

Hooksett Memorial School

Principal's Report - April 2019

Inspiring Excellence Together



Diversity Training (HSB Goal) on March PD Day



Becky Field and several other guest refugee speakers joined HMS and Underhill staffs for a ½ day presentation centering around diversity in New Hampshire. Since 2012, photographer Becky Field has documented the lives of New Hampshire's foreign-born residents. She published a book, Different Roots, Common Dreams, of those photographs through Peter E. Randall Publisher, Portsmouth, NH (2015). The photographs raise awareness about the strength and vitality of ethnic, cultural and religious diversity in New Hampshire, while also honoring and celebrating the families.

It illustrates the contributions of New Hampshire's immigrants and refugees, and educates the general public about the paths to resettlement.

EMT in the Warm Zone

On Saturday, March 23, 2019, members of Hooksett Fire & Rescue, Hooksett Police, and some other local departments participated in an operations course at HMS. Annie Kelly and Steve HARRISES participated in many of the activities and got a first-hand view of the training experience for our first responders. This valuable insight is helpful as we are always improving our emergency management planning within the schools. Below are photos of the event. There were no real weapons used during the training, as this was a focus on the rescue response.



National Breakfast Week

HMS celebrated National Breakfast week March 4-8. Students received handouts and activity sheets emphasizing the importance of eating breakfast daily. "Start Your Engines" was the national breakfast theme this year. A bulletin board was created and students voted on their favorite breakfast race car. Every student received a school breakfast on Thursday morning to promote the correlations between "fueling your engine" and academic learning, performance, and behavior.

Safety & Security Procedures During Off-School Hours (HSB Goal)

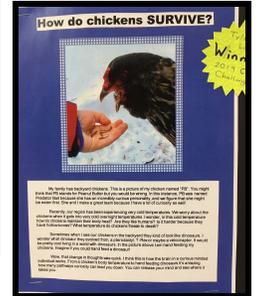
All organizations have been made aware of the changes to building access and safety & security of the facility. The changes have been in effect for several months. Any issues are being worked out on a case-by-case basis.

Fitness Fridays

Fitness Fridays are up and running again. Thank you to our volunteer coordinator, staff volunteers and parent volunteers for helping us get this program started. Fitness Fridays allow students to enter the building beginning at 8:00 a.m. and go directly to the gym to participate in activities that promote health and wellness. At 8:40 a.m., students are dismissed to their classrooms to start the school day.

Tyler won the Curiosity Challenge

We have received notification that we had a student from each school win the 2019 MIT Curiosity Challenge for another year. Tyler Lane, a fourth grade student, won the challenge for HMS. Here are the specifics sent to us by the Chair of the selection committee. *"This year we received 4,000 entries, a little more than the 3900 in 2018. Forty-eight schools and organizations and over 200 teachers and classrooms participated in making the selection process very difficult."* Students will take part in the Curiosity Awards ceremony on Saturday, April 20th at MIT. Congrats to Tyler!



HMS Fitness Reward Program

Students have been earning points by logging their physical activity, daily intake of fruits and vegetables, avoidance of screen time and participating in an organized sport or fitness activity. One winning class from each grade level will be rewarded with a special PE class of fun games, popcorn, and an extra recess. This has been a great team-building experience for our entire school community! Thank you to Mrs. Lemay for coordinating this program.

Grade 4 Field Trip to the State House & Museum of NH History

HMS fourth grade students visited the NH State House and Museum of NH History on March 11 and March 13 with half of grade level going on each day. This is a traditional trip which supports our study of New Hampshire history, geography and government.



PTA Reflections - State Level Winners

The annual PTA Reflections exhibit took place in mid-January at the Hooksett Public Library. There was a large group of students and parents in attendance showing their support for our very talented youth. Thanks to the volunteers from the Hooksett PTA for making this happen for our students. The following students' entries represent our NH state-level winners. Congratulations to them all!

- Gracelynn Mehta (artist) - 1st Place (now representing NH at the national level)
- Jadya Piccolo (dance) - 2nd Place
- Wendy Parcel (music) - 3rd Place
- Trip Hanna (visual arts) - Honorable Mention
- Owen Lane (visual arts) - Honorable Mention
- Abby Stark (visual arts) - Honorable Mention

Girls on the Run 2018 (GOTR)



HMS is excited to be offering the program Girls on the Run again this year. It was a huge success last year! Girls on the Run is a national organization that sponsors a running platform to encourage positive self-esteem among young girls. They inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.

The teams meet twice a week and then will run a non-competitive 5K in June which gives them a tangible sense of achievement as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals. For more information please visit www.girlsontherun.org.

Kids Making a Difference

“Kids Making a Difference,” a group organized and created by the PTA will once again meet this school year. This is the third year for the group. The group meets Wednesdays after school. Parent volunteers support and facilitate students as they work on various community service projects. Students look to raise money to support organizations like the Manchester Animal Shelter and Families in Transition. Thanks to our students and the volunteers for their support of the community.

