



# NORTH CALDWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## *Board of Education Connections*

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**Please Join Us for a Parent Presentation on Cyber-Awareness and Safety, Wednesday, January 11!**



PLEASE JOIN US AT  
**THE GOULD SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**  
For a Cyber-Awareness and Safety Presentation  
Wednesday, January 11th, 7:30 PM

Is your child using social media applications like Instagram, Minecraft, Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Oovoo, Skype, Kik, Vine or playing games online?

Please join Sgt. Tom Rich, STOPit Cyber-Safety expert and learn how you can help control your child's **digital footprint** and utilize **"teachable moments"** to help keep your children safe online.



**Guest Speaker:**  
**Sgt. Thomas Rich**

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**STOPit is a simple, fast and anonymous** way for students to report inappropriate incidents like bullying, cyberbullying, hazing, and crisis behaviors via their smartphones. **The STOPit mobile app empowers individuals to protect themselves** and stand up for others online and off, while allowing school administrators the opportunity to take action before an incident spirals out of control.

More information can be found at [stopitsolutions.com](http://stopitsolutions.com).

## Gould School Demonstrates Generosity through Turkey Trot

Gould School, once again, demonstrated its generosity by collecting food for families in need. Though the Turkey Trot itself was postponed due to rain, students and families collected 25 turkeys and more than 800 canned and packaged goods. Sixth graders helped to load the donations onto the Gould School truck so they could be delivered to the food pantry at the Church on the Green in Bloomfield. Student Council would like to thank the Gould community for its kindness during the holiday season!



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## Classroom Highlights

- **Mrs. Castiglia & Mrs. Shay's class** learned a lesson on how to get along and build friendships with their peers, as well as the impact bullying has on others. The students performed an experiment with toothpaste where each child tried to put squeezed toothpaste back into the tube using a toothpick. The message to the students was to be careful of what you say to others - your words will stick to people, and they are very hard to take back. Lee Ana Lojek designed a picture displaying an empty face to give the message that no one is exempt from bullying.



- **Mrs. Castiglia and Miss Fede's classes** have been studying landforms and bodies of water in Social Studies. The students worked in groups to research a specific landform or body water and created a landform structure from play dough. The students presented their projects to their families. They worked

very hard and had a great time learning about landforms and bodies of water!



- In **Ms. Kanter's Art classes**, Gould students have been participating in Fall leaf projects. The 6th graders created Gelli prints with leaves while learning about the printing process. The 5th graders created leaf prints using sponge painting and highlighting techniques. The 4th graders created leaf designs using symmetry. Please stop by and take a look at the wonderful work hanging up in the hallways!



- In **Ms. Reyes' Spanish classes**, the students have been exploring Spanish holidays.

Perú:

On October 31st, Peruvians celebrate "El Día de la Canción Criolla" (The day of the Creole song). The holiday features Afro-Peruvian music that was created by African slaves in Perú during the colonial period. Students learned the traditions of the holiday such as the rhythms of typical dances "Festejo and negroide" and the instrument named "Cajón." The students also practiced some of the steps of this traditional dance and listened to the music.

Mexico:

Mexicans celebrate "El día de los muertos" (The dead of the day), which takes place on November 1st and 2nd. This is a Mexican Holiday to celebrate and remember friends and family who have passed away. Students learned important elements about "La ofrenda" (the alters) where Mexicans build an altar and include the following items: Velas (candles), Cempazuchitl (marigold flower), pan de muerto (bread) and others. The students also created skull masks, pictured below.

**Grandview Skull Masks**



**Gould Skull Masks**



- The **Gould School Chorus** performed for the North Caldwell Senior Citizens and Mayor Alessi on Wednesday, December 7th. The students sang a medley of Holiday songs to the delight of all in attendance.



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## **Board of Education Engages in Long-Range Facility Planning**

At recent meetings, the Board of Education has discussed the long-term capital requirements of our schools in light of aging buildings and potential demographic changes within our community. Consideration is being given to the possibility of major capital projects, including possible expansion of both schools. The Board, in cooperation with our architectural firm, is in the process of compiling and reviewing a list of its long-term needs and updating its demographic study to reflect the increase in the number of homes in the Borough. As we advance through the planning process, the Board will engage the community through a number of mechanisms to obtain feedback and opinions on the options available to the community. Any major expansion would be presented in a referendum, which requires a ballot vote through the election process. Long-range facility planning will be a primary focus of the Board over the next 12-36 months. If you are interested in this important topic, please join us at our regular meetings.

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## **District Calendar of Events**

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

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## **North Caldwell Board of Education Meeting**

**December 13, 2016**  
**Grandview School Cafeteria**

The next North Caldwell Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 7:30pm in the Grandview School cafeteria. The agenda for the meeting was posted on Friday, December 9. For a complete list of currently scheduled Board meetings, click [here](#).

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