



NORTH CALDWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Connections

Index: Community Open Forum on School Expansion - TONIGHT!

Please join us tonight at 7:00pm in the Grandview Cafeteria for the second Community Open Forum regarding the expansion of our schools. Over the last year, the Board of Education has discussed the long-term capital requirements of our schools in light of aging buildings and expected demographic changes within North Caldwell. The Board, in cooperation with our architectural firm, has compiled and reviewed a list of the District's short-term and long-term facility needs and developed a number of school expansion options for consideration.

At the Open Forum, the Board will share additional updates with the community and gain input and feedback before the Board makes any capital or long-term planning decisions. Please plan to join us to be heard and to share your perspectives with the Board.

Assignment Instructions for Subscription Busing for the 2017-18 School

Please note the updated link to the busing sign-up portal.

North Caldwell Board of Education will once again offer a subscription busing program for the 2017-2018 school year. Under this program, children who live more than two miles from their school will continue to be bused without charge, and children who live two miles or less from their school will be required to pay a subsidized cost to receive busing. If you live more than two miles from school and your family is subscribed to busing, you have already received a letter from the Board of Education. Please click [here](#) for frequently Asked Questions on the subscription busing program, which we encourage you to review as you complete the application process.

Families that are interested in purchasing subscription busing for the 2017-18 school year must register online for your seat on the bus by **June 15, 2017**. The transportation company will need time to properly implement the program once subscription levels are known. **This is the final deadline; we cannot make any extensions.**

Please go to <https://ncboe.eresctransportation.com/> and complete your application for subscription busing. As part of the application, you will be asked to select your top two choices for bus stops. You can also change your current bus stop assignment by logging into your account on the [Genesis Parent Portal](#).

Cost for busing is \$450 per child for the entire school year, with a maximum charge of \$1,000 per child. The charge for an a.m. or p.m. only route is \$300 per child. One-way busing is subject to availability. Payment can be made via Credit Card, PayPal, or Check.

Payments must be received no later than June 15, 2017.

If you have questions about the subscription busing program, please contact the Essex Regional Education Commission:

General Questions:

John Barrett
jbarrett@eresc.com
950-6262, Ext. 296

Technical Questions:

John Skretkowitz
jskretkowitz@eresc.com
950-6262, Ext. 250

OE Recognizes Outstanding Students

On May 23rd, the North Caldwell Board of Education recognized the Gould School Student Council and Honor Choir members for their hard work and accomplishments during the school year.

And below are the members of the 2016-17 Gould School Student Council.



And below are Student Council Officers. From Left to Right: Alexa Agesen (Co-Secretary), Adeline Chesney (Vice President), Nicky David (Co-Secretary), and Luke Ferrara (President)



and below are the NJ Honor Choir members. From left to right: Kaya Gerdes, Priya Marcus, Stella Aaron Blanco, and Rebecca Clements. (Not pictured: Claudia Marino)



Reda Receives Phil Berquist Award

Dr. Freda, our Superintendent and Director of Special Services, was recently selected to receive the Phil St. Award, which is awarded annually at the graduation of Masons Scholars at Fairleigh Dickinson University. The award recognizes outstanding service to the dyslexia community. Notably, this is only the first time that this award has been given to someone other than a Director or Co-Director of a Children's Dyslexia Center. Dr. Freda was recognized for her initiative in having brought training on the Orton-Gillingham approach to our District (starting a "tidal wave" of 21 districts using the approach), as well as the central role she plays in training others to use this method. Congratulations to Dr. Freda! Thank you for your tireless efforts to ensure that every student reaches his or her greatest potential!

Room Highlights

Books and Beyond ended on March 31st, and we are proud of all the students that participated. Thank you to the teachers for their support and promotion of the program and also to our parents for encouraging their child(ren) to keep reading! Throughout the program, children received small prizes for each Level achieved. The class with the most students that reached Level 9 received a special celebration. **Ms. Keenan's** 2nd grade class won the celebration this year with 9 of 19 children reaching Level 9! A special shout-out to Sip-N-Swirl for donating the ice cream and bringing their ice cream truck to school to give Ms. Keenan's class a real treat. The ice cream was tasty, and the kids had a great time celebrating! Feel free to visit Sip-N-Swirl in Little Falls, and tell them you are from the North Caldwell schools.



The **Gould School Garden Club** participants went on a field trip to The Farm at Natirar. This farm in Somerset County sustainably grows, harvests, and prepares food on-site. Guests can tour the farm, purchase fresh produce, or enjoy a meal in their dining room. Special thanks to Edie Davidson, Judith Amorim Dias, and Erika Berg for accompanying the students along with **Mrs. Smith**. The students had a blast!



Mrs. Sibilis, Mrs. Socci, and Mrs. MacDonald's students celebrated Better Speech, Hearing & Language Month (BSHLM) in May with a variety of activities. The month culminated with the annual ice cream sundae party! This year's theme used emojis to discuss how we feel about communication.



Students in **Mrs. Jeffrey's** Technology class submitted videos to The New York Times' 15-Second Vocabulary Video Contest where they were allowed 15 seconds to illustrate and define a vocabulary word. **Two of those submissions were accepted by The New York Times.** Great work by all!

Group 1: Elise Linn, Maria DiGiorgio, and Adeline McCloskey

Group 2: Alexandra Agesen, Sierra Alamia, Olivia Garaffa, and Alexandra Sek



Thank you to The Progress!

North Caldwell Board of Education would like to thank The Progress for helping us keep the community informed about our discussions around school expansion. If you have missed the coverage, please feel free to click on the links below:

[North Caldwell Students Celebrated](#) - May 26, 2017

[North Caldwell Schools Raise Taxes \\$143](#) - April 28, 2017

[Expansion Process Explored at North Caldwell Schools](#) - April 7, 2017

[School Expansion Talks Begin in North Caldwell](#) - February 4, 2017

[New Year Brings Expansion Talk to North Caldwell Schools](#) - January 19, 2017

[Editorial: 'Leadership' is hard](#) - April 13, 2017

District Calendar of Events

The District maintains a detailed calendar of events on the district webpage that includes all school activities. Please check out what is happening in our district by clicking [here](#).

Next North Caldwell Board of Education Meeting

June 14, 2017

Grandview School Cafeteria

The next North Caldwell Board of Education meeting will be held Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 7:30pm in the Grandview School cafeteria. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on Friday, June 9. For a complete list of currently scheduled Board meetings, click [here](#).

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