

November 2016  
JHS BOE Briefs

- On Thursday 11/3 second grade students participated in a JHS presidential election, which was the culmination of a social studies, math, and literacy experience...the event included voting booths and continued discussion about the process and outcomes.
- First Grade students participated in a field trip to the Connecticut Science Center on 11/4. All students were able to visit the museum, learn more about science, and engage with many hands on and interactive exhibits throughout the day.
- On Monday 11/7 JHS staff members participated with TVES staff members in a professional learning session with K-5 math specialist Kim Sutton focused on engaging students and teachers with current standards-based strategies and activities to promote mathematical understanding through hands on practice.
- Carter Welch and JHS staff members continued their PreK professional learning community on Monday 11/7 where all NB PreK providers meet to discuss academic, social, and behavioral expectations for students and kindergarten readiness.
- On Tuesday 11/8 JHS staff members engaged in adult learning sessions around school climate/community building, promoting social emotional regulation in classrooms, standards based assessment and standards based report cards, vocabulary-based instruction, and curriculum mapping and planning.
- On 11/11 JHS celebrated Veteran's Day with a school wide program. Veterans were treated to breakfast and then were honored at an assembly through song and the reading of second grade hero essays. Landcraft fife and drum corps also participated in the event with spirited music. Over 50 veterans were honored and celebrated at the event planned by teachers Linda Humphrey, Miki DeCaprio, and Patti Carlo.
- The PTO meeting was held on 11/14 and focused on planning for Night to Care and many additional upcoming events and programs for students including the wellness fair.
- JHS Parent Conferences were held on 11/16 and throughout the week. Parents and teachers met and discussed each child's progress academically and socially.
- On 11/17 Mrs. Aiken and Mrs. Douglas and their second grade students and families participated in a community service project designed to promote togetherness, civic participation, and kindness towards others. Families came together to share a meal, discuss what they are thankful for and to support local families in need.
- During the month of November, the newly developed JHS student council began their work supporting school wide events, community service projects, and learning about leadership throughout North Branford. The group is led by Colleen Stankewich and is off to a great start helping to support our school.
- During the month of November, the JHS Dream Team (high school student mentors assigned to classes and in school wide events) continued their participation at JHS. This group continues to support literacy, character development, and mentorship at JHS.
- During the month of November, the school-wide climate committee, security committee, and advisory committee met to continue to plan and make recommendations for improvement...all committees play a pivotal role in the leadership of JHS.
- On 11/23 JHS will hold a school wide KIND assembly focused on building community, civic responsibility, giving to the community, and giving thanks...many family members are expected and students will perform skits and songs. The event is organized and led by Dean of Students Beth Parker.
- On Wednesday, 11/23, JHS students will receive report cards, which reflect updated standards based reporting based on end of the year grade level curriculum expectations.
- On 11/30 JHS staff members will continue their community building efforts with a school-wide PLC focused on gratitude and thankfulness.