## **Principal's Quarterly Report to the Raymond School Board**

Bob Bickford, Principal, Iber Holmes Gove Middle School 2017-2018, 2nd Qtr Report, Feb. 7, 2018

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Highlights	5th - Culture Fair, Wonder field trip, DARE class beginning in January 6th - Wonder field trip 8th - American Independence Museum Field Trip UA - First ever piano & guitar recital was a huge success! New FCS project: 8th graders designed and sewed their own quilts. 7th & 8th grade music class halfway through song-writing projects. School Wide - Another outstanding Career Fair organized by Grade 7/8 Counselor Lindy Moule. Students in grades 6, 7, & 8 had the opportunity learn about many different careers from local folks.									
Acknowledgements	Friendship Award Winners:  5th - December: Max Saluto and Molly McDonough January: Abigail Bailey and Noah Brisson  6th - December: Kylie Potter and Caleb Normandin January: Aynalem Levesque and Kaiden Hall  7th - December: Ella Ray Creed and Spencer Lassard January: Alexis Antonelli and Joseph Harper  8th - December: Lily Duford and Trey Love; January: Jason Stanley and Te'Niya Crawford  UA - Livia Palmer (8th) awarded a silver medal in the Scholastic Arts & Writing competition.  Teamwork  Special thank yous to our team leaders and their teams who are working hard in their Professional  Learning Communities (PLC) developing and implementing team teaching improvement goals.  Ultimately they are using data to help them be more effective instructors which will relate to improved student performance.  We have developed a school based Data Team that is reviewing and analyzing school level data to develop recommendations regarding instructional practices and consider factors that impact student outcomes by grade level, department or school-based program. This is a new team made up of teachers, specialists and administrators that is already finding value to their work. Kuddo's to all those who have volunteered from across our school to do this very important work.									
Updates	7th - Teachers are working on creating a new integrated unit with specific learning objectives that will include: birds, populations, ecosystems, gathering data, engineering goals, and writing.  8th graders will begin to plan their high school classes in the next few weeks.  UA - Health class is now using Catch My Breath, a learning tool about e-cigarettes provided by Breathe New Hampshire. Tiