



NORTH CALDWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education Connections

Sixth Grade Parent Orientation, January 19, 2017

The North Caldwell Board of Education would like to share the West Essex Regional School District's invitation to orientation for sixth grade parents below.

WEST ESSEX MIDDLE SCHOOL

West Essex Regional School District
65 West Greenbrook Road, North Caldwell, NJ 07006



AN INVITATION TO PARENTS OF SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS

(Note – this event is for Parents only. No students, please.)

Please join us at our annual
Sixth Grade Parent Orientation Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2017
(Snow Date - 1/26/17)

6:00 - 6:50 p.m.

Guided Tours of West Essex Middle School

- Parents will see our outstanding facility, courtesy of a guided tour by our WEMS Student Council Members.
- Tours leave from the WEMS Main Office every 10 minutes, so please feel free to arrive anytime between 6:00 and 6:40pm.

7:00 p.m.

Informational Meeting - Middle School Auditorium

- **Middle School Administration**
 - Middle School Teaming Concept
 - Class Placement Criteria
 - Increased Rigor and Expectations of Middle School
 - Online Registration Process
- **Middle School Guidance Staff**
 - Course Selection for 2017 - 2018
 - Guidance Services

Question and Answer Period will follow

Please check out website for more information on the Middle School

<http://www.westex.org/classof2023>

Follow us on Twitter

[@WestEssexMS](https://twitter.com/WestEssexMS)

Grandview Families Collect for Pajama Program

The **students and families of Grandview School** collected 254 pairs of pajamas for our pajama drive! The Pajama Program, sponsored by Scholastic, is in its 8th year of collecting pajamas for children and adults in need. When we delivered the pajamas, the coordinator was so appreciative and said that this was their biggest donation yet! We are so overwhelmed and grateful for the thoughtfulness and generosity of the entire school community. We want to wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and a healthy and safe New Year!

Please Join Us for a Parent Presentation on Cyber-



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, STOP!T 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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STOP!T is a simple, fast and anonymous way for students to report inappropriate incidents like bullying, cyberbullying, hazing, and crisis behaviors via their smartphones. The STOP!T 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.

 stopitsolutions.com | 1420 US Hwy 206 | Bedminster, NJ 07921 | 908.748.4600

Classroom Highlights

- **Mrs. Christiano & Mrs. Laurenzano's first grade class** so kindly invited **Mrs. Raimondi's kindergarten class** to join them for a lesson on manners. Students listened to the story, "Are Pirates Polite?" all the while making a list of the manners noted in the book. The first graders and kindergarteners were then paired to role play necessary manners in different situations. To conclude the lesson, all students signed the "So are we!" poster promising to remember and use their manners!



- **Mrs. Edwards' first graders** worked hard to spread holiday cheer to Air Force members who will be deployed for the holidays. Each card included a silly seasonal joke in hopes of giving the gift of laughter to those who sacrifice for our freedom.



- In **Mrs. Pontrella's Technology class**, students in grades 1-3 celebrated Computer Science Week by learning to code. Grade 1 used Lightbot, an online program where students used simple commands to move a robot through a maze to light up blocks. Grade 2 used Kodable to move a "fuzz" through a maze. Applying conditions, students altered the paths of the "fuzz" to change direction. Grade 3 used block coding to program their own droids from Star Wars to create their own games.



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.

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](#).

North Caldwell Board of Education Meeting

January 3, 2017
Grandview School Cafeteria

The next North Caldwell Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 7:30pm in the Grandview School cafeteria. For a complete list of currently scheduled Board meetings, click [here](#).

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