved or significantly improved. Please help us to keep our school community healthy!

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SAU 24 Communications Survey

Superintendent Jacqueline Coe would like to invite community members and SAU 24 families to complete the survey most relevant to them in order to support SAU 24's efforts to evaluate its approach to communications.

Both the family and community-focused surveys can be found at sau24surveys.com

Two surveys are geared towards parents and/or guardians of current students, as well as members of the communities SAU 24 serves, in an effort to develop a better understanding of how well SAU communicates with each group. SAU 24 asks that families and residents fill out the survey that applies to them in order to share their feedback on these communications efforts. A staff survey will be distributed internally. The surveys will remain open until further notice.

The surveys are meant to help district leaders build a stronger understanding of the types of news and updates that each group values. Additionally, the surveys will help SAU 24 identify areas where it has had success with family and community outreach, as well as any communications gaps it must work to address.

Parents and/or guardians of students who currently attend district schools can find the family-oriented survey [here](#).

Community members who do not currently have students attending an SAU 24 school can find their survey [here](#).

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This spring, it is especially important to hear feedback from your district and community. It has been two years since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and much has changed since that time. While communities start to recover from all of the disruptions, it is critical to understand how staff, families and communities have been impacted, and how they will move forward to plan for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

To access the surveys, please visit the appropriate link(s) beginning Monday, March 14, through Friday, April 29, 2022

- Families in K-12, Preschool, and Private Schools: bit.ly/nhdoefamily
- Staff in Public and Private Schools: bit.ly/nhdoestaff
- Community Members*: bit.ly/nhdoecommunity (** Please note that "Community Members" are those who do not have students enrolled in New Hampshire public schools. Those who do should complete the family surveys instead..*)

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SAU 24 is Hiring!

It takes a community to keep our schools running smoothly. [Visit our website](#) to see our job openings. We are always looking for paraeducators and substitutes.

The Weare Bus Terminal is also looking for drivers! On-site job interviews take place every Wednesday from 10 am - 12 pm. Stop by our location for a walk-in interview and tour!

58 Carding Mill Road, Weare 603-529-4744

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PUP Default Plans

[WMS/CWUES Pickup Patrol Default Plans](#)

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Upcoming Dates - [full calendar can be found here](#)

April 18 & 19 - 8th grade Challenge Day @ JSRHS

April 25-29 - No School, Spring Break

May 13 - Weare Fun Run 5k

May 27 - Early Release, dismiss @ 11:30

May 30 - No School, Memorial Day

June 21 - Last day of school as of 3.30.22

[Weare Public Library](#)

Gaming at the Weare Library

Every Tuesday: 2:30 to 5:00 AND 2nd & 4th Thursdays (Mar 24 / Apr 14 & 28)
5:30 to 8:00

Challenge your friends with Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Mario Kart 8, or another classic video game OR play one of our board games OR You can bring one of your own. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

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Community News

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The NH Department of Education is partnering with NH camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer students the unique opportunity to move beyond COVID-19 and be a kid again. For more information, [visit their website here](#).

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Attention All Middle Schoolers:

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINICS

Hosted by:
The New England College
Volleyball Team
Taking Place at Bridges
Gym, on the NEC Campus



**TAKING PLACE DURING FRIDAYS IN MARCH
AND APRIL (3/11, 3/18, 4/1, AND 4/15)
FROM 5:30-7:30PM**

Cost to Attend:
\$80.00 for all 4 sessions -or- \$25.00 per session

Come learn the basic skills of the game,
be active, and have fun!

What you should bring:
Water bottle, sneakers, comfortable athletic clothing
(ex. t-shirt and shorts), kneepads if you have them.



**PANCAKES FOR
SUPER HERO LINCOLN ANDERSON
APRIL 9, 2022 CENTER WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
14 CENTER RD., WEARE, NH 8:00 am to 10:30 am**

Lincoln is a young boy going through his third round of brain cancer. Lincoln and his family are in need of assistance to relieve them of some of the major expenses relating to travel for treatments and medical expenses.



Please join us for a delicious breakfast and awesome raffles as we come together to help our friend Lincoln. We will be serving pancakes, eggs and sausage.

ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!

*If you cannot attend the breakfast,
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO THE EXETER LIONS FOUNDATION
AND SEND TO Karen Baillargeon, 11 Michael Bennett Rd.,
Brentwood, NH 03833. For more information contact Mike D.
Baillargeon, (603)235-1260, or email: kebail@comcast.net*