

Hooksett Memorial School

Principal's Report - January 2020

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."

Hooksett Fire Department - Operation Warm Coat

Members of the Hooksett Fire Department, IAFF Local 3264 worked together to raise funds to provide brand new warm coats to over 50 Hooksett children. The firefighters met at the Hooksett Memorial School and helped the children try on their new coats to get their sizes. The coats should arrive shortly. This effort is part of "Operation Warm Coat" which is being done by firefighters nationwide to provide new coats to children.



SkyWatch @ CMS - December 16, 2019

On Monday, December 16, 2019 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. many Hooksett families participated in SkyWatch at Cawley Middle School, a beginner-friendly viewing to the stars, planets and other celestial bodies. The evening began with a 30-minute presentation in the CMS library and then moved outside for the viewing. This is the third year in a row that this program was offered to the Hooksett community. Many thanks to ALPS teachers, Mrs. Tremblay and Mrs. Ruest for their continued efforts to bring this opportunity to Hooksett students and families.

HMS Winter Concert - Chorus, Beginning & Advanced Bands - Wednesday, December 4, 2019



What a great performance! The HMS Winter Concert was on December 4, 2019, with a performance during the day at HMS and an evening performance at Cawley. The bleachers were packed! Mr. Davini and Ms. Martel have worked diligently with students over the past few months in preparation for the Winter Concert. We thank the entire Hooksett community for their support of the arts within the Hooksett Schools.

Invention Convention at HMS

The Invention Convention is coming to HMS after the winter break! We are hoping to see lots of inventors as well as Rube Goldberg designers! This is a voluntary at-home creation in which students apply what they have learned about inventing using their own ingenuity. The theme for the Challenge category this year is Green School. Students can choose to make our school more efficient and environmentally friendly. What can you make to help reduce food waste in the cafeteria, save energy around the school building, make a way to compost, or reduce water usage? If students would rather invent something else or create a Rube Goldberg machine, those are other options. The 2020 Memorial School Invention Convention will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 (snow date: Friday, February 14, 2020).



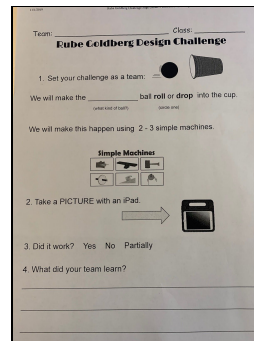
Grade 3 Dictionary Donation - Hooksett Grange

Members of the Hooksett Grange and Hooksett Happy Helpers visited Hooksett Memorial Grade 3 classrooms on Thursday, December 5, 2019. The Grange members put a dictionary into the hands of every grade three student. The Third Grade Dictionary Project is a literacy project aiming to promote beginning learning with word and dictionary skills. Thank you to the Hooksett Grange and Happy Helpers!



Rube Goldberg Design at HMS

To help prepare students for the Invention Convention this year, ALPS teachers Donna Tremblay and Tracey Ruest teamed up with HMS Media Specialist, Rosanne Beaudoin and hosted three days of Rube Goldberg Tinker Days in mid-December, where each class visited for a 45-minute lesson and hands-on experience on how to create a Rube Goldberg design. We hope this experience will ignite interest in the Invention Convention for 2020.



HYAA McIntyre Ski Program



This HYAA sponsored activity begins on Monday, January 6, 2020. Students from HMS will be transported to McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester to participate in lessons, ski, and just have a great time. McIntyre Ski Area is home to one of the largest snowsports school programs in the Northeast! They partner with many elementary schools and towns in southern NH to provide ski & snowboard lessons to children after school. The children are grouped by school and according to age and ability. There are up to six children per group with an instructor and class helper. We thank the HYAA for sponsoring this wonderful program.

Hour of Code 2019

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 9, the "The Hour of Code" was presented as a whole school enrichment opportunity. Classroom teachers facilitated this activity, with Mrs. McLain leading the efforts. This program teaches the basics of computer coding through a variety of interactive games. Our entire school joined this learning event for the sixth 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 and Mrs. Tremblay for helping to coordinate this outstanding event for our school.



Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen A. Harris, Principal

Upcoming Events at Hooksett Memorial School

January 2020

1/6 - HYAA McIntyre Ski Program
 1/10 - Fitness Friday
 1/13 - HYAA McIntyre Ski Program
 1/20 - No School
 1/24 - Fitness Friday
 1/27 - HYAA McIntyre Ski Program
 1/31 - HMS Spelling Bee

February 2020

2/3 - HYAA McIntyre Ski Program/Grade 4 Field Trip
 2/4 - Grade 4 Field Trip
 2/7 - Fitness Friday
 2/10 - HYAA McIntyre Ski Program
 2/13 - Invention Convention
 2/21 - Tiger Assembly/Fitness Friday
 2/24-2/28 - February Vacation