

**North Branford Intermediate School**  
**NBIS News – December, 2018**

- On November 16<sup>th</sup>, at a ceremony and Tea, eighth grade Social Studies student, Ava Candelora, was awarded the *Youth Citizen Award by the Daughters of the American Revolution*. Ava was accompanied by her parents and eighth grade Advisor, Mrs. DePalma.
- On November 20<sup>th</sup>, seventh grade Social Studies students attended a presentation by Mr. Endre Sarkany. Mr. Sarkany, a Holocaust survivor, shared his experiences as a child in Nazi occupied Hungary. The presentation was organized by Ms. Ardine and Mrs. Milewski.
- NBIS students from the Robotics Club, Interact Club, and Student Council served as volunteers for the North Branford Ed. Foundation's Breakfast with Santa on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- On December 14<sup>th</sup>, staff and students participated in "PJ Day for the Kids 2018", a fundraising event that benefits the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. NBIS raised over \$450 for the event last year!
- The NBIS Interact Club is held its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday in a Shoebox collection. The collection was for small items such as hygiene and self-care small item products, and benefitted boys and girls ages infant through 18 years old.
- The 2018 NBIS Winter Concerts were conducted on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Audiences were treated to chorus and band performances by the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, as well as a special performance by the all-school Jazz Band and Select Chorus.
- The NBIS Math Department attended a 2-day workshop to learn about the components and features of the Illustrative Math curriculum resources. Grades 6 and 7 have begun to utilize the resources in their classes; grade 8 will begin utilizing the resources in December.
- TV Club members are busy creating entertaining runners for the morning announcements.
- Student Council officers meet with advisors every 6 days to discuss upcoming events. The officers are currently polling students to learn what kind of activities students are most interested in. The school store is up and running at lunchtime.
- Sixth grade Theatre Arts students are learning about plot structure, performance basics, and basic stage terminology by writing and performing their own skits. Seventh grade students are beginning a unit on costume design. They are learning about the roles and relationships among theatre professionals, and are given the challenge of creating their own costume design based on an emotion word. Eighth grade students are completing projects based on vocal tone and character motivation in preparation for their final mock audition project.
- NBIS Spotlight Players are busy at work making preparations for Seussical Jr. We have been making daily progress. Students have been busy at singing rehearsals, dancing rehearsals, and blocking rehearsals. Tickets will go on sale in January for performances scheduled for February 1st and 2nd.
- We had our third Math Team meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The students who attended worked on warm ups and work outs from the program. The team enjoys solving the problems and discussing the strategies!
- In Health class, sixth grade has learned about nutrition and making healthy food choices by being educated on vitamins and minerals, portion sizes, how to read nutrition labels, and creating their own healthy meals for a day by following the MyPlate guidelines. They will be starting their Fitness Unit regarding topics such as the five components of fitness, the differences between aerobic and anaerobic exercise, as well as muscle contractions, such as isometric and isokinetic. Seventh grade has been learning about the effects and dangers of drug use. Students were educated with facts and information regarding multiple types of drugs and the harms they can cause the body. Eighth grade just ended their Alcohol Unit where they focused on the dangers and effects of binge drinking, alcohol poisoning, drunk driving, and the effects it takes on our body and mind.
- The Robotics Club has begun meeting and setting up to begin teaching the second graders at JHS on Tuesdays and Fridays.