

## Principal's Report October 2019

P/T conferences are Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 12-7 pm.

Our soccer team finished regular season as #4 out of 14 teams. They are still competing in play-offs.

LCS/HES Cross Country team finished overall 2<sup>nd</sup> for boys and 3<sup>rd</sup> for girls.

Basketball registration is underway. Ken DeWaard will be joining Peter in coaching the boys.

Newsletter Update: Than Porter, technology coordinator, has played around with getting the newsletter to appear in the body of the email but, by doing so, each page becomes a separate JPG, making the hyperlinks inactive. It seems that by doing this, we get closer to your request in one aspect, but further in another. In MailChimp, it also turned the PDF into JPG. If an example of what is envisioned could be sent to Than at [nathaniel.porter@fivetowns.net](mailto:nathaniel.porter@fivetowns.net), that would be very helpful.

We held a free flu clinic for staff and Granite Coast Orthodontics did dental health presentations for grades K-5. We now have a standing order from our school physician for Tylenol, ibuprofen, Ambesol, anti-itch cream, cough drops, Benedryl, triple antibiotic ointment, and antacids.

We had to increase an Ed. Tech.'s hours to cover as a one-on-one for a new student. This is unanticipated. We are working with parent on filling out paperwork for Katie Beckett. He was in a day treatment program prior to coming to Hope.

### **INCREASE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade is busy planning the annual Halloween Carnival, which is October 25<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade advisors have also changed. They are now Oai Ha and Colin Amundsen.

This year, students will be creating cards, pictures, essays, poems, etc., which will be sent to Hope veterans. We are trying this in lieu of a Veterans Day Program. We have had very little turnout in years past. This is a way of us reaching out to veterans instead of veterans coming to us. Students will still be able to honor and thank our veterans.

8<sup>th</sup> graders are participating in the Patriot's Pen through the VFW.

6<sup>th</sup> graders went to the State House, Blaine House, and Maine State Museum with Mrs. Morgenstern. They will also be going to Challenger Learning Center at the end of the month.

Student Council will be attending a Youth in Leadership Day at Hyde School in Bath.

We have found a drama coach, Daiva Deupree, and we will be starting drama as an after school club for students in grades 6-8.

ChangeMakers is another after-school club that will begin November 8th and is taught by Katie Urey. This is offered to students in grades 3-5. There is a cost of \$75 to families for a five-week session.

Since we do not currently have an active PTO, Lisa Holt and Katie Dulac will be spearheading the Pen Pal Tea this year. We will begin this in November.

### **BECOME A COMMUNITY OF READERS**

All MS students have written beautiful and thoughtful handwritten thank you letters to Donors Choose for the classroom books.

Ben Odgren, Rockport Public Librarian, came to book-talk and introduce the traveling library to middle school. This will continue throughout the year.

### **BUILD STUDENT CONFIDENCE**

Since we are using the advisory model in middle school, PT conferences are scheduled with the student's crew teacher. However, teachers are preparing comments to be shared by the crew teacher, for all of their students for academics and habits of perseverance & engagement (HOPEs). The purpose of using this model is because crew teachers have had opportunity to build relationships with their students and have worked with them on our HOPEs and other executive functioning skills. In addition, they see their crew first thing in the morning, in the middle of the day, and again before they are dismissed. By using this model, each PT conference is 20 minutes. If parents would like to schedule conferences with specific teachers, they are welcome to do so.

We will be having a viewing of Angst, a documentary on anxiety, for students in grades 6-8 on November 5th and an evening viewing for parents on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Appleton and Lincolnville students will be joining us on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

<https://angstmovie.com/>