



# Windham School District

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**Friday, May 20, 2022**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we close out another week and come close to the end of May, which is an awareness month focused on Mental Health, I wanted to acknowledge that some people may be experiencing some heightened anxiety and/or stress.

On May 23rd, high school student Erin Murphy and guest Erik Darosa from the Podcast, “From Survivor to Thriver” will be hosting a Mental Health Open Forum Night at Windham High School. This forum will include a panel of individuals who are passionate about raising Mental Health Awareness. Local Mental Health Agencies and community supporters will be here to offer resources to all that attend the event. Click here for more information. [https://www.windhamsd.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/mental\\_health\\_open\\_forum](https://www.windhamsd.org/news/what_s_new/mental_health_open_forum)

This week, we have a few district highlights to update you on. Then, we will shine the spotlight on Windham Center School to showcase the school’s most recent highlights and achievements.

**Schoology Update:** PowerSchool has announced that as part of their efforts to improve the Unified Classroom Learning Management System, they will be replacing the underlying engine that powers the platform. Starting in August of 2022 the existing engine, Haiku Learning will be replaced with Schoology. This will not impact PowerSchool. Though much of the functionality will be very similar to what you are using now, we are preparing training materials for staff, students, and parents. We will send more information about this as we move forward.

**New Hampshire Choir Director of the Year:** Congratulations to Sheila Cuneo! Sheila was awarded the New Hampshire Choir Director of the Year at her final concert this week. This organization is the NH chapter of the American Choral Directors Association. Sheila was nominated by Katie Avalos, music teacher at the Windham Middle School. This is such a well-deserved honor. Sheila is retiring this June from the Windham School District after twenty years. She will be missed!



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**Press Box:** The Athletic Department is very excited that in addition to the new bleachers for the Field Hockey, Lacrosse, and Football field, we will also be adding a press box. The press box will be at the top of the hill overlooking the field that will house; a scorekeeper area, sound system and announcer area, and areas for coaching and filming for all sports. This is a much needed and appreciated improvement to our athletic facility.

**District COVID-19 Case Count:** As of Friday, May 20, our district had seventy-five (75) positive COVID-19 cases. There are thirty-two (32) positive cases at Golden Brook School, three (3) positive cases at Windham Center School, sixteen (16) positive cases at Windham Middle School, and twenty-four (24) positive cases at Windham High School. We continue to request that any student and/or staff member exhibiting any symptoms associated with a cold, flu, or COVID-19 please stay home and seek testing as soon as possible.

## **Center School Spotlights and Achievements**

- **Loop Through Road:** Windham Center School Loop Redesign was approved by the Windham School Board on Tuesday night. This project was first proposed in 2014 and has been on the CIP plan since. The School Board and Building and Grounds Committee support this effort, as it will allow more buses to pull into the WCS bus loop alleviating traffic on both Lowell Rd and Rt. 111.
- **Outdoor Space:** The outdoor space is being utilized for both dining and additional outdoor learning space. Students have recently been found running book clubs and working on class projects. Many of our students describe learning outside to be the most enjoyable part of their day.
- **ABC Countdown:** We began the 26-day countdown to the end of the school year for our students. The countdown includes multiple spirit days and small activities. We have been impressed by the creativity of our students and most of all enjoy the laughter filling our hallways.
- **Spring Instrumental Concert:** Mark your calendars! The Band and Orchestra will once again take the WHS stage on Thursday, 5/26 at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **STEAM Class:** 5th-grade students can be found in the coming weeks working to create their own water rockets through the design process. This inquiry-based project will provide students to not only create their design but redesign and continue to fail forward in their attempts to create a successful product.
- **6th Grade Social Studies:** Our 6th-grade students are currently working on the Asia Culture Fair. Each student is working to create a cultural booth of their selected Asian Country. As part of this project, they will create a trifold board to include the name of the country, introduction, flag, map as well as key facts



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about the government, economics, culture, and much more. Parents will get to explore the Culture Fair on the morning of our upcoming early release day.

Certainly not a dull moment for our Center School students which I love to see! I hope our seniors have a magical night at prom on Saturday. Enjoy the moments that will turn into memories!

Enjoy your weekend!

Thank you,

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**Superintendent of Schools**