

June 14, 2018

Happy mid-June to all of our North Hampton School parents and families,

It's been great to see the many parents and family members coming to the school to attend the various plays, field trips and other events being held, in addition to meeting with the teachers for conferences or other showcases of student learning.

Regarding a couple of the numerous events, our spring Chorale and Band concerts, held over the last week, were both a major success. If you have a child in 5th-8th grade chorus or band, I'm sure you'll agree. Thank you to our Music Directors, Mary Oliver and Dan Singer, for leading such outstanding programs and our students to perform at their very best.

Report cards - The Web2School Parent Portal is currently closed, as teachers are continuing to assess student progress this week and begin to enter final grades and Comments into the system. The Web2School portal will be open and accessible for parents and guardians at **9am on Friday, June 22nd**.

Graduation- This year's class of 8th grade students, the Class of 2018, will graduate on Tuesday, June 19th at 6pm in the school gymnasium. Congratulations to each of our students and their families! We will look forward to their continued success as they move on through high school. Students, please come back to visit; you are always welcome.

The May 31st meeting about the middle school overnight trips was well attended and informative. Currently, we are planning to move forward with our Merrowvista (Grade 6), New York City (Grade 7) and Washington, D.C. (Grade 8) trips with a combination of school and parent volunteer chaperones. At the meeting, many interested parents signed-up to chaperone one or more of the trips. For each of the trips, more parents have indicated an interest than are required; so, as discussed at the meeting, the administration is responsible for determining the makeup (combination of school staff and parents) of the chaperone teams. Detailed planning for the Merrowvista trip (September 10-14, 2018) will begin this summer. For each trip, the team of adult chaperones will be shared with the appropriate parents and guardians approximately one month (for Merrowvista, this will be mid-August) before the scheduled trip. Thank you for your continued support of the NHS middle school overnight trips.

Planning and visioning for next year, and beyond, has been highly evident as both our School Leadership Council (collaborative leadership team) and the NH School Board have held brainstorming and planning "retreats" over the last couple of weeks. The Leadership Council (which includes school staff, parents, SAU 21 and School Board representatives) formulated a draft School Improvement Plan, which will be shared with all parents and families after it's been finalized and approved by the school staff and School Board. The draft School Board Goals for 2018-2019, which are aligned with the Goals in the draft School Improvement Plan, will be discussed at the next School Board meeting, on Thursday, June 21st at 7pm.

While the present year comes to a close, the teachers and administration have been working on next year's schedule and placement of students in their classes. The schedule for each grade level is being developed collaboratively with Unified Arts teachers, the grade level teams and administration with several eyes on what is best for the students. Also, teacher teams for grades Kindergarten through Sixth have been meeting with the administration for *Transition* meetings, during which your child's 2017-2018 teachers (3rd grade, for example) discuss the year and finalize student placement for next year with the 2018-2019 teachers (4th grade, in this example). These meetings have been collaborative, informative and fun; but also good for kids and teachers.

Finally, our teaching staff assignments for 2018-2019 are as follows:

Preschool

Bethany McIver

Kindergarten

Leah Crohn  
Ellen Pongrace  
Anna Spalding

First Grade

Tana Gustafson  
Sharon Marquis  
Laura Nolan

Special Educator/Case Manager for K-1

Linda Hebert

Second Grade

Erin Ibey/Laurie Berry  
Lindsay Lewis

Third Grade

Kerri Ann Coronato  
Brenda Eaves

Special Educator/Case Manager for 2-3

Cindy Smith

Fourth Grade

Linda Donohoe  
Karen Haas  
Catherine LaCroix

Fifth Grade

Wendy Crowley  
Tricia Markey

Special Educator/Case Manager for 4-5

Cindy Dixon

Sixth Grade

Trish Johnston- ELA  
Chris LaCroix- Math  
Brenda Tharp- Science  
\*SS shared

Special Educator/Case Manager/504 Coordinator for Grade 6

Jenn Donnelly

7th and 8th grades

Lauren deConstant- ELA  
Dana Hanson-Babyak- Math  
Rebecca Jones- Science  
Eric Whitney- Social Studies

Special Educator/Case Manager for Grades 7-8

Erin Preston

I hope that you have a wonderful time with family and friends this summer!

Sincerely,

Erik M. Anderson  
Principal