

# Hooksett Memorial School

## Principal's Report - September 2018

*Inspiring Excellence Together*



### SAU #15 Core Values

1. Schools are for students.
2. Students meet and exceed high academic standards.
3. We each have the responsibility to ensure the success of all students.
4. Twenty-first century instruction is necessary for twenty-first century learning.
5. We believe that it does, in fact, "take a village to raise a child."

### Staff Changes at HMS

We welcome the following staff members to our school and thank those who have moved on or changed roles for their service to the children and families of Hooksett.

- Kailey Crockett - Grade 4 Classroom
- Jill Orndorff - Grade 5 Special Education
- Maggie Lemay - Physical Education & Health
- Michele Hayes - ESOL Teacher
- Barbara Caffrey - Title I Tutor
- Gretchen Pyles - Library Assistant
- Angela Daly - Paraprofessional
- Paula Mattson - Paraprofessional
- Dan Roma - HSD Director of Technology
- Julie Ackroyd - HSD Elementary Special Education Coordinator
- Melissa Ricker - Speech/Language Pathologist



### Projected Day One Enrollments

Students and staff should be off to a great start at HMS. Classes will be rolling on opening day with the beginning of the year activities and staff starts to create their classroom learning communities. First day enrollment projections as of August 30, 2018 are in the chart below. The overall student population has increased 21+ students from last year at this time (25 students above our projections last year).

Grade	Total Students in Grade	Number of Sections	Average Class Size
3	151	7	21.5
4	147	7	21
5	150	7	21.5
WHOLE SCHOOL	448	21	21.5

### The School's Ready to Go

Thanks to the HMS custodial staff and summer cleaning staff for all of their hard work and preparation. Mary Palmer, Tim Foote, John Comeau, and Brian Lawry did a wonderful job both inside and outside of the school. Summer helpers completed some additional cleaning and grounds projects. A special thanks to Kelly Alois and Stacey Collins, our HMS secretaries, for all of their hard work to get the school organized.

## HMS Courtyard

PTA and community volunteers have spent countless hours working on improving the HMS Courtyard, which had become somewhat overgrown in the past couple of years. Jenifer Lawyer, from the Hooksett PTA and a parent in our district, spearheaded the work and gathered the volunteers on several days, including a few Saturdays. She is also a UNH Master Gardener. They have truly transformed the HMS Courtyard. Weeding, trimming, adding bark mulch and rocks, racking, power-washing, painting, getting donations, etc., the volunteers ROCKED IT! They have recreated the space and made a much more student friendly space. Jenifer Lawyer will be working with the school's Garden Club as the year moves forward. Thanks so much to all of the volunteers, especially Jenifer Lawyer!



### 'Meet & Greet & PTA Ice Cream Socials' at HMS

- Grade 3 Only – Wednesday, August 29, 2018, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM
- Grades 4 & 5 – Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Please note that this is a change from previous years. This is a time for students, parents, and staff to briefly meet one another and to gather for an ice cream thanks to the Hooksett PTA. Grade 3 students are new to the building and may not have met their classroom teacher. Grade 4 & 5 students met with their teachers during the last days of school. (Students new to HMS and going into the 4th or 5th grades were offered an opportunity to meet their teacher during the day on Wednesday, August 29.) Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

### NWEA Testing – September 2018

HMS students will be taking the NWEA assessments during the month of September. Each student will have two testing sessions in one of the computer labs, with each testing session scheduled to last for approximately 90 minutes. The data from this testing provides valuable and highly useful sources of information about individual student performance in the areas of reading and mathematics. These tests help determine a student's instructional level and measure academic growth from year to year. These computer-based tests provide almost immediate data for staff to use to help guide a more personalized instructional program for each child. HMS will be testing students during the first two to three weeks of school.

### Quote to Note

*"Our shared values define us more than our differences. And acknowledging those shared values can see us through our challenges today if we have the wisdom to trust in them again."*

John McCain 1936-2018

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen A. Harris, Principal

### Upcoming Events at Hooksett Memorial School

#### August/September 2018

8/29 - Grade 3 Meet and Greet/PTA Ice Cream Social  
8/30 - First Day of School  
9/3 - Labor Day - No School  
9/13 - PTA Parent Info Night  
9/26 - Grades 4/5 Meet and Greet/PTA Ice Cream Social  
9/28 - No School - Professional Development Day

#### October 2018

10/3 - School Picture Day  
10/8 - No School - Columbus Day  
10/20 - PTA Spooktakular