

**North Branford Intermediate School**  
**NBIS News - November, 2017**

- NBIS hosted the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual North Branford Community Round-Up on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The 2017 Community Round-Up brought in 9,409 food and monetary donations (including \$1,695 in cash donations, and 7,714 food items).
- NBIS hosted the 4th Annual Hawks Walk Walkathon on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. In total, 164 students and staff members raised \$1,850 in donations, ranging from \$1 to \$150.
- The Future Problem Solvers continue to work on Step One of the solving process, looking at a scenario, determining what the issue is, working on their brainstorming skills, and developing their team building skills to determine possible solutions.
- Scarlet Banner has released its first edition of the 2017-2018 year.
- TV Club is up and running daily morning announcements, new morning runners and spotlight clips.
- Student Council has been busy preparing for the first Halloween dance, Spirit Week and Anti-bullying public service announcements.
- All 8th grade Math classes began the Stock Market Game this month. Through the game students will build their understanding of investments while applying their math and economics skills to a real-world situation. Additionally, Team 7-2 completed a project on integers. Students were able to pick their own medium (Google slides, poster, video, etc.) to display integer rules and examples.
- The month of October has been an exciting one for the NBIS Music Department. On October 21st, six students participated in the American Choral Directors Association Connecticut Honor Choir. On October 24th and 27th the grade 6 students in band, chorus and general music attended a trip to the Coast Guard Band concert.
- The Interact Club had a successful first meeting in October. Ideas for projects this year were discussed, and a "Friendship Kit" was made. The collection for the "Holiday in a Shoebox" project has also begun, and items collected will be delivered to an agency called New Reach, who will distribute them to people in need throughout the New Haven area. The Interact Club will be wrapping and decorating shoeboxes for the project at the November meeting.
- The Robotics Club met several times this month preparing their robot to compete at Daniel Hand High school this winter.
- Technology Education students have utilized their Photoshop skills to create a logo with their name in it. This logo project is being cut into wood with a laser engraving machine. I am using my laser engraver as a reward for students that complete their projects ahead of time and are exemplary in utilizing their PRIDE in the classroom.
- NBIS Spotlight Players have been hard at work on rehearsals for The Music Man, scheduled for performances on February 23rd and 24th, 2018.
- Health Education students have all started new units. Sixth grade has been learning about the importance of fitness 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 just started learning about the effects of drugs through facts and statistics. Eighth grade has begun their relationship unit learning about topics such as communication skills with others, discussing different types of personalities, treating people kindly, and positive ways to resolve conflicts.
- During the month of October students in Spanish classes spent some time studying the Day of the Dead. Students researched this Mexican holiday and shared their findings via Google Slides class presentations. Students were able to understand the significance of this holiday in Mexican culture, including how it's celebrated, why it's celebrated, and the overall significance of the three-day-long holiday.
- Math Team had our first meeting on October 24th. The students who attended worked on warm ups and work outs from the program.