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Game Bots Middle School Robotics Challenge

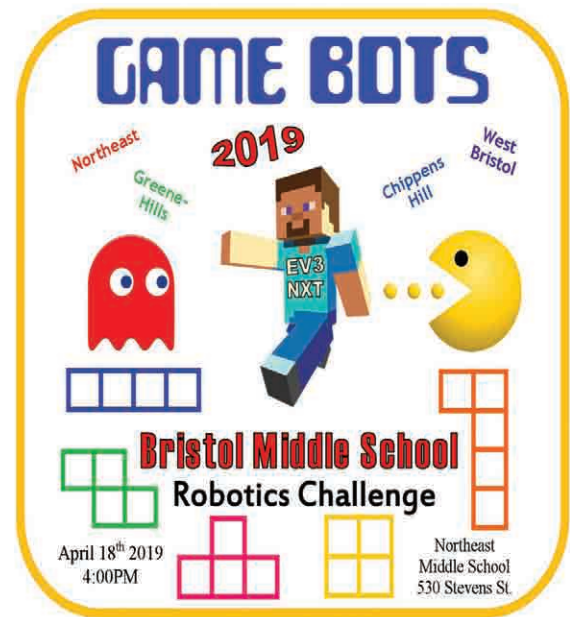
“Game Bots” was the theme at our recent citywide Middle School Robotics Challenge. The competition was intense as teams of students from Chippens Hill, Greene-Hills, Northeast and West Bristol converged at the Northeast gymnasium for this annual event. Students’ collaboration, programming and problem-solving skills were on display as they battled in a series of video game inspired events. Each event posed different coding challenges. In “Robot Pac Man”, teams had to maneuver robots across the game board to reach the “Power Pills”, all while avoiding obstacles and those pesky “Ghosts”. “Robo Tetris” required students to program robots to collect various Tetris pieces and move them to designated areas. Once each piece was secured, teams had to fill in a game board and earn points for each Tetris “Line” they completed. In our version of “Robo Minecraft” teams were required to program robots to achieve diverse objectives. Robots needed to pick up objects like the axe and emerald gemstone with their robotic arm, knock over a wall, move cautiously and place the objects in areas protected by “Zombies”.

The gymnasium at NEMS was packed with students, friends, family members,

teachers and administrators. The atmosphere was electric as many of the event rounds came down to the final seconds. Representatives from local business and industry volunteered to serve as judges for the Game Bots events.

The Middle School Robotics Challenge is the culmination of each school’s year-long after school Robotics Club activities, which are supervised and mentored by our Middle School Engineering and Technology teachers.

Photos were taken by BCHS senior Ellis Carmelich who is completing an independent study project with a focus on photography.



Perfecting public speaking.



Northeast working as a team.



Critical Thinking



Greene Hills team members problem solve.



West Bristol students work on coding.



From the Superintendent's Desk

I bid you farewell...

For the past 27 years, I have had the privilege of serving as an administrator in the Bristol Public Schools.

In my role as the principal of Bingham School, I had the good fortune of working with a team of educators who dedicated themselves to the students in their classes with great resolve and extraordinary talent. Over the nine years of my tenure, we had the opportunity to become a H.O.T. (Higher Order Thinking) School through a grant from the Connecticut Commission on the Arts. Those experiences gave our students and teachers the opportunity to learn using all of our senses and arts media alongside artists-in-residence. The relationships I built with Bingham families are still near and dear to my heart. My "Bingham Kids" thrived as they moved on through school and into adulthood; some of those 'kids' now teach in the Bristol schools.

The joy I felt at Bingham School still resounds within me. My work to transform that school into an arts integrated learning environment set the stage for the work we are undertaking now at the Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School.

For the past 18 years, I have worked in the district central office; first as the director of teaching & learning, then as deputy superintendent and finally, in my capstone project, as superintendent of schools. I am very proud of the work in which we have engaged to raise expectations and demonstrate that all children can be successful learners. I am grateful for the support of our families, teachers, support staff, administrators and those who fund our work. Each of these groups is a piece in a puzzle called public education. We need all of these pieces to assist our students in completing high school with the knowledge and skills detailed in our "Vision of the Graduate".

The district will continue to thrive under the leadership of your next superintendent Dr. Catherine Carbone.

As I begin the next chapter of my life, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for entrusting the care and education of your children with me.

Most Sincerely,

Sue Moreau



Dr. Moreau bids farewell

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What can you do... to volunteer in our schools?

