

Hooksett Memorial School

Principal's Report - September 2021

Inspiring Excellence Together



Meet and Greet

Assistant Principal, Bill Hinkle, and I held a Meet and Greet at Hooksett Memorial School on August 18, 2021 for families and community members. Bill and I took this opportunity to introduce ourselves, speak about our educational philosophies and experiences, and our alignment with the SAU 15 Core Values. The event was well attended and provided families the ability to speak with us individually at the end of the evening. A priority during the summer was to offer meeting times with each staff member to better understand the HMS community. Bill and I were extremely impressed with the number of staff members who scheduled times to meet with us.

First Days of School

Hooksett Memorial School is off to a great start! Staff members have done an excellent job welcoming students back into the classroom to develop classroom procedures and academic routines as well as expectations for appropriate peer interactions. A major area of focus has been student dismissal and communication surrounding transportation. We are continuing to ask parents to follow the practice of arriving to pick up your child at 3:10 pm if their last name begins with N-Z and 3:20 pm if their last name begins with A-M. Following this practice greatly improves the efficiency and timeliness of parent pick up for all families.

Staff Changes at HMS

We welcome the following staff members to our school community.

- Bill Hinkle- Assistant Principal
- Laura Duchesne- Administrative Assistant
- Donna Ellis- School Counselor
- Kimberly Ackles- School Counselor
- Emily Peach- 4th Grade Teacher

HMS PD Days - August/September 2021

HMS staff participated in both summer work and Professional Development leading up to the first day of school with students. During the PD days, staff focused on preparing for school wide consistency with Schoology, our Learning Management System, to best engage and support students and families. Teams engaged in break out sessions in the areas of math, ELA, Schoology, emergency management, NWEA proctor training, content review, and meetings with administration and our school nurse.

Eleven HMS teachers attended a Wonders reading program workshop over the summer. Teachers met as grade levels for one hour sessions with the McGraw Hill consultant and our Language Arts Coordinator, Cheryl Violette, to discuss lesson planning, pacing using the calendar and to learn about the online assessments. In addition, teachers learned about new features of the program to include oral reading fluency passages and differentiated online games. The intent of the workshop was for teachers to have a jumpstart on preparing for the upcoming school year, learn about new features, explore assessments and ask questions. I was impressed with the great turn out for this training.

This summer, teachers from grades three through five worked with Meghan Largy, Director of Mathematics, Accountability and Assessment, to create instructional plans to target learning gaps in mathematics. Teachers shared these lesson plans with their grade level teams during the beginning of year professional

development days. Teachers are currently implementing these lessons in each of their classrooms. Additional opportunities for teachers to collaborate and target learning gaps will be offered throughout the year.

Safety and Bullying Training with Students

On the second day of school Mr. Hinkle and I met with all students by grade level to conduct our Bullying Training and discuss all emergency management drill procedures that will be practiced throughout the school year. This same student meeting with Mr. Hinkle and I will occur mid year to remind students of the importance of these practices and expectations. This is a great opportunity for us to meet with students and communicate how important student safety, physically and social emotionally, is to us and our expectations for all as part of the HMS community.

NWEA/DIBELS Testing

HMS students completed the NWEA assessment the week of September 13. Data collected from student performance will be used to provide targeted instruction to students. Students completed the DIBELS testing by September 10th. This data will also be used to guide lesson planning and provide targeted instruction for students.

Reading Intervention

HMS is currently in the process of hiring a reading specialist to fill our second reading specialist position. This summer, multiple data points were analyzed to develop reading intervention groups that would begin on the 7th day of school. Maximizing instructional days and time is critical to advance students that need additional support as readers. In early to mid September, multiple data points will be used to reexamine the groups and make changes as necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brad Largy, Principal

Upcoming Events at Hooksett Memorial School	
September 2021 9/16 - School pictures for students	October 2021 10/1 - No school for students, Professional Development Day