

## Principal's Report March 2020

### School Safety

I attended a meeting facilitated by Maria Libby along with other administrators from HAL. Infectious Disease specialist, Dr. Cheryl Liechty was there to answer questions and help guide us through the next steps regarding the Coronavirus. I also attended another school safety meeting at the Knox County Emergency Services Dept. to hear what the state has planned to keep Maine schools safe, which is to provide training for school safety teams starting in the fall. Hope is ahead of the curve in many areas.

### Athletics

We are currently soliciting players for both baseball and softball. These teams are both HAL teams, softball hosted at Hope and baseball at LCS. Ben Laukka will be coaching the softball team and Joe Coffee will coach the baseball team.

### Updates

State testing for grades 3-8 starts March 16<sup>th</sup> and will be scheduled through April 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **INCREASE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

I spent a day at King Middle School with our librarian and tech coordinator. It was perfect timing to be able to support the middle school team in beginning our first integrated project based learning experience. They are in the planning process for a unit about civil rights for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This focus is in LA and social studies.

We have family Game Night for students in grades 1-3 Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00.

The Students vs. Staff basketball game was postponed due to a snow day and will be rescheduled after the testing schedule is over.

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

We had a very successful Read Across America Day on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, planned by Liza Walsh. The day consisted of different stations with various read-aloud and hands-on activities, guest readers, and an all school assembly with children's book author and illustrator, Hazel Mitchell.

### **BUILD STUDENT CONFIDENCE**

Katie Urey held a workshop for students in grades 3-5 about mindfulness and helping students be the best version of themselves. They learned some strategies to help keep them focused on their work and how to deal with socially challenging situations both in school and out. This was sponsored by PFE.

We strive to set students up for success to boost their confidence while pushing them in meaningful ways to keep them challenged and engaged.

Dave Munger, our EIR from Kievehas been implementing some philosophies from outdoor education with MS students, such as team building, problem-solving, and risk assessment.