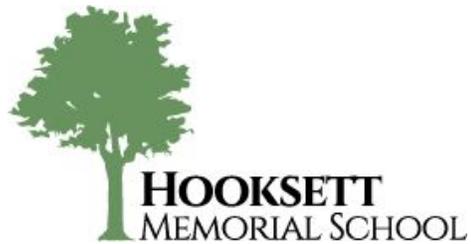


Hooksett Memorial School

Principal's Report - February 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."

One Book - One School - April 2021

We are pleased and excited to let you know about an initiative being planned for the 2020/2021 school year that will promote literacy and reading as well as help us to grow as a school community. Hooksett Memorial School will be reading the Newbery Award-winning book, Hello Universe, by Erin Kelly, as part of a 'One School - One Book' event that will culminate with a visit by the book's author, Erin Entrada Kelly, in April 2021. A committee of volunteers will be meeting this spring and summer to plan activities for this event. Below are a couple of reviews.



- Told from four intertwining points of view, two boys and two girls, the novel celebrates bravery, being different, and finding your inner Bayani (hero). "Readers will be instantly engrossed in this relatable neighborhood adventure and its eclectic cast of misfits."— Booklist
- "Readers across the board will flock to this book that has something for nearly everyone, humor, bullying, self-acceptance, cross-generational relationships, and a smartly fateful ending."— School Library Journal

"Name the Rover" for NASA

Trip Hanna, a fifth-grade student, was selected as a semifinalist for the Mars 2020 "Name the Rover" contest. Trip's entry was selected as New Hampshire's winner in the middle school category. Congratulations Trip!



The currently unnamed Mars 2020 Rover is a robotic scientist weighing more than 2,300 pounds. It will search for signs of past microbial life, characterize the planet's climate and geology, collect samples for future return to Earth, and pave the way for human exploration of the Red Planet. The spacecraft is targeted for a July 2020 launch and is expected to touch down on Mars in February 2021. The student contest is part of NASA's efforts to engage the public in its missions to the Moon and Mars.

Vision, by Trip Hanna

I think the name of the Mars 2020 rover should be Vision. The word vision means "the ability to see." The Mars 2020 rover has 23 cameras, more than any previous rover. It even includes seven entry, descent, and landing cameras that will help NASA and mission control see the "Seven Minutes of Terror" from its entry into the Martian atmosphere to landing on the surface. These cameras will help us answer a lot of questions about what happens when a spacecraft lands on Mars. The word vision also means "the ability to think about or plan the future with wisdom and imagination." One day, we want to put people on Mars, and that requires great effort and takes a lot of planning. To put people on Mars, NASA scientists must use wisdom and imagination. We need vision to believe that a Mars mission is possible.

Brain Show

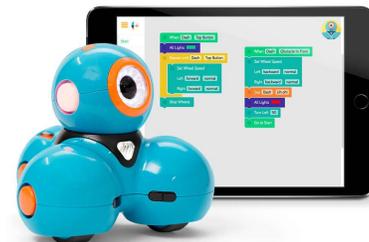
The Hooksett PTA has again sponsored the Brain Show, an interactive educational trivia game. This assembly is a favorite of students and staff alike. This highly charged event plays like a TV game show, with students up, involved, and challenging their thinking about a variety of topics geared to our students.

SNHU at HMS

HMS will again be hosting an Elementary Methods course, taught by former Hooksett math teacher Dr. Jenn Carrobis, during the Spring 2020 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 working with Dr. Carrobis throughout the semester. Meghan Largy, Hooksett's Director of Math, Assessment, and Accountability, worked with the SNHU students to help them have a better understanding of our math program and expectations. We look forward to supporting future educators and having Dr. Carrobis share her math expertise in our building!

Robotics at HMS

Robotics at HMS will explore programming with Dash and Dot and take on challenges the students and adults choose. This group is for fun and experience. Tracey Ruest, ALPS Instructor, will support this before school group that plans to meet once a week through March 12, 2020, before the start of the school day.



Girls on the Run 2020

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.

Invention Convention 2020



We are excited to bring the Invention Convention to our school again this year. This is a voluntary at-home creation in which students apply what they have learned about inventing using their own ingenuity. Inventors combine many skills in the areas of science, social studies, language, writing, art and math. Inventing promotes analytical thinking, creative thinking, problem-solving skills, as well as presentation and communication skills. We hope to have many

students participate in the Convention this year. The 2020 Memorial School Invention Convention will be held on Thursday, February 13th (snow date Friday, February 14th).

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. A. Harris", is written over a horizontal line.

Stephen A. Harris, Principal

Upcoming Events at Hooksett Memorial School

February 2020

2/3 - HYAA McIntyre Ski Program/Grade 4 Field Trip to State House
2/4 - Grade 4 Field Trip to State House
2/5 - PTA Presentation: Internet Awesome
2/7 - Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly
2/11 - Professional Development Day - No School
2/13 - Invention Convention
2/21 - Tiger Assembly
2/24-2/28 - February Vacation

March 2020

3/3 - Grade 4 Wildlife Encounters Presentation
3/10 - No School
3/12 - PTA Gr. 5 Talent Show
3/16 - Girls on the Run Starts