

Hooksett Memorial School

Principal's Report - December 2018

Inspiring Excellence Together



HMS Surveillance Cameras

The surveillance camera system has been installed at HMS and is now operational. We look forward to the integration of this system with our other security enhancements.

School Security (HSB Goal)

The Hooksett principals will be meeting with the president of HYAA, Mark Chagnon on December 7 to address the Hooksett School Board's goal of "reviewing safety procedures for evening, vacation and summer access to schools." Each principal will be meeting separately with program coordinators that utilize their schools in December. For events during evening hours, the main entrance doors will be locked. During the summer, should there be an emergency when students and staff are in the building, the emergency operation plan (EOP) will be fully implemented. This includes all emergency management drills and accountability of students and staff.

Hooksett School Safety and Wellness Forum (HSB Goal)

The Hooksett School District is hosting its first Safety and Wellness Forum in the Cawley Middle School Cafeteria on January 16, 2019, at 6:30 PM. School administrators and state/local agencies will provide an overview of safety plans, procedures and technology that are in place for the safety of students, staff and community members. Former Chief Justice John T. Broderick will be the keynote speaker. He will be discussing the five signs of mental illness. Other speakers will include Chris Connors who represents the Shooter Detection System and representatives from the Department of Homeland Security.

SNHU Partnership - Math Course (HSB Goal)

HMS will be hosting an Elementary Methods course, taught by former Hooksett math teacher Dr. Jenn Carrobis, during the Spring 2019 semester. Staff at HMS have already been informed and many are looking forward to hosting and working with the SNHU students. The HMS administration will be finalizing plans with Dr. Carrobis in the upcoming weeks. We look forward to supporting future educators and having Dr. Carrobis share her math expertise in our building!



Junior Monarchs at HMS

Back by popular demand, the Jr. Monarch players are back at Hooksett Memorial. The players work with students in classrooms as well as participate in recess. Our students enjoy having the Jr. Monarch players here at HMS.

HMS Winter Concert - Chorus, Beginning & Advanced Bands - Wednesday, December 5, 2018

All students and staff are busy practicing for the HMS Winter Concerts on December 5, 2018, with a performance at HMS at 9:30 AM and an evening performance at Cawley at 6:30 PM. Please join us if you are able! Mr. Davini and Ms. Latham have worked diligently with students over the past few months in preparation for the Winter Concert.



Student Skills at HMS (HSB Goal)

At HMS, grade-appropriate study skills that foster the development of good work and study habits are currently embedded in a variety of methods into academic lessons, not taught in isolation. Examples include: practice work, mnemonic memory tools, organization/time management strategies, and practice memory games. We will be researching additional options in the upcoming months.

Hour of Code 2018



Our world is surrounded by technology. We know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding technology. During the week of December 3-7, the "The Hour of Code" will be presented as a whole school enrichment opportunity. Classroom teachers will be facilitating this activity, with Mrs. McLain leading the efforts.

This will reach all students at HMS, teaching them the basics of computer coding through a variety of interactive games. Our entire school is joining this learning event for the fifth year. See <http://hourofcode.com/us> for additional details. We thank the classroom teachers for their support and flexibility to make this wonderful activity happen. A special thanks to Mrs. McLain, Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Ruest, and Mrs. Kelly, for helping to coordinate this outstanding event for our school.

Congratulations to the Hooksett PTA - New Hampshire PTA Unit of the Year

The Hooksett PTA has been named the PTA Unit of the Year for the State of New Hampshire. Out of the 200 PTAs in the state, the committee felt that our Hooksett PTA was the shining star of what PTA means for its community. CONGRATS!



Hooksett PTA Holiday Carnival and Gift Fair - December 8, 2018

The Hooksett PTA Holiday Carnival and Gift Fair will be held on Saturday, December 8, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM at Hooksett Memorial School. The event will include a pancake breakfast, games and crafts, holiday shopping, and a visit from a special guest with free pictures. We hope you'll be able to join us with your families.

Recycling/Sustainability Presentation at HMS

A special thanks to ALPS teachers Donna Tremblay and Tracey Ruest for coordinating the Recycling and Sustainability by Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Northern New England. A big thanks to Ray and Teagan from Coca-Cola for teaching students and staff the science and value of recycling during their four presentations.



Rube Goldberg Design at HMS

Invention Convention will happen again at HMS this year in February 2019. There will be an additional category of inventions called *V@Ü~ à^Ö [|âà^! *Ö^•ã } .* To prepare students, the ALPS teachers Donna Tremblay and Tracey Rues teamed up with HMS Media Specialist, Rosanne Beaudoin, to host 3 days of Rube Goldberg Tinker Days in November, where each class visited for a 45-minute lesson and hands-on experience with how to create a Rube Goldberg design. We hope this experience will ignite interest in the Invention Convention.

Innovation of the Month - Skateboarding at School

"Get on Board," the skateboarding program that travels to schools around New Hampshire, arrived during the month of October. Maggie Lemay, Health & Physical Education Teacher, brought this exciting and unique experience to the HMS students. Mrs. Lemay was trained to facilitate the program, with the "Get on Board" organization providing all the gear necessary through their loan program. This allowed our school to offer this program at no cost to HMS. Students were introduced to the "awesomeness of skateboarding" through this safe and proven program. All safety equipment was also provided, including helmets. The excitement and enthusiasm was astounding! For more information, visit <http://ryearfield.com/get-on-board/>



