

Principal's Trimester Report to the Raymond School Board

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<p>Highlights</p>	<p>4th - Teaching about economics in social studies, adaptations in science, and opinion writing 5th - 5th grade went to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord, NH to see a video, look at exhibits, and do an interactive based on the space unit covered in classes. In February we focused on kindness month and students were encouraged to show acts of kindness and we read many books about showing kindness. In March we did a tournament of books for March Madness with Dr. Seuss books where students got to vote on their favorite books after we read them in brackets like March Madness. The book of the year for 2022 was the Lorax! 6th - 6th Grade attended Nature’s Classroom 3/21-3/25. LA- Read the book <i>Holes</i> and watched the movie, Science- learned about Newton’s Laws, SS- learned about Mesopotamia and what makes up a civilization, Math learned about fractions and decimals. 7th - 7th graders had a wonderful day skating in February. The day was a great success contributing to our team building and supporting our social-emotional learning activities. 8th - Science students worked on an Alum project and grew crystals to support their learning of rock creation and Earth science. School-Wide - We made it through a significant number of Covid Quarantines during the first half of the second trimester. To date, well over 50% of our students have been quarantined as a result of Covid. For a few weeks, we had remote students in every classroom in our school. Kudos to the entire faculty and staff for their perseverance, hard work, and dedication throughout this very trying time! Thank you!</p>
<p>Acknowledgments</p>	<p>4th - Friendship Award Winners: Morgan Chesley, Scarlett McIntosh, Zoey Darling, Logan Corley, Emilea Small, Brayden Kintz, Thank you to the paras for being so flexible and going above and beyond 5th - Friendship Award Winners: Danielle Walker, Chad Mercier, Nora Balon, Christian Beckford, Skylah Holland, and 6th - Friendship Award Winners: Addie Pekelsky, Van Rothwell, Carson Moscone, Billie Reynolds, Henry Garbati, and Sam Gartley 7th - Thank you to our case manager, Jackie Driscoll for going above and beyond and trying to fulfill the duties of several different job responsibilities at once. Friendship Award Winners: Sawyer King, Sophia Jolie, Josh Taylor, Alyssa Tilton, Allison Mclaughlin, Matt Shaw. 8th - Friendship awards: Brody Dupuy, Peyton Spence, Connor Worster, Kam Dutton, Kendall Luquette, Theo Pekalsky School-Wide - Again, we can’t thank the faculty and staff enough for their hard work and perseverance throughout this school year. We have faced challenges like we have never experienced before and everyone keeps coming back to provide the best quality education for our students. Please join us in thanking all the faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication.</p>
<p>Updates</p>	<p>4th - We are looping up to 5th grade! 5th - We are looping down to the 4th grade! We are prepping for Nature’s Classroom! 6th - We are using Advisory time to address behavior such as appropriate hallway, lunchroom, and recess behaviors. 7th - Assisting with hallway transitions during lunchtime to help combat the challenging behaviors we are facing when students are moving in the hallways. 8th - Preparations for the DC trip are ramping up as the trip moves closer. School-Wide - Reading Specialist position is being filled this evening. Interviews are in process for PE, Art, and 5th grade. Waiting on applicants for Foreign Language. Title 1- The after-school program is up and running until June 3rd, providing small group reading and/or math instruction to qualifying students. Master Schedule - The leadership team is working on potential adjustments to the master schedule to better meet the needs of our students and to attempt to address some of the challenges we have experienced this year related to ongoing staffing shortages. Parent/Teacher Conferences - The spring parent teacher conferences have been held. The turn out was lower than expected and there were plenty of appointments available. Teacher Openings - For next year 5th grade special education and speech specialist positions have been held. We have finalists for the art and 5th grade position. Interviews are just beginning for PE. We do not have any certified applicants for foreign languages yet.</p>

Challenges

4th - Significant amount of teaching students remotely and in person at the same time, staff shortages resulting in everyone doing more
 5th - Inconsistent recess coverage results in students coming in with lots of issues that take class time to deal with. Staffing shortages are to blame.
 6th - Staffing shortages and paras being pulled are leading to increased discipline problems.
 7th - No paras in 7th grade. Limited and inconsistent staff is causing an increase in students struggling with their work as well as an increase in behavior issues. Student attendance continues to be a concern.
 8th - Lack of para support puts strains on case managers and teachers.
 School-Wide - The staffing shortage continues to have serious ripple effects throughout the school from insufficient IEP support to inconsistent reinforcement of expectations during non-academic times. The MS leadership team is working on developing solutions from a master schedule perspective.

Discipline

IHGMS 2nd Term Discipline Report						
Grade	Referrals	# of Students	In School Restriction	# of Students	Out of School Suspension	# of Students
4th	49	17	0	0	10	1
5th	66	26	.5	1	0	0
6th	164	42	7.5	7	6	2
7th	192	35	8.5	8	3	2
8th	159	49	11	7	11	4
Totals	630	169	27.5	22	30	9
2nd Term 20/21	508	126	19.5	18	36.5	5

Top 5 infractions by number of referrals for the marking term: Defiance, Disruption, Disrespect, Technology Violation, Physical Aggression

Student Achievement

IHGMS Honor Roll				Enrollment	
	Honors	High Honors	Totals		
4th	-	-	-	4th	73
5th	-	-	-	5th	87
6th	20	4	24	6th	87
7th	29	6	35	7th	84
8th	45	4	<u>49</u>	8th	99
Totals	94	14	108	Totals	430

Bullying		# of Reports		# Investigated		# Substantiated	
		Term	Year	Term	Year	Term	Year
	Bullying	10	18	10	18	4	4
	Cyberbullying	0	1	0	1	0	0
Upcoming Events	<p>4th - Our government unit where students will run for fourth grade "president" and will work as the three branches of government to pass a bill into a law</p> <p>5th - Nature's Classroom</p> <p>6th - SAS testing June 1-3. End of the year field day.</p> <p>7th - Bowling Field trip on Friday, April 22nd. Whale Watch on Wednesday, June 15th. SAS testing will occur from May 10th through May 13th.</p> <p>8th -</p> <p>UA - Band/Chorus Concert and art show: 5/25 at 5:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5th Grade Nature's Classroom Field Trip, Groton, MA, April 18-22 ● 8th Grade Washington DC Field Trip, May 10-13 ● 3rd Grade Parent Information Night Tuesday, June 7th, 6:00-7:30, IHGMS Library. 3rd Grade Step-Up Day / 4th Grade Field Day June 9th. ● SAS and STAR360 Spring Benchmark Assessments 						
Other	<p>6th - Thank you to Stephanie Hamm for organizing the entire Nature's Classroom trip for the 6th grade in a couple of short months!</p>						