

**EES REPORT**  
**NOVEMBER 17, 2011**  
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**COMMUNICATION**

- ❑ **Enrollment:** Pre-school 27; Kindergarten 81; First Grade – 81 ; Second Grade – 84; Third Grade – 84; Fourth Grade – 65; Fifth Grade 85 ; **Total Enrollment** as of November 14th –506
  
- ❑ **Math night a success.** Math in Focus Parent Night had about 40 parents attending to learn about the new math program. Thanks also to Lyn Healy, who organized the program and to our presenters. The publisher presented a general information session while our 4<sup>th</sup> grade student “teachers” Muriel Bennett, Samantha Johnson and Michael Killen worked with math coach Irene Nelson to demonstrate a way to solve problems called “bar modeling.” Math specialist Dea Mayne showed parents how to log into the online versions of the book. Title I math coaches Sandy Landis and Cate Sprague shared hands on math resources while Grade 1 teacher Carrie Boelter took parents online to use the online math manipulative and other programs available to students. If you were unable to attend this session, it has been recorded and will be broadcast EPTV. If you would like to know more about our new math series, you can access [www.hmheducation.com/singaporemath](http://www.hmheducation.com/singaporemath) for parent resources and videos. Teachers have shared login information with parents at conferences last week and the numbers will go out this week.
  
- ❑ **Math guest speakers.** The above students and staff members were supposed to speak Thursday night and demonstrate part of the new Math In Focus program. I ask that they be invited back for the first School Board meeting in December.
  
- ❑ **Veterans Lunch** 32 veterans dined with our students last week as part of Veterans Day education
  
- ❑ **Veterans Day Assembly Program.** A Navy color guard visited EES at our Veterans Day assembly. Senior Chief Charles Willoughby taught the whole school a lesson on the history of our flag and how to salute the colors when they pass by.
  
- ❑ **Two Fiddles. A Chili Cook Off and a Barn Dance** all took place November 9<sup>th</sup>. 200 people attended with lots of good chili and other food. Students and teachers from grades 2 and 3 demonstrated NH barn dancing before being joined by the whole crowd that attended. It was another wonderful community event. Thanks to Art teacher Sarah Boudreau for arranging this program and to the Epping PTO for providing half the funding.
  
- ❑ **Tiger Assembly Programs.** Two assemblies are scheduled for November 16 when Plymouth State University’s TIGER program returns to teach about bullying through short humorous skits.
  
- ❑ **Harlem Wizards to come back to Epping December 2.** The Harlem Wizards will be back to play the Epping All-Stars again at the EHS gym.

## ACCOUNTABLE AND COLLABORATIVE CULTURE

- ❑ **Observations of staff.** I am observing teachers using the District's new guidelines and am following up observations with meetings and written feedback.
- ❑ **UNH Education Department Collaboration**
  - **UNH Reading Practicum at EES.** UNH lecturer and TLA consultant, Cynthia Merrill, placed 15 UNH students to observe and support reading classes at EES as part of their ED 706 class on reading in elementary schools. The students have been a big help to our students and teachers. The students have also been very impressed by our reading program and the extensive variety of books students are reading.
  - **EES also hosted Associate Professor Thomas Schram** who directs the University of New Hampshire's teaching intern program. He spoke with UNH intern alumni and EES teachers Susannah Crane and Kerstin Rossel and other as well as the UNH reading practicum students about the reading program at our school and about the process for applying to become a site for teaching interns. Having the school as a site would be a tremendous asset for the Epping community. The school would benefit from extra trained individuals helping in the class and from its ability to both observe and recruit talented new teachers who would be very familiar with our school and its mission.

## STUDENT LEARNING

- ❑ **NECAP RESULTS in SCIENCE THIS MONTH** Results from last spring's Grade 4 NECAP state science test show that EES students scored higher than the NH state averages. One exception was that the percentage of students who scored very low in the test actually went down.
- ❑ **Math Improvement 2011-12**
  - **CIA sessions have begun.** Grade level teams meet with Title I and Special education teachers to develop plans as we implement the new math program. (Curriculum Instruction and Assessment)

## TECHNOLOGY/FACILITIES

- ❑ **Wired Wednesdays Professional Development** The Technology Committee has scheduled the fourth the third or fourth Wednesday of the month as a Wired Wednesday which means newly hired technology assistant Aaron Stedfast provides individual or small group consults regarding technology questions or issues with new tops, projectors, document cameras and other hardware or software.
- ❑ **Some band instrument lessons have moved to the EMS/EHS building.** Individual or small group band instruction has begun shifting to the EMS/ EHS band room or stage. Mr. Breault has begun escorting students who take lessons after 8:20 in the morning through 10:40. He has made arrangements to continue holding band practice and early lessons at EES so that parents do not have to drop off their children at the EMS/EHS building. Lessons during those times can be held in spaces that are both empty and do not impact instruction.

## Calendar

November 16	TIGER Assemblies K-2 at 9:00 and 3-5 at 10:00 a.m. TLA for grades K-1 Technology Committee Meeting
November 17	PTO fundraiser delivery 10:30 a.m. and pickup 3:15 to 8:00 p.m. Faculty/ Math Committee Meeting ( open to all faculty) School Board meeting. Gr 4 students and Dea present Math in Focus
November 21	Last UNH reading practicum visit to EES Field trip ½ grade 3 to York PD Day for NH ALP Off site
November 22	Field Trips Grade 2 to Audobon and ½ Gr 3 to York PD day for NH-ALP ( MAV to take small group) Thanksgiving feast for Grade 1
November 29-12/1	Christa MacAuliffe Technology Conference
November 30	Tech Wednesday after school in new lab with Aaron Stedfast
December 1	Advisory Council Meeting
December 2	Harlem Wizards assembly at 2:15 ????? PTO Basketball: Harlem Wizards versus Epping Eagles @ 7:00 ????
December 5	Literacy Task Force PTO meeting
December 7	TLA day Grades 3 and 5
December 8	Faculty meeting AIR Make and Take Craft Fair 6:00 to 8:00
December 9	District PD Day No school for students
December 12	TLA day K-1 (Note change from 12/13) Concert rehearsal day
December 13	Visit by 12 teachers from Narragansett Regional School District 9 8:30 to 2:30 Note that if there is a snow day on 12/12 this event is cancelled EES Concert Grades 2-3-5
December 14	EES Concert Grades 1-4
December 15	Math Committee Meeting