

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

- On December 8<sup>th</sup>, staff and students participated in oPJ Day for the Kids 2017ö, a fundraising event that benefits the Connecticut Childrenø Medical Center. NBIS raised over \$450 for the event!
- The NBIS Interact Club is held its 6th 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 2017 NBIS Winter Concerts were conducted on Wednesday, December 13<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.
- Eighth grade students have just completed work on their "Bridges" project in Science class. This project connects science content and engineering practices to help students learn about stress forces found in bridge structures.
- Eighth grade Social Studies students have been learning about Election Day. In their unit about government, students have been analyzing the role of government in society. Furthermore, they have been examining the various types of governments that exist in the world.
- Select 8th grade students from NBIS attended the Annual Shoreline Writing Conference held in the NBHS Auditorium on 11/17. The conference brings in professional authors from various fields. Students from 10 other shoreline schools attend.
- Scarlet Banner student reporters will begin working on the holiday edition this month.
- TV Club members have been hard at work learning how to work new equipment and software programs, producing the morning announcements, and writing scripts.
- Student Council officers and representatives have created their first public service announcements on anti-bullying and are working on their next PSA for January. A successful Spirit Week was held and they helped spread the Chain of Good Deeds PRIDE Time activity.
- Throughout the month PE students completed the four state required fitness tests: mile run, push up test, curl up test, and the sit and reach test. Students have been recording their scores and setting personal goals for the re-test in the spring.
- The fall season for the schoolø athletic teams (cross country, volleyball and field hockey) came to an end. All teams saw moments of success throughout the season. The winter has started with our basketball teams (boys and girls) playing their first games on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Sixth grade Theatre Arts students are currently writing mystery plays, seventh grade students are writing and performing original monologues, and eighth grade students are beginning a unit on vocal tone.
- NBIS Spotlight Players are busy at work preparing for their upcoming musical "The Music Man." The show is set to play at North Branford Auditorium on February 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Tickets will be reserved seating and sold in advance, more information to follow!
- Spanish students in 8th grade learned to tell time in Spanish and created their own TV guides with the times listed in Spanish. Students in 7th grade continued to review the Spanish alphabet. Since this is the 7th graders first experience studying Spanish, weøre spending time understanding that letters, while they look the same in Spanish and English, sound very different in Spanish!
- In Health, sixth grade learned about Adolescent Growth and Development and why proper hygiene is important in order to take care of our bodies. Seventh grade learned about the effects of drugs through facts and statistics. Eighth grade learned positive communication skills through their relationship unit by discussing different types of personalities, treating people kindly, and positive ways to resolve conflicts.
- During the November Professional Development days, the Math Department developed several i-Ready Standards-Based Assessments per grade level. The assessments will be given to monitor student achievement on key specific content standards.
- NBIS students from the Robotics Club, Interact Club, and Student council served as volunteers for the North Branford Ed. Foundationø Breakfast with Santa on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The NBIS Flute Ensemble also performed.