

Hooksett Memorial School

Principal's Report - October 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."

New Hampshire Partners in Education - Blue Ribbon Award Winning School

New Hampshire Partners in Education will again recognize Hooksett Memorial School as a Blue Ribbon Award at the 2018 NH Partners in Education Celebration of Volunteers. The celebration event is scheduled for Friday, October 26, 2018, in Concord, NH. During the 2017/2018 school year our outstanding volunteer program, along with the PTA, logged an incredible number of volunteer hours. Thanks to the entire Hooksett Memorial School community, parents, students, and teachers, for their dedication to our school.

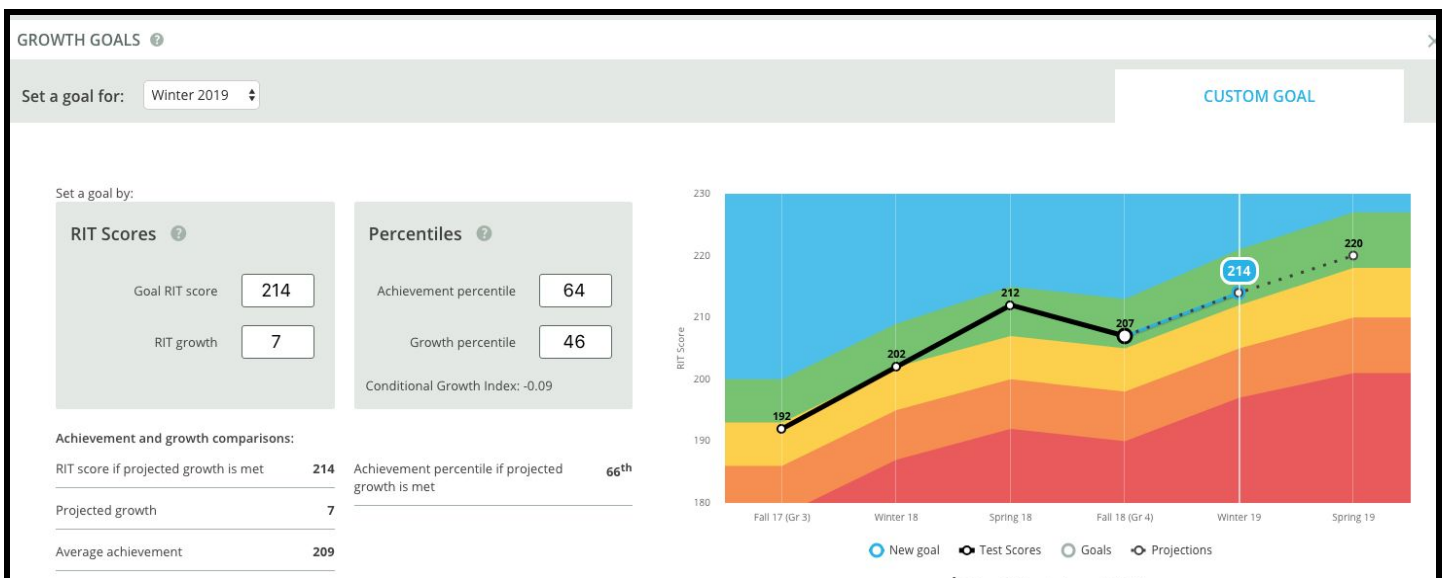


Instructional Leadership - HSB Goal

The HMS administration is continuing the support of the HSB goal of 'increasing instructional leadership through administrative presence', with frequent walkthroughs of all classes. We will be looking for observable evidence of student engagement, use of higher level / engaging questioning techniques, ongoing formative assessments, purposeful lesson design for all students, etc.

Student NWEA Goal Setting - HSB Goal

HMS staff will be working with students to set NWEA achievement goals for the next set of NWEA assessments (January 2019 & May 2019). At the September 28 Professional Development Day, staff will review the goal-setting process and plan how to address this with individual students. Staff will also work to set classroom NWEA goals for themselves. The image below represents an online way (NWEA website) to set student goals. Individual student goals will be shared with families in early November.



HMS Off-Site Evacuation



During the upcoming weeks, our staff and students will participate in an off-site evacuation of the school. Both the Hooksett Fire and Police Departments are expected to participate in the exercise. We thank the school's Emergency Management Team for their work to plan this important exercise. This is supportive of Hooksett School Board's goals dealing with safety.

The Hooksett Riverwalk Trail is now enhanced with Student Projects

During May and June 2018, several fifth-grade classes at Hooksett Memorial School, in collaboration with the Hooksett Conservation Commission, developed a public education component to accompany the Hooksett Riverwalk Trail. Students visited the trail, explored the site on their own and with environmental mentors. The goal of the first visit was to experience the natural elements found on the trail and to develop research questions about what they observed during the field trip. The students then developed research questions and answered the questions with a written response which could also include photos, video links, music, and artwork. Students then created QR codes which allow the public access to their research. The QR codes are attached to posts along the Hooksett Riverwalk Trail in locations relating to the research topic. This project could not have occurred without the support from the following organizations and people:



- 2018 Target Field Trip Grant, used for transportation and materials.
- New Hampshire Environmental Educators NHEE to Get Outside funds used for transportation.
- Hooksett Conservation Commission Members: Steve Couture, Chair, and Deborah Miville, member
- Environmental Mentors: Naomi Houle and Dave Anderson (Society for the Protection of NH Forests), Kelly Dwyer (NH Audubon), Brian Dresser, and Bob Waterman
- Parent Chaperones: Stephanie Dusombre, Steve Laliberte, Melinda Hebert, Kara Popkin, Catherine Perkins, Doug Mamos, and Courtney Conomacos
- Hooksett Memorial School: Steve Harrises, Robin Githmark, Deirdre Brotherson, Donna Tremblay, and Rosanne Beaudoin



Quote to Note

*"By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions,
one may unfailingly arrive at the chosen goal or destination."*
Christopher Columbus (1451-1506)

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen A. HARRISES, Principal

Upcoming Events at Hooksett Memorial School

October 2018

10/2 - First Day Beginning Band/Repeats Every Tuesday
 10/3 - School Picture Day/DI Parent Info Night
 10/8 - No School - Columbus Day
 10/10 - First Day of Destination Imagination/Repeats Every Wednesday
 10/20 - PTA Spooktakular

November 2018

11/12 - Veterans Day - No School
 11/13 - Parent/Teacher Conference Day - No School
 11/14 - Picture Retake Day
 11/19 - PTA Bingo Night
 11/21 to 11/23 - Thanksgiving Break - No School
 11/30 - PTA Reflections Entries Due