

# MSMHS FISH TALES



*that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera*

**Week of April 11, 2016**

## Mrs. Hardison Named UConn ECE Teacher of the Year



GROTON, CT - On Thursday, April 28th, Colleen Hardison will receive one of the six awards being given by the University of Connecticut at the UConn Early College Experience Awards held at the Alumni Center at UConn Storrs. Hardison will be receiving the *UConn Instructor Award for Excellence in Course Instruction*.

Dr. Spera wrote in his recommendation that "Mrs. Hardison is one of the most dedicated, hard working teacher I have ever seen in my 15 year career. Her connections with students and the community is exemplary."

Mrs. Hardison has been teaching ECE World Maritime History for the past four years. During this time, Mrs. Hardison has developed strong ties with the University of Connecticut Maritime Studies Department and with Mystic Seaport and the United States Coast Guard Academy.

For Mrs. Hardison, this will be her second major award in the past two years. In 2015, she received the MSMHS Teacher of the Year Award. In addition to her exemplary teaching, Mrs. Hardison was the NEASC Curriculum Chairperson for MSMHS' accreditation visit this March 2016. Moreover, Mrs. Hardison is the senior class advisor, Unity Club advisor, and Assistant Crew Coach. Furthermore, Mrs. Hardison serves on the Principal Advisory Council, LEARN PDEC Committee, and is the MSMHS Curriculum Project Leader.

Mrs. Hardison will be supported and cheered on by several of her fellow faculty, friends, and family members at UConn. Congrats Mrs. Hardison!

### Parents: We Need You to Form Teams!

Last year our PTO raised \$10,500 at our PTO Spelling Bee. This year we are hoping to do the same. **Bottom-line: we need our parents to form teams for the upcoming PTO Spelling Bee. We need 12 more teams!**

For \$120, (\$40 a person) you and two others can dress up and participate with other parent teams for the *Battle of the Parents on Friday, April 29th at 7 pm. You do not have to be a great speller to win* (or find just 1 good speller for the group). **The key is finding two other people who want to have fun and get dressed up in a funny costume.** Awards for the event are given for funniest parent team, best team name, best costume, most spirit, and best speller.

If you are just attending the Spelling Bee as a fan, we have great food and tremendous silent auction prizes including:

- Four Front Row Graduation Seats
- New York Yankees Ticket Package & Boston Red Sox Tickets
- Breakfast with Dr. Spera and 3 friends in Old Saybrook, CT
- Reserved Student Parking in the Parking Garage



### UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

#### A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
B Day	A Day/ Advisory	B Day	A Day	B Day/ Advisory

#### MSMHS PROM

**Friday, May 20, 2016 at Water's Edge Resort**  
Tickets will be sold at Lunch - \$65 per person

#### 5th Annual PTO Spelling Bee

Friday, April 29, 2016  
Sign-up Your Team of Three Today!

#### GRADUATION DATE SET!

Thursday, June 9, 2016  
6 pm at UConn Avery Point

#### SOPHOMORE PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTING

Wednesday, April 27, 2016  
*Any student absent will have to make up the test*

### SPIRIT WEEK SET FOR AFTER APRIL BREAK

*Below is the schedule for Spirit Week:*

<b>Monday, April 25th</b>	<b>America Monday!</b> <i>Celebrate your USA pride</i>
<b>Tuesday, April 26th</b>	<b>Team Tuesday!</b> <i>Favorite HS or Pro Sports</i>
<b>Wednesday, April 27th</b>	<b>Wacky Wednesday</b>
<b>Thursday, April 28th</b>	<b>Dynamic Duo</b>
<b>Friday, April 29th</b>	<b>Color Wars</b> <i>Colors To Be Announced</i>