



HORIZONS ON THE HUDSON NEWS LETTER

October 2026



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE TARA MARSHALL Back to School Night

Thank you to all the families who attended our Back to School Night on September 17th. It was a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, visit the classroom, learn about our community partners and hear about how Title I funds can be used in the District.

We want to hear from you! Please take a moment to take the [Title I Family Survey](#)

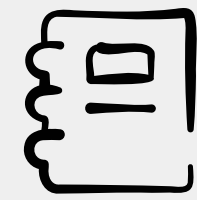
Red Ribbon Week - Peachy the Elephant Assembly Grades K, 1 & 2 October 5th 10:30 a.m.

The purpose of the Peachy the Elephant Campaign is to raise awareness of the "elephant in the room" underage alcohol and cannabis use. We understand families may have different preference regarding their child's participation in school based prevention activities. Please contact your child's teacher by Friday, October 30th

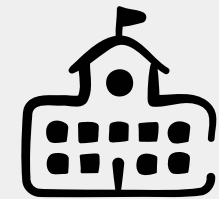
October IB Learner Profile - Principled

In the International Baccalaureate (IB) Learner Profile, being **principled** means acting with integrity, honesty, fairness, justice, and respect for the dignity of individuals and communities, while taking full responsibility for one's actions and their consequences

UPCOMING EVENTS



MCDONALD'S FUNDRAISER
65 N. PLANK ROAD
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
8:00 - 10:00 AM



DISTRICT CLOSED - HOLIDAY
OCTOBER 12TH
HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS
OCTOBER 22ND
Parent Pickups 11:45
Buses 12:00



HORIZONS PTO
TRUNK OR TREAT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
5:30 - 7:00 PM



CITY OF NEWBURGH
NECSD TRUNK OR TREAT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
6:00-8:00 PM



Last month, we introduced the 10 Hero behaviors and HOH Accountability Guide to all students in grades K - 5. Students may earn and maintain Class Dojo points that can be redeemed in the school store.

HOH ACCOUNTABILITY GUIDE

To support student autonomy and help everyone track their own behavior, every classroom utilizes a standardized, color-coded visual chart.

★ Your choices determine your color and your HOH Bucks! ★

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BASELINE (CLEAN SLATE)
I can:

- Make good choices and use my strategies to stay on track.
- Start each morning with a fresh mind and a positive attitude.

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RESET (REDIRECTION OPPORTUNITY)
I can:

- Recognize when my behavior needs to improve.
- Take a breath, make a better choice, and get back on track.

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PARENTAL CONTACT (HOME & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP)
I can:

- Be responsible and make good choices even when a parent/guardian calls.
- Use the support from home and school to help me make better decisions.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INTERVENTION (FORMAL ACTION)
I can:

- Understand that repeated or serious behavior may result in a formal referral to the principal's office.
- Respect the rules and work hard to keep my HOH Bucks and stay in good standing.

AUTONOMY ★ ACCOUNTABILITY ★ ACHIEVEMENT
MONITOR YOUR CHART, PROTECT YOUR HOH BUCKS, AND BE A HERO OF HARMONY TODAY!

DISTRICT NEWS

PINK DAY - OCTOBER 2ND

The NECSD has recognized Pink Day to honor those who have lost their battle with cancer. All schools, PTOs, teams and clubs are invited to come together as one District at a football game on October 2nd. Please contact Ms. Jonelle Santo jssanto@necsd.net if your group would like to formally participate.

COUNTY WIDE 15 MINUTE EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL - OCTOBER 9TH

The NECSD will be participating in a scheduled county-wide early dismissal drill. All school will dismiss 15 minutes early.

NECSD ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT - OCTOBER 28TH

The NECSD annual Trunk or Treat event is back and will be better than ever. This year, we are partnering with the City of Newburgh. Spanning a full block up Broadway, the event will welcome our students and families. Want to donate candy? Contact Maritza Willson at 845-565-3230

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR INFO

To make it easier to reach you and your family be sure your information is up to date. Visit the Registration website to change your information.

THE 10 HERO BEHAVIORS

BE KIND ★ BE RESPECTFUL ★ BE YOUR BEST!

The following ten behaviors are the observable, teachable anchors of the system. They are taught explicitly to students, posted in classrooms and common areas, and referenced consistently by all staff.

#	HERO BEHAVIOR	WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE
1	SHOWS RESPECT	Uses kind words and actions. Treats others the way they want to be treated.
2	FOLLOWS DIRECTIONS	Listens carefully and follow adult directions the first time.
3	KEEPS EVERYONE SAFE	Make choices that protect themselves and others.
4	USES SELF-CONTROL	Manages emotions, body, and words appropriately.
5	TAKES RESPONSIBILITY	Owens actions, tells the truth, and fixes mistakes.
6	STAYS ENGAGED	Participates, tries their best, and stays on task.
7	INCLUDES OTHERS	Welcomes others and works cooperatively.
8	USES KIND WORDS	Speaks politely and encourages others.
9	CARES FOR SCHOOL PROPERTY	Keeps materials and spaces clean and organized.
10	SOLVES PROBLEMS PEACEFULLY	Uses words, seeks help appropriately, and resolves conflicts respectfully.

TOGETHER WE BUILD BETTER HUMANS!