Skywatch 2019

Back by popular demand! Hooksett School District will host another Skywatch event on March 27, 2019, for our community at CMS. The NH Astronomical Society will present a brief 30-minute presentation in the media center followed by a viewing of the night sky with telescopes from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Destination Imagination Update

Congratulations to all of our Hooksett Memorial School Teams, they did a wonderful job at the Destination Imagination competition held at Manchester Memorial High School on Saturday, March 16. All of our teams distinguished themselves. Every team member did their part to help make their team successful and should be very PROUD! Thanks to our teachers and parents for all their support. Listed below are the team members, coaches, and helpers who all made the Destination Imagination program a success.



<p>Team Challenge: On Target</p> <p>Team Name: Pizza Town</p>	<p>Team Challenge: Monster Effects, Engineering Challenge</p> <p>Team Name: Da Chocolate Monsters</p>	<p>Team Challenge: Medical Mystery</p> <p>Team Name: “The British Bugs”</p>
<p>Team Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● August Weirich ● Aarav Gaudana ● Robby Tremblay ● Brody Walls ● Owen Vincent <p>Team Managers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Stetson ● Mrs. Brotherson 	<p>Team Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Michael Roberts ● Jacob Shappell ● Jaime Godbout ● Joey Gagnon ● Parker Boulanger <p>Team Managers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Boulanger ● Mrs. Gagnon 	<p>Team Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Luke Parcel ● Seth Record ● Trystian Collins ● Sean Canavan ● Nathan Canavan ● Rachel Griffin ● Alexis Penland <p>Team Managers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Walls ● Mrs. Parcel

Jump Rope for Heart



From February 18th until March 22nd, Hooksett memorial school participated in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart. In PE, students learned jump rope tricks, created routines and had jump rope endurance competitions. They also had a chance to practice during morning PLT and recess. We discussed how the heart works, how to increase cardiovascular fitness, and how to prevent heart disease through diet, exercise and healthy habits. Every student participated in Jump Rope for Heart in this capacity. This program also included an optional fundraiser to help raise money for the American Heart Association.

Expo Nights at HMS

Students and their families are invited to visit our school to view examples of students learning and work from the 2018/2019 school year. Projects, writing activities, and various student work from academic and Unified Arts classes will be on display throughout the school building and/or in classrooms.

Wednesday, April 17 - Grade 3 Expo Night - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 18 - Grades 4 & 5 Expo Night - 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Adafruit Circuit Playground Express

A new Grade 3 Program is coming to HMS beginning April 19, 2019, from 8:00-8:50 a.m. and will run for 6 weeks. This will involve Adafruit Circuit Playground Express, block coding and a little bit of creative inventing. The ALPs teacher will be working in collaboration with an electrical engineer to bring this opportunity to our students.

Video Introduction to Circuit Playground Express: <https://youtu.be/4lGRqO40UhM>

Project examples: <https://learn.adafruit.com/category/circuit-playground>



Quote to Note

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle."
PLATO (Greek philosopher, mathematician)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. A. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Stephen A. Harris, Principal

Upcoming Events at Hooksett Memorial School

April 2019

4/1 - Girls On The Run
4/2 - Girls On The Run
4/3 - Girls On The Run/Gr. 3 SCA/Kids Making a Difference
4/4 - CMS Musical/Girls On The Run
4/5 - Fitness Friday
4/8 - Girls On The Run
4/9 - Girls On The Run
4/10 - Girls On The Run/Gr. 3 SCA/Kids Making a Difference
4/11 - Girls On The Run/Peer Leader Meeting
4/12 - PTA Mother/Son Event
4/15 - Girls On The Run
4/16 - Girls On The Run
4/17 - Grade 3 Expo Night/Girls On The Run/Kids Making a Difference
4/18 - Grades 4/5 Expo Night/Girls On The Run
4/19 - Fitness Friday
4/22 - 4/26 - Spring Break - No School
4/29 - Girls On The Run
4/30 - Girls On The Run

May 2019

5/1 - Gr. 3 Field Trip - Bear Brook/Kids Making a Difference/Girls On The Run
5/2 - Girls On The Run/Peer Leader Meeting
5/6-5/10 - Teacher Appreciation Week
5/6 - Foster's Golf Camp/Girls On The Run/
5/7 - Girls On The Run
5/8 - Girls On The Run/Kids Making a Difference
5/9 - Girls On The Run
5/10 - Fitness Friday
5/13 - Girls On The Run/Foster's Golf Camp
5/14 - Girls On The Run
5/15 - Gr. 5 Field Trip - Lexington/Concord/Girls On The Run/Kids Making a Difference
5/16 - 5GM/5DB - Field Trip to Audubon/Girls On The Run/Peer Leader