January 2019 Principal's Report

Our basketball teams are doing well. Our girls are 6-2 and our boys are 7-1. We had donors (DLTC Healthcare and Bella Point) fund new uniforms for the girls. We used the Bracher fund to pay for the boys' uniforms.

The 4th grade will be starting the Learn to Ski program.

We are actively looking for a long-term sub for 4th grade. We will begin interviews this week.

Goal 1: Build a strong sense of community between students, staff and families.

We are planning our next school-wide buddy activity around Mother Nature, which includes snow sculpting.

Our Educator in residence (EIR), Dave Munger, has started at HES on Jan. 2nd. He is working with all grades and joining all three groups at recess.

Our school counselor and I have been attending a restorative justice certification program, which we are getting a lot out of. I am excited about the possibilities of training more staff. This is a community building initiative.

This week is Spirit Week at HES. There will be a friendly competition based on participation rate among classes.

The PTO has organized after school ski trips. We had our first last week. Last year, we had to cancel due to the lack of participation.

Goal 2: Become more environmentally friendly.

We are slowly beginning to compost at HES. Friday was our first day in the cafeteria. We have a few teachers piloting a compost program in their classrooms.

Goal 3: Foster confidence in students.

We started our book study on Mathematical Mindsets. We have 11 participants. This book has a focus on the growth mindset, particularly in math.