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Writers Workshop at Northeast

Students at Northeast Middle School took part recently in a workshop on poetry and creative writing. Bristol native, fiction writer, performance poet, independent radio producer, and musician Ken Cormier spent over three hours engaging students in the craft of writing. Interspersed with instruction and discussion, Dr. Cormier read original poems and performed music and multimedia pieces. Students discussed a variety of poems and short works of fiction. They reviewed prompts that were inspired by these works. Students were then tasked to write responses to the prompts. By the end of the workshop, each student had a

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

stack of papers with their own works of poetry and fiction. The highlight of the workshop was when every student shared their writing aloud.

Ken Cormier is the author of *Balance Act* and *The Tragedy in My Neighborhood*. He has released three collections of original music, and he also makes radio fiction and documentary pieces, many of which have aired on public-radio affiliates around the US and on the BBC. He directs the Creative Writing Program at Quinnipiac University.



Ken Cormier visits Northeast Middle School.

Northeast Middle School TED Talk

On April 2nd, the Northeast Middle School community was treated to a series of presentations similar to the popular TED Talks. Eighteen NEMS students performed 2-5 minute talks on topics that were personally important to them. Student performers told intimate stories with poise and confidence. From growing up separated from your family, to the importance of being true to yourself, to the impact your loved ones have on you, to achieving happiness, fostering positive

attitudes and practicing kindness, each TED Talk was an eye-opening and emotional journey for everyone in attendance.

The NEMS TED Talks were coordinated by Mr. Alan Theriault, our city-wide Gifted teacher, and Mr. Vince Jennetta, our NEMS Mind Club advisor. Teachers, administrators, family and friends were so proud of each performer for having the courage and conviction to tell their own story. Congratulations to all of our TED Talk performers.



N.E.M.S.

TED Ideas worth spreading



NEMS TED TOPICS

Dylan Prince – Putting a Smile on Someone Else’s Face Helps Put One on Yours

Peyton Hasler – The Benefits of Sports

Jonathan Casarola – The Extraordinary Life of Vito Casarola

Adriana Przygocki – Families

Brendan Tartarelli – Perspective, and My Family Vacation

Joemell Vega – Be Yourself and the Rest will Take Care of Itself

Alina Guo – My 4 Year Separation from my Family

Anabelle Redline – My Non-traditional Traditional Family

Fiona Li – My Separation from my Family

Ella Sahin – Embracing Change

Liam Gagnon – Therapy Pets and My Family’s Experience

Ava Gesner – The Legacy of My Grandmother

Angela Ragaini – Kindness is Stronger than Anything

Jonathan Montgomery – Should You Play Football?

Owen Broyles – My Grandfather’s Battle with Alzheimer’s

Henry Lu – How to Make a TED Talk

Gabriel Philippon – Are Kids Happy in School?

Aidan Tartarelli – Onward and Upward

ACCESS Students Create a Lesson in Finance, Fitness & Fun

The ACCESS students used Business Education Foundation grant funds to facilitate the budgeting, purchase and fabrication of large exercise hula hoops and then taught an exercise class to ten Bristol Public Schools employees. The students used the process to practice math and communication skills, and to engage

in a community leadership experience. In addition, the experience helped to build community among the students and staff from across the school district. Profits from the sale of the hula hoops were used to purchase and donate needed items to one of Bristol’s shelters.



Frank and Juan create hoops.



The Hoop Group: Elisabeth, Janelle, Mrs. G., Estafane, Deanna, Yalimarie not pictured.



Susan and Erika participate.

Bristol Central and Bristol Eastern Bid You Bonjour From Paris!

Students from Bristol Central and Bristol Eastern were given the opportunity to travel to France in February. Students stayed in the homes of fellow French students and had the opportunity to visit the Eiffel Tower (and go all the way to the top!), the Notre Dame Cathedral (which two months later suffered a fire that destroyed the building's spire and most of the roof. Our students were some of the last visitors to the cathedral for years to come); the Catacombs

of Paris. The Louvre Museum where they all were able to locate the Mona Lisa, Normandy to the site of the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944, the American Cemetery which holds 9,387 American soldiers who lost their lives mainly in WWII. The trip was organized by Anya Rochester, Bristol Central French teacher and trip chaperones were Kelly Lynne Thibodeau, Bristol Eastern French teacher and Kelly Monahan-DiNoia, Bristol Central Latin teacher.



