

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

- On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade enjoyed an exciting day at Holiday Hill. While they were gone, NBIS was visited by our future incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students. During this orientation, these students learned about the NBIS schedule, had a tour of the building, and was treated to a concert by the current NBIS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Chorus. Special thanks to the NBIS PTO for purchasing an NBIS tee shirt for each incoming Hawk!
- May has been a wonderful month for the NBIS Music Program. On May 3rd, the NBIS Grade 8 Band and Jazz Band participated in the North Branford Band Spectrum Concert. On May 22nd and 23rd, the NBIS Chorus, Band and Jazz Band presented their programs in an in school and after school concert. On May 30th, the Grade 6 Band and Chorus performed for the incoming NBIS students. The general music, guitar and piano classes are finishing their final units, and have started their small performances in class recitals. The NBIS Jazz band performed at Wellness Day on June 1st during the Walkathon. Most recently, the 7th grade band, chorus, and the NBIS Jazz band competed in the High Note Festival in Bristol, CT. The 7th grade band earned a superior gold rating, and the 7th grade chorus and school jazz band earned an excellent silver rating. The students enjoyed time in the park after the performance.
- 8th grade students attended a panel assembly to learn from North Branford High School students about their experience with classes, clubs/activities, and transitioning to high school.
- The Language Arts Department and the Library Media Center have finalized the summer reading packet. The packet is posted on the Library Media Center website.
- The Yearbook is complete! Estimated distribution dates are the last few days of school.
- Newspaper Club is working on our final edition, which will feature highlights from this year.
- TV Club is wrapping up final projects; preparing to aid student council in their upcoming elections; running the daily, live morning announcements.
- Student Council sponsored the successful '90's themed dance, has delivered morning announcements each day, and has been running the campaign and elections for next year's student council officers.
- Sixth grade Social Studies students recently attended an assembly, *Chariot of the Sun*, which is a one-person play centered around Greek mythology. After an interactive review of Greek deities, the play consisted of three acts. The first act was about Phaeton, son of Greek god Helios, who tried to drive the sun across the sky for a day, caused chaos, and was ultimately struck by Zeus' thunderbolt. The second act was about Pandora's Box. In this act, several students became the play's actors. Students were also involved in the final act that was about Odysseus and the Cyclops. Students really enjoyed the play, the opportunity to be participants, and the ability to learn about Greek mythology.
- Both our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in some wonderful learning opportunities outside of the classroom. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade experienced a field trip to The American Museum of Natural History. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade enjoyed the annual trip to Boston. All who attended had a great time, and our students represented NBIS with class and NBIS PRIDE! Thank you to all the teachers who organized and chaperoned.
- NBIS held the annual Field Day on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The weather was beautiful and all students took part in activities promoting positive mental health and good physical well-being.
- All SBAC testing and i-Ready benchmarking has been completed!