June 2019 Principal's Report

The 8th grade class trip was a success!

The band/chorus trip to FunTown/Splashdown was also a success.

We have 20 enrolled in K and 28 for Pre-K for 2019-20, so far.

Field day and 8th grade graduation are June 20th. Last day of school is the 21st.

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

I will be meeting with the HES class of 2020 on June 18th to start the planning process for 8th grade fundraising.

Next year, MS will be broken into 5 homerooms, which will be more like advisory groups referred to as crew (as adopted by Expeditionary Learning concept). Each group will have 8-15 students. There will be three 6/7 grade groups and two 8th grade groups. This structure will provide each student with a one- to-one relationship with an adult advisor, as well as a consistent and on-going small peer community. Crews will meet for 15 minutes each morning, as well as 20 minutes at the end of each school day. Crews will also participate in crew time. These times will include team-building exercises and group discussions that help establish crew identity and a safe and friendly environment that encourage all to have a voice.

The PTO is funding three trips to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, K-2, 3-5, 6-8.

We had our Buddy Bench unveiling Saturday, June 8^{th} . The Buddy Bench is in memory of Kolby. Almost the entire 4^{th} grade class and their families, as well as Kolby's family joined together for the unveiling. The 4^{th} grade class will be the Buddy Bench Ambassadors, as they teach the rest of the students about the purpose of the Buddy Bench.

Goal 2: Become more environmentally friendly.

We had a representative from Eco Maine present to our 5-8 grade students Friday, June 8th.

Goal 3: Foster confidence in students.

We are continuously working on building confidence in our students.