Bristol Central and Bristol Eastern students with Arc and Champs Elysees in the background.



American Cemetery monument.



Students pose at the statue of Louis XIV.



Bristol Central and Bristol Eastern with French students at Arranches.



At the gates of Versailles.



Visiting the Eiffel Tower.

Mountain View Gets a Visit from UCONN Ambassadors

On April 8th, the UCONN Engineering Ambassadors presented to the 5th grade class at Mountain View Elementary School. The mission of the Engineering Ambassadors is to “engage a diverse student population, our university and the greater community in activities that inspire them to explore a variety of creative solutions to the problems facing humanity. We develop ourselves as passionate engineers of the future with the power to express engineering concepts through fundamentals of science and mathematics.”

The visit was organized by the BEHS STEM club as a way to continue to



UCONN students explain the Van de Graaff generator

engage and inspire students in fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The UCONN students performed demonstrations with a Van de Graaff generator, which uses a moving belt to



Students demonstrate the electric charge

accumulate electric charge on a hollow metal globe on the top of an insulated column, creating electric potential. They also helped students create Oobleck, a non-Newtonian fluid that students could take home.

ACCESS Students Help to Create a Welcoming Space

The ACCESS Students worked in collaboration with Bristol Youth Services, the Bristol Police Department and the Board of Education to create a new lobby area at the Board of Education building. The frames created have rotating art work that will continue to showcase talents across the district.



Frames made by Patrick, Nate, Simon, and Kevin under the leadership of Dr. Dieter and Erika Treannie.



Storage barrels for books and toys being upcycled by Juan, Emmy, and Estafane.



Finished product showcasing framed photographs taken by Tammy Carpentino, longtime BPS Special Education Teacher.

Community CONNECTION

- Lending a Hand – The Bristol Eastern Volleyball and Softball teams helped count and sort the ducks for the Pequabuck River Duck Race.



Bristol Eastern Volleyball and Softball teams.

- “Freezin” for a Reason – On February 10th, 13 students from Chippens Hill Middle School & West Bristol School’s

Kids in the Middle program participated in the Special Olympics Penguin Plunge at Winding Trails in Farmington. They were “freezin” for a reason as they braved the icy waters. The team – Chillin’ with K.I.M. raised \$1,538.35 for Special Olympics. Congratulations to all our penguins!

- Yard Goat Educator for the Game – Carly Boladz and Marcy Deschaine teachers from Edgewood School have been chosen to be the Yard Goats Educator for the Game and will be throwing out the first pitch at a game to be determined.
- CCMC Toy Drive – Amelia Daliga fourth grader at Greene–Hills organized a toy drive for CCMC patients. A total of 1,564 toys were collected.

- Every Little Bit Counts – Four Greene–Hills students: Jacob Juchniewicz, Gavin Colvin, Noah Espinoza and Jaden Hildago held a penny fundraiser for the second year to support a local charity. Last year the students raised money for the victims of Puerto Rico and raised \$600 for a water filtration system. This year the boys raised \$1,041.50 for the South Park Inn in Hartford.
- Possibilities Theater Fundraiser – Ashlynn Rain Jefferson a senior at Bristol Eastern H.S. organized and held a fundraiser/tag sale for the Unified Sports and Possibility Theater programs. Ashlynn’s efforts raised \$2,350; the funds were used to purchase props and club shirts for the members.



BCHS Latin Students Earn Perfect Papers, Collect International Accolades

Sixty students at Bristol Central High School received very high scores on the forty-second annual National Latin Exam. In March, students in Kelly Monahan-DiNoia's Latin I, II, III and IV classes took the exam which is sponsored by the American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League. BCHS Latin students competed against 139,000 Latin students from all fifty states, the District of Columbia, as well as twenty foreign countries including: Australia, Belize, Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, Jordan, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Republic of Georgia, Russia, Singapore, the Solomon Islands, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and Zimbabwe.

The National Latin Exam tests students' knowledge of ancient Roman language, grammar, literature, geography, daily life, mythology, history, and English derivatives. There are also comprehension questions based on a short passage. The test has a time limit of 45 minutes. The BCHS winners were recognized at Bristol Central World Language Department's awards ceremony in May.



