

# Hooksett Memorial School

## Principal's Report - May 2022

*Inspiring Excellence Together*



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### **3rd Grade and the Student Conservation Association**

For the past five years, the third grade community at Hooksett Memorial School has been fortunate enough to have the SCA join classrooms to present programs on lifelong stewardship of our land and the empowerment young people can have as our future conservation leaders. The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is America's conservation corps. Volunteers from the program provide in-person, hands-on environmental lessons based on the NH State Science Curriculum. Lesson topics have included: soils, trees, insulation, rock cycle, animals (adaptation, habitats, and tracking), recycling, water cycle, and so much more! SCA will culminate student learning by offering an onsite field day experience for the students.

### **4th and 5th Grade Observations**

Fourth grade students from Mrs. Amato and Mrs. Champagne's classes along with fifth grade students from Mrs. Githmark and Mrs. Brotherson's classes have been avidly watching the Manchester NH Falcon Cam (a joint effort of the New Hampshire Audubon Society, Brady Sullivan Properties, and Peregrine Networks) since the adult pair began their "nestorations". The pair of Peregrine Falcons reside at the Brady Sullivan Tower at 1750 Elm Street, Manchester. They are currently in the process of raising five eyasses. The two 4th grade classes were also involved in the naming of the new falcons. Each year there is a naming theme, and this year's theme was native NH plants. In the past, the eyasses have been named for NH Rivers, native trees, small NH towns, etc. This year, Mrs. Amato and Mrs. Champagne decided to collaborate. Each of the two classes were assigned seven native NH plants. The students were grouped and assigned a plant to research. Their task was to create a short presentation (in poster form) campaigning for their name to be one of the two names selected from each class.

### **5th Grade New Hampshire Energy Education Project**

The New Hampshire Energy Education Project's mission is to build a deep understanding of energy through education, encouraging choices that result in sustainability in our communities, economy and environment. This month NHEEP visited the fifth grade students of HMS where they explored electricity generation, including renewable energy, and its impact on Earth's spheres. Driving questions for students included, "How does the way we generate and use electricity impact our environment? What can we do to reduce our negative impacts?" Students worked to meet three learning targets: Demonstrate how electricity is generated, explore renewable energy and compare the impacts of electricity on the different spheres of the Earth and Design a personal goal to use less electricity to protect the Earth's resources and environment

### **5th Grade Students to visit the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center**

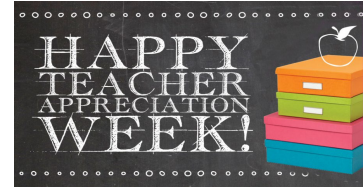
HMS 5th grade students have been studying astronomy, learning about the Sun, moon, and stars. All fifth grade classrooms will visit the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center on May 24th or May 25th to culminate their learning experience. The visit will include a planetarium show called "Tonight's Sky" which will help students locate constellations and planets in the night sky and will also teach them some of the archeoastronomy ideas of ancient people.

### The Brain Show Presentation

HMS students and staff enjoyed an exciting presentation sponsored by the Hooksett PTA. The Brain Show is a presentation that celebrates education and communicates to children that learning can be cool and fun. The Brain Show is an educational and interactive school assembly that involves students and teachers.

### PTA

A big thank you to the Hooksett PTA for all you have done for staff and students, not only for Teacher Appreciation Week, but throughout the school year. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.



### Fitness Friday

Join us on Friday mornings from 8:15-8:40 AM for fun and physical activity. Students should be dropped off in the back cafeteria entrance. Thank you to the staff members and parent volunteers that join in on the fun.

### Principal Advisor Lunch

Student representatives from each classroom will meet with Mr. Hinkle and Mr. Largy for lunch by grade level during the week of May 16. The agenda for this meeting is to review progress made this year and to finalize a plan to display and communicate agreed upon language and expectations. Thank you to our student participants for driving the efforts to monitor and strive to always improve peer interactions while at HMS.

### Math Game of the Month

Students in third grade were encouraged to play Race to One Hundred and fourth and fifth graders played Fraction Battle. Families are welcome to send in their photos playing the game for a chance to be featured in the following month's newsletter.

### Morning Phonics and Math Support

A small group of selected students continues to meet with Ellen Wight, Reading Specialist, four days a week for direct phonics instruction. Selected third grade students also meet with Miss Harwood three days a week before school for supplemental math instruction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Largy, Principal

### Upcoming Events at Hooksett Memorial School

#### May 2022

- 5/6 - Brain Games
- 5/9-5/13- Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/18-5/27- ELA and Math NH-SAS
- 5/24-5/25- 5th Grade field trip to Planetarium
- 5/25- L.E.A.D. Graduation 6:00PM @ CMS (Grade 5)

#### June

- 6/1- Grade 5 to CMS for step up day
- 6/2- HMS Band and Chorus concert
- 6/2-6/3 NH-SAS Science (Grade 5)
- 6/6- 2nd Grade @ HMS- Step-Up Day
- 6/6- Parent information Night at HMS for current 2nd grade parents
- 6/7-6/9- NWEA Math/ELA
- 6/10- Field Day

