

# INNOVATIVE INFORMATION



March 2025

## March PD Round-up

Our last District PD day consisted of many valuable learning opportunities! Just a few highlights:

- Teachers at the elementary school worked on Science of Reading Training Modules and attended Bridges implementation training.
- Teachers in grades 5 and 6 met in teams to plan and review Student Led Conference materials
- Grade level meetings to evaluate student data took place
- Securly Classroom training was offered at NSES
- Elementary teachers also dove into the 5 NEASC Standards and documented evidence towards each in small groups.
- Wheeler Staff refreshed their restorative practices and student expectations in a lively discussion activity
- The STEAM team worked hard to plan STEAM night.
- Grade 6-8 science teachers met to discuss alignment with Stemscores and NGSS prep
- ELA teachers in grades 7-12 met to discuss alignment and create an updated scope and sequence
- Middle School teachers worked on a new and innovative way to provide numeracy and literacy enrichment over the next few weeks!

## Instructional Strategies

**Lower Elementary:** Math Partners

**Upper Elementary:** Traverse Talk

**Middle /High School:** Buddy Journal

**Middle/High School:** True for Who?

## New Teacher Spotlight: Brenna Sullivan



Meet North Stonington Elementary's newest third grade teacher, Brenna Sullivan. Brenna is in for Corinne Rader for this year.

Brenna earned her masters through Sacred Heart University and student taught in Waterford, CT. In her spare time Brenna enjoys reading, hiking, camping and canoeing. Her favorite food is mac and cheese. Welcome Brenna!

## IXL Resources

Click the links for more info:

- [How to start a "group jam"](#)
- [Implementation Guide: IXL for Daily Instruction](#)
- [Supporting the Core Curriculum](#)

## Canva and ChatGPT Combined!

Create graphic organizers, templates, fliers, informational slide decks and more using the power of Canva and AI. [Click this link for instructions](#)

## Innovative Highlight:

Drew from Drew's Bees came to speak to the 7th graders about how bees and insects see the world. He told them that visual cues help bees to identify their home hive. This helps the bee population as going back to the correct hive helps to prevent fights between colonies as well as the spread of disease between hives.

The 7th graders were super into it and asked questions for about 15 minutes!

Drew provided the front of a hive box to each 7th grader. They had complete creative freedom to paint whatever they wanted. These will be put on the front of bee boxes that are in North Stonington and surrounding towns. Thank you Sarah Booker for coordinating this visit! These interdisciplinary opportunities have created a true Middle School identity.