Perfect Papers:

Latin I: Noah Taylor and Corinna Marsh
Latin II: Nadine Masayda

Gold Medal Winners (Summa Cum Laude)

Latin IV: Stephen Pittman and Sebastian Kania
Latin III: Morgan Greger
Latin II: Nadine Masayda (Perfect Paper), Samantha Plourd Christopher Osuch, Sierra Narvesen, and Mia Clement
Latin I: Corinna Marsh and Noah Taylor (Perfect Papers), Taylor Patnode, Hannah Aldieri, Charles Pittman, Amanda Warner, Nathan Martin, Tyler D. Martin, Molly Tabak, Amber Whitford, Caitlyn DiAngelis, Carson Rivoira, Dylan Green, Keegan Thormahlen, Jesse Brown, William Hamilton, Jordan Chaplinski, Charlotte Pons, Gabriela Poniati, and McKenzie Lewis.

Silver Medal Winners (Maxima Cum Laude)

Latin IV: Rachel Ragus and Mason Hale
Latin III: Jonathan Lukasiewicz, Zachary J. Stirk, Katherine Funk, and Benjamin Jabs.
Latin II: Jean Marco Ceron Mantlla, Cristofer Arango, Douglas Sato, Trinity Caouette, Amanda K Shepard, Theresa Kenney, and Caitlin Hildbrand.
Latin I: Rebecca Hollman, Elizabeth Blanca, Kimora Dudley, and Kristi Yurko

Third Place Winners (Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude)

Latin IV: Julia Nelson, Alex Crandall, and McKenna Duval.
Latin III: Owen Calverley, Dominic Rowland, Kaja Stanecki, and Logan Williams.
Latin II: Chase Gabrielli, Christine Attle, Ailey Driscoll, Maggie Shapland, Asiana Dingle, and Camille Attle.

Chippens C.A.R.E.S.

At Chippens Hill Middle School, students were acknowledged for exhibiting C.A.R.E.S. expectations by earning C.A.R.E.S. tickets. The CHMS community C.A.R.E.S. for each other by Cooperating, Accepting differences,

Responding peacefully, Engaging in their learning, and Supporting success for all. Students who earned 15,000 tickets schoolwide enjoyed a special team activity such as cupcake wars or a Women's History Month movie and popcorn bar. Students

were also acknowledged for earning Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, and BUG's (Bring Up a Grade) by receiving a ticket voucher and invitation to be a player or spectator in an afterschool glow in the dark basketball activity.

Chippens Hill Celebrates Women

During the month of March, to honor Women's History Month, Tunxis Community College students presented a hands-on presentation of various careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Students learned about possible

careers such as Forensic Scientist, Mobile App Developer, Security Engineer, and Accountant. This program encourages females to pursue STEM careers. In addition to this exploration, Mrs. Percival and Mrs. Prescott prepared a school-wide

Women's History Month lesson that engaged students in reading, writing, and watching a video featuring Malala Yousafzai. Students learned about the accomplishments, cultural perceptions, and contributions of notable women in U.S. History.

West Bristol Learns about Georgia O'Keefe

Seventh Grade students from West Bristol School tried a new fieldtrip this year. They traveled to the New Britain Museum of Art. The trip was designed to allow students to experience making their own artwork in small groups and working collaboratively to determine a common idea for their work (the goal was to create a mock gallery wall with a central theme). Many of the student group products were created using a variety of mediums from water color to collage to multi-dimensional images. Additionally, the students viewed the Georgia O'Keefe exhibit currently on display at the museum. The docents explained the techniques O'Keefe used as well as the various locations featured in her works. Students represented West Bristol well.



A docent explains the Georgia O'Keefe exhibit.



Mixed media group work



Collaborative art work.

What Makes Ivy Drive School Awesome?

As our 5th graders prepare to leave Ivy Drive and head off to middle school, we asked them "What Makes Ivy Drive Awesome?" Below are some of the comments from our fifth grade students that best represent what everyone is saying about Ivy Drive School.

- Muktadir (5th Grade Aseltine). One thing I like about Ivy Drive School is R-O-A-R. They teach us Respect, On-task, Achievement, and Responsibility. It's a very good way to teach these things. We also get R-O-A-R cards and R-O-A-R tickets. If you are picked for the R-O-A-R raffle, you could be the Principal of the Day. Being the Principal of the Day is a fun experience. It is very creative. I LOVE Ivy Drive!
- Emmie (5th Grade Lagassie). Ivy Drive is AWESOME because we have Fifth Grade Fun Night and Fun Day. We get fun field trips like to the Science Center, the Opera, and the Children's Museum. I think the best part of Ivy Drive is making new friends every day, having fun with friends, and making jokes with friends. Ivy Drive can make you feel safe. It can help you. If you make mistakes, it is OK at Ivy Drive because you can learn from your mistakes.
- Jacky (5th Grade Aseltine). One thing I like about Ivy Drive School is some of the

teachers are very kind. My favorite thing about Ivy Drive School is being in the gifted program. We do very fun and challenging activities such as breakout, where we find clues and try to use them to open a box.

