

**North Branford Intermediate School**  
**NBIS News - March, 2018**

- NBIS 8th graders had the privilege of attending the Naturalization Ceremony held in our auditorium on February 6th. The timing of the ceremony coincided with the 8th grade American history unit on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. In preparation for the ceremony, students learned about the naturalization process in class and through a presentation by Officer Erika Taylor from US Citizenship and Immigration Services. It was a memorable event, and an excellent opportunity for these students to see civics in action.
- The Interact Club held a very successful school-wide coat drive to collect coats for the BHcare Clothing Bank which provides clothing for those in need in North Branford and the surrounding area. The club also hosted a community-wide coat drive on January 21st. Their efforts resulted in a collection of 154 coats and several bags of hats, gloves, scarves, and personal care items.
- Student Council are up and running the school store; helped the Music Department with their Valentine's fundraiser; are helping with cafeteria display for The Davis Way; working on our third PSA; sponsoring school-wide dance on March 16th.
- TV Club is busy running daily morning announcements; working on stop motion activities; creating projects to be aired during the announcements.
- Sixth grade Art students have recently finished their clay coil hearts project and are currently working on glazing them. Seventh grade students are currently working on Dean Russo inspired Tiger drawings. Dean Russo is an artist currently working in NYC who has been inspired by animals. Eighth graders are working on finishing up clay fish sculptures. Students focused on using a pinch pot technique to create the body of their fish then added fins, eyes, etc. using a scoring, slipping and blending technique.
- The Future Problem Solvers completed their Qualifying Problem and have been invited to compete in the State Conference on March 23rd and 24th in North Haven.
- Sixth grade Social Studies students experienced an interactive lecture titled, "Fun with Pyramids". The speaker provided background knowledge about Egyptian culture including mummification, religion, storytelling, art, and dancing. Many volunteers role played wearing authentic replica jewelry. All enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the closing segment - an Egyptian styled dance party.
- In February, students in sixth grade Health class have been creating their own healthy meals for a day by following the MyPlate guidelines. Seventh grade has been working on a tobacco project researching the dangers and effects of tobacco use. Eighth grade has been learning about Alcohol, focusing on the dangers and effects of binge drinking, alcohol poisoning, and the effects it takes on our body and mind.
- Sixth grade Theatre Arts students are beginning to use props in scenes and learn about the genre of mysteries. They are creating plays where they will use three objects onstage to create a mystery play. Seventh grade students are beginning a unit on monologues. They are creating monologues based on pictures of various houses. They first create a character for that house based on its physical appearance, location, age, and level of care, then write a short monologue from the house's perspective and perform it for the class. Eighth grade students are working on a unit on applying different vocal tones to text. They are learning how to write a formal letter of complaint, then performing it twice, once in a polite manner and once in an angry manner.
- The NBIS Spotlight Players are thrilled to have met such great success with their last production of The Music Man. Over 1,100 people came out to see the show. We are already looking forward to next year.
- Theatre Games & Improv Enrichment Club will start on March 1st. Mrs. Monnes is looking forward to teaching this style of performance to a group of 20 students on Friday afternoons until June.
- Students in grade 6 and grade 8 completed an iReady Standards Mastery Assessment (Grade 6: CCSS 6.RP.A.3c and Grade 8: 8.EE.A.2). Grade 6 and 8 teachers are working in their PLCs to analyze the data and use it to drive instruction.
- Guidance groups are finishing up and 8th grade high school registration took place.
- Robotics Club has continued going to JHS working with the 2nd graders. In Technology Education, the installation of the new 3-D printer has finished and I am learning the new software that runs it. This will take several weeks before using it with the students.