

What we have been up to at EMS!

10/5/17

Since my report given on 9/21/17, the staff and students at EMS have been busy building relationships with students and families and establishing routines that will set the tone for the entire year. The level of excitement and energy in this school is palpable! Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to!

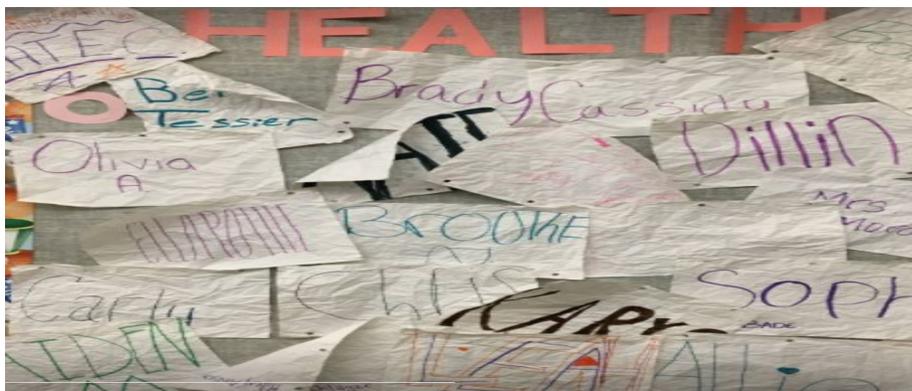
MTSS (Multi-tiered System of Support): All students have been tested in reading and math using our Universal Screening tool, STAR. This allows us to identify students for whom we want more information to determine if individualized supports are needed to help them achieve. We have reduced our number of WIN (intervention and enrichment) cycles this year as we slowed things down to establish appropriate and systematic processes and practices in line with the recommendations of Marianne Nice, our MTSS consultant.

Emergency Management: At EMS, we had our first fire drill on Monday, 10/2/17. This was initiated by the Epping Fire Department and the process went very well. Today, we practiced a “Secure Campus” annex. We were a little unclear about whether doors of classrooms should be locked. We made the decision that given the intention of this annex to protect the inside from outside potential dangers, that locking classroom doors was a reasonable measure to assure that should the danger come inside, it would provide us a few moments more to update any emergency status and response. This practice allows us to find what is working and what might not in our emergency procedures.

Penny Wars was a resounding success! Grade level winner will be announced tomorrow morning during our PRIDE Assembly.

Epping Wear will be on sale in the next coming days! Look for our notice and the link to the online store for a great selection of items. Show your school spirit!

Grade 6 Words: Students examined the power of words.



Grade 6 Trip to Camp Lincoln:



Grade 8 Smoothies: Health and nutrition projects. Students made smoothies and had to “pitch” their creations to visitors while educating them on the nutrients of all ingredients.



Grade 8 Astronomy Night: With about 90 students and family members in attendance on Monday evening from 7-9 PM, the Astronomy Night was an amazing success! Thank you to Lindsey LaPointe and her team's support for this awesome opportunity for all community members to learn and see the stars! Thank you, Mrs. Weisberg for your fabulous bake sale treats! The parents in this community sure know how to bake! Thank you to NH Astronomical Society for your informative and fascinating presentation! I can't wait until next year!



Grade 7 students leave for Nature's Classroom next Tuesday and will be in Acton, Massachusetts until Friday afternoon! We know they will have an amazing time! More information about this fantastic learning experience will come in my next report!

Respectfully submitted,
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