- Isabelle (5th Grade Scialdone). The thing I appreciate most about Ivy Drive School is the fun activities and how everyone is helpful. Some fun activities would be Fun Day, One School, One Book, 5th Grade Fun Night, and the assemblies. I think that the teachers are helpful because they give you helpful tips and tricks like models, and give you a math notebook to help with homework.
- Joanne (5th Grade Aseltine). One thing I like about this school is WINN because you get to learn more stuff and learn more math. This school is ROARtastic because we always need to be Respectful, On-task, Achieve, and take Responsibility. You can "Hear Us ROAR!"
- Sophia (5th Grade Lagassie). Ivy Drive School is a very special school. For all of my months here there are some great times. Here are some of my reasons. First, our teachers are very fair about things. They



help you when you need it. And, they teach you things that will be very helpful for your future. Next, the kids are kind. They are quite polite. When I first came here, they helped show me around. Last, it has gotten easier to understand subjects. The teachers have helped a lot! The part I've enjoyed the most is the Northeast field

trip. As you can see, Ivy Drive School is a very special place.

- In summary, Ivy Drive School is awesome because of: our dedicated, talented, caring, and competent Ivy Drive faculty and staff; the amazing PTA parents and volunteers who work endlessly and are always there when we need them to support our students and teachers, classrooms and programs, extra special activities and events, and anything else the school might want or need; and most of all, the students who are some of the happiest students ever. For the past 20 years, the Ivy Drive School Community has been on a Journey to Excellence to Be The Best We Can Be! This year, we are busy Making Some Noise... We hope you Hear Us ROAR!

Chippens Hill Hosts Schoolwide Career Day

In April, Chippens Hill hosted their first Schoolwide Career Day; which was a great success! Over forty occupations including a Correction Officer, Operating Room Nurse, Police Officer, Auto Mechanic, Sales Representative, Lawyer,

College Admissions, Dental Hygienist, ESPN Fantasy Football, Human Resource Director, Tunxis Community College Professor, Utility Main Construction Owner, Financial Planner, Librarian and many more careers were represented. Partnering with

community members provided students the opportunity to connect real world skills to what they were currently learning. This event would not have been successful without a team of committed staff at CHMS and the participation of volunteers.



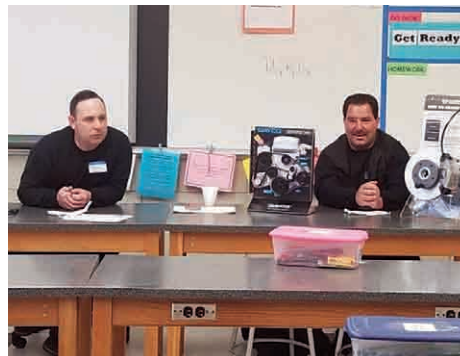
Have you ever thought about being a surgical nurse?



Thank you to all of our Career Day speakers for volunteering their time.



Correction Officers explain important skills needed to perform their duties.



Auto mechanics share how brakes work on a car.



What does it take to remove a fire hydrant?

Bristol Central and Bristol Eastern Job Shadow



On May 12th students enrolled in Career and Technical Education Business classes at both Bristol Central and Bristol

Eastern High Schools attended a whole day Job Shadow at Microsoft. Students learned about careers in the Computer Field as well as interviewing techniques.



Students learn about careers and techniques in computer field.

InterAct and Bristol Healthtrax held 2nd Annual Hope Charity Fitness Challenge

In March, the Bristol Central High School InterAct Club and Healthtrax held its second annual HOPE Charity Fitness Challenge at Healthtrax in Bristol. The BCBS InterAct Club is a junior division of the Rotary Club and has been on the roster since 1998. The club was established to garner opportunities for students to develop leadership skills and to assist our community locally, nationally, and internationally.

