

February 2017 BOE Briefs: Jerome Harrison School

- On 2/1/17 JHS hosted the annual kindergarten registration throughout the day and welcomed prospective parents, students, and family members to JHS. Morning and evening sessions were well attended.
- On 2/2/17 JHS hosted author Emily Jenkins who shared in a presentation about the writing process and illustrations. She shared her new book "A Greyhound, A Groundhog" on Groundhog Day!
- Friday, February 3rd marked the first annual Shoreline Elementary Music Festival held at the NB auditorium. This event led by Judy Bannon, is in its first year and included students from North Branford, Madison and Haddam Killingworth.
- The 2/6/17 Faculty Meeting focused on team building and brought staff together in a whole school celebration.
- On 2/6/17 The PTO held their monthly meeting. This month's meeting was hosted by Superintendent Schoonmaker and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Wootton to discuss the 17-18 BOE budget.
- On February 7th, parents, teachers and administration from JHS attended the district wellness meeting to discuss the success of the Wellness Fair and to continue to evaluate the effectiveness of wellness at JHS and in the district.
- Wednesday 2/8 was an early release day for students and teachers and staff participated in Google training and Mid Year Benchmark analysis via grade level data teams.
- Principal Welch and teachers held their mid-year conferences throughout February and discussed benchmarks, student performance, and plans for continued student growth.
- On 2/10/17 Grade 2 participated in a field trip to Eli Whitney museum. This program is a science, social studies, and literacy based cross-curriculum field experience.
- The PTO Father/Special Person-Daughter Dance was held on 2/10/17 at JHS.
- NBHS hosted a JHS Night during their basketball game on 2/10/17; JHS students wore their school shirts and shared their NB pride.
- The staff advisory committee met on 2/11/16 as part of the continued effort to address issues that arise during the year, celebrate successes, and plan for the future.
- On 2/28/17 Dave Maloney and the CAS School Climate Committee visited JHS to observe exemplar practices and evaluate the newly developed state school climate rubric.
- The school climate and PBIS teams met during February to continue assessment and performance related to the KIND expectations, to plan school-wide assemblies, and to plan school-wide surveying regarding climate.
- Throughout February students and staff will be participating in "Love Is" campaign where they post what love means to them. This theme will also be the focus of the 2/28/17 KIND assembly where students will present their learning and reflections.
- Throughout February students continued to raise money for the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Heart led by PE teacher Mr. Ramsey.