Students, teachers, and Healthtrax club members had three hours of fun fitness activities including: cycle class, boxing, power, step, zumba, boot camp and yoga. Participants were provided a HOPE Fitness Challenge t-shirt, a delicious breakfast, and raffle prizes that included: gift cards from 150 Central, 99 Restaurant, the Travelers Golf Tournament, a television, a firetv cube, Apple

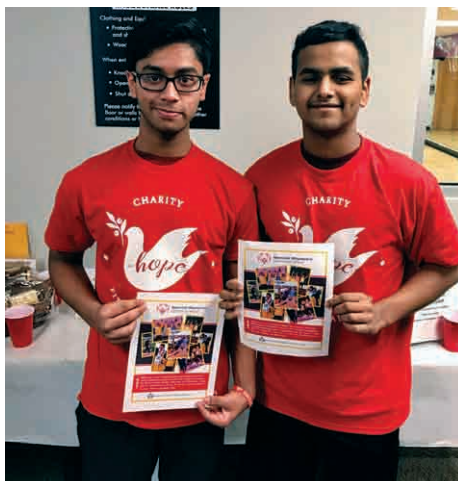
Airpods, and tickets to Yard Goats and New Britain Bees games. There was a silent auction for a Diamondback Hanjo bike.

The committee, Donna Ptak, the mother of two InterAct members, Kelley Monahan-DiNoia, Darcy Bentivengo, Debra Catanzaro, and Michelle Gagnon planned the event, solicited sponsors, requested teachers for the fitness classes, and started the fundraising in order to offset the cost of the event. The generosity of sponsors allowed all the proceeds to be donated to the three charities. The sponsors included Starling Physicians, Tracy Driscoll, the McPhee Foundation, and the Teamsters Local 677. Delicious breakfast pastries were provided by Harvest Bakery.



All of the money raised supported these three local charities: For Goodness Sake (Furniture bank for the formerly homeless), EveryBunny Counts (Rabbit Rescue), and Bristol Special Olympics. Monahan-DiNoia reported that the event raised nearly \$5,000 coupled with corporate matches of nearly \$3200 in support of our local nonprofits!

Darcy Bentivengo, a committee member cycle instructor at Bristol Healthtrax, stated, "A heart-felt thank you to all the instructors who donated their time for this special event. A special thanks to all of our sponsors who help make this successful. Year after year, we encourage everybody to join in to support this great cause for our community!"



Awards and Accolades

- Michael's Cup – Four students from BCHS and BEHS received the Michael's Cup award. This award is given for being an "Exemplary Unified Teammate".



Pictured from left to right; Joshua Hudak, Julia Michaud, Michael Edwards (not pictured is Antonio Morales).

- Northern Region Middle School Music Festival – Four band students from Northeast Middle School passed an extremely competitive and rigorous audition process to be selected to attend and perform at the Northern Region Middle School Music Festival, held at Wethersfield High School on March 22–23, 2019.



The students selected are, from left to right, Aidan Doyle, Aidan Briggs, Sarah Cody, and Lauren Bottino.

- Bristol's Youth Live United Award – Congratulations to Kids in the Middle 8th Grader Kaidyn Sigmund from Chippens Hill Middle School! Kaidyn was chosen

as a recipient of the Bristol's Youth Live United Award. The Youth Live United Award Recognizes Middle & High School Students with a connection to United Way, who have given back to their community through volunteerism. He was honored on April 11th at the Community Builder's Reception held at the Double Tree Hotel and again at the May 1st Board of Education Meeting.

- The Bristol Central/Bristol Eastern Unified Sports team are the proud recipients of the Tony Savino Pay it Forward Award! Rosemary Rustic who oversees the program was presented a \$1,000 check on behalf of Bristol's Unified Sports program at a dinner held at the Aqua Turf on April 26th.
- Gina Rivera, Elementary Supervisor of Math, Science and Information Technology has been appointed to the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics (NCSM) Board.

- Connecticut Music Educators Association Elementary Honors Band (CMEA) – The following students were named to Elementary Honors Band:
 - Edgewood School – Madeline Orsatti, Honorable Mention
 - Mountain View School – Tyler Holcomb, Honorable Mention
 - Stafford School – Emily Gao and Helena Wright, Honorable Mention
 - West Bristol – Harrison Riker, Honorable Mention
- CAS Art Award – Isabella Arborio and Kaelyn Gonzalez both Grade 5 students from Edgewood School and Heaven Gerena and Ian Mastropiero, Grade 5 students from Hubbell, received the CAS Art Award this year.
- Aliana Rivoira a senior at Bristol Eastern was named All Courant Player of the Year for Volleyball.

- NBC30 Award – Erin Daly, Grade 4 Teacher at Hubbell Elementary won \$1,000.00 for technology from NBC30. The award allowed for the purchase of five tablets that were used in the classroom and in small group instruction.
- Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra Honor – Bristol Eastern Choral Director, Michael Coderre was named Nutmeg Symphony Orchestra 2019 Person of the Year.



- National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) – The Bristol Public School District was named one of the 2019 Best Communities for Music Education by NAMM.
 - Y W C A Women in Leadership – Bristol Eastern Senior Taylor Dominique was one of 51 women who live, work, and go to school in central Connecticut that were recognized by the YWCA of New Britain as a Woman in Leadership. Taylor was recognized on May 9th at a luncheon held at the Aqua Turf. The event recognized women in central Connecticut who demonstrate extraordinary leadership and outstanding achievements.
- Wade's World Foundation Recognition – Two Board of Education employees; Dr. Michael Dietter, Director of Special Services and Erica Treannie, Truancy Officer were recognized in April at the Wade's World Foundation Annual Dinner for the tireless work that they do with our students. This year, Dr. Dietter and Mrs. Treannie worked with students on the weekends to build canoes and on a smaller scale, picture frames for the Board of Education lobby update.
- Bristol Eastern senior Preshea Ashley-White received Honorable Mention as a soloist at the International Championship of High School A Cappella Quarterfinals. Bristol Eastern's Strawberry Fields performed at the competition. One of the songs performed by the group was Change Is

Awards and Accolades

Gonna Come by Sam Cooke. For this song, Preshes had the solo and the judges chose this solo (out of about 40 solos) to be the best of the night.

- **Scholastic Art Awards Winners:** This was the 28th year for the Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards; the largest juried student art exhibition in the state and an affiliate of the National Scholastic Art Awards. Student artwork in grades 7-12 is juried by professional artists and university art faculty and is selected on merit for inclusion in a state-wide art exhibition held at the University of Hartford Art School. Beyond the honor of being selected for this high quality exhibit, students may be awarded Gold or Silver keys and Honorable Mention Awards in each of the 17 media categories. The following is a list of

students who received Honorable Mention:
Bristol Central High School: Alysandra Bello, Drawing and Illustration, Above, Kevin Ruiz Cruz, Ceramics and Glass, Inlay dish with Asymmetrical foot
Northeast Middle School: Genevieve Damboise, Printmaking, Collograph Print, Erica Guzman, Mixed Media, Clock Tower Print Collage, Kate Sullivan, Printmaking, Castle Print

- **Northern Region High School Music Festival** – Several students from Bristol Central and Bristol Eastern participated in a competitive and rigorous audition process for an opportunity to participate in the Northern Regional High School Music Festival. The following students received an Honorable Mention: Cody Rivenburg, Bristol Central, Choral Bass,

Kaitlyn DelValle, Bristol Central, Tenor Saxophone, Katie Fornuto, Bristol Central, French Horn, Isaac Feeny, Bristol Central, Euphonium, Jordan Northup, Bristol Central, Trumpet, Kayla Sicotte, Bristol Central, Timpani, Devora Trestman, Bristol Central, Flute, Luke Ashworth, Bristol Eastern, Bassoon, Ben Marin, Bristol Eastern, Percussion, Jake Woznicki, Bristol Eastern, Tuba

- **CMEA All-State Music Festival** – Following an extremely competitive two-tiered audition process to determine eligibility in the CMEA All-State Music Festival the following students received Honorable Mention: Devora Trestman, Flute, and Luke Ashworth, Bassoon

2019 Staff Achievement Award Recipients

Each year the Board of Education selects staff members who go above and beyond the expectations of their job description to be honored with a Staff Award. This year, recipients were honored at dinner held on May 22nd at Chippanee Golf Club.

Award Recipients

Ashley Albert – Administrative Assistant – Office of Teaching and Learning
Marcy Deschaine – Grade 3 Teacher – Mountain View School
Paige Flint – School Psychologist – Mountain View School
Shawn Mirmina – School Counselor – Bristol Central High School
Robin Percival – Literacy Coach – Chippens Hill Middle School
Natalie Torres – Child and Family Advocate – Greene-Hills School – FRC

Mountain View Practices All for One and One for All

From building self-awareness to building a community Mountain View students and staff have been broadening our horizons. This year we read *The One and Only Ivan* for our One School One Book; that was nothing new to this school filled with avid readers. Every year we have celebrated One School One Book, but

have you ever heard of One Schoolwide Field Trip? It was a beautiful Thursday morning when 10 buses drove down Vera Road on their way to the Beardsley Zoo with 330 joyful students and 170 excited chaperones. The energy on the fieldtrip was palpable, we no longer felt like students and teachers from different classes, we were more like a family.

Exploring the zoo through different lenses, for some it was their first zoo visit, for others it conjured up beautiful memories from their childhood. Seeing all of the majestic animals together as the entire school was amazing. The faculty, parents, and children of Mountain View have created life long memories of a great adventure.

BOE participates in the United Way Day of Caring

Every year groups from across the city participate in the United Way Day of Caring. This year the Board of Education building participated and demonstrated how they LIVE UNITED by cleaning, planting and mulching around the Board of Education building. It was a great group activity, and the building is now ready for the Spring!



Northeast Middle School “For Goodness Sake” Linen Challenge

For three weeks in April students at Northeast Middle School collected linens for the local charity “For Goodness Sake”. Towels, pillows, sheets, blankets, comforters and mattress protectors were some of the items collected. The charity event was coordinated by the Northeast Mind Club, our after school Gifted program. Seventh grade student Ava Gesner spearheaded the project. A contest to see which homeroom could donate the most linens was a great success as over 200



items were donated. All linens were collected and given to community members in need.



Mind Club For Goodness Sake Linen Challenge



For Goodness Sake is a non-profit organization that helps people in Central Connecticut who are making the transition to independent living and are in need due to certain life situations. They provide members of our community with fresh

housewares, furniture, and everyday necessities. “Everyone deserves a bed. A couch or chair for relaxing. A table for a home-cooked meal. These simple things help transform a house into a home, making a real difference for someone starting a new life”.

Special Education Day on The Hill

On Wednesday, April 3, 2019, students from Possibilities Theater, a Unified Program of Bristol Eastern High School, presented an original performance at the State Capitol. Students and staff of Bristol Schools partnered with the Connecticut SEPTO Alliance and the Greater Bristol Special Education PTO to sponsor the 8th Annual Special Education Day on the Hill. This event is intended to raise awareness about special education and its impact on students, families, and communities. Performers were joined by BEHS teachers

Paul Philippon and William Kelly. Para-educators Tyrell Holmes and Rosemary Rustic were recognized for their efforts supporting students and Unified Programs. Among the mornings distinguished speakers were special education teacher Erica Sample, Dr. Susan Kalt-Moreau, and Dr. Michael Dietter. Each shared their perspectives on the challenges, rewards, and triumphs associated with today’s special education programs. The day’s events also included a Proclamation read by Representatives Whit Betts and Cara Pavalock-D’Amato. The day concluded with



Bristol Eastern High School Possibilities Theater at the State Capitol.

a tour of the Capitol and Chambers led by Senator Henry Martin.

Mountain View is Mindful



It is 2:00 on Monday at Mountain View, in each class a student jumps up to turn off the lights and the entire school becomes very quiet. Over the intercom quiet music begins to play and then they hear Mrs. Scirpo; a Kindergarten teacher’s voice. She is going to teach them a breathing technique to help them learn how to relax and most of all, take care of themselves. The lesson only last 3 minutes of their 390-minute day, but it is a lesson that the entire school is looking forward to every Monday and Friday. “I have

been teaching in Bristol for fifteen years and over the years have personally noticed an overall increase in what appears to be stress, anxiety and difficulty regulating emotions among students of all ages. Mindfulness provides lifelong skills and techniques that can not only motivate students, but will help children develop a deep sense of self,

“I think they are good and helpful. My favorite part is that we all get to take a break from stress”.

— Kaden, 5th Grade

and learn natural ways to accept difficult situations, feelings, and most importantly, to learn effective ways to manage their stress” stated Mrs. Scirpo. The impact of her teaching is best summarized by the children:

“Last night, I couldn’t fall asleep because I kept thinking a lot. I remembered the balloon breath and I did them. It helped and I fell asleep”.

— Karolina, 3rd Grade

“They make me feel calm. It makes me focus better on my work”.

— Elliott, 2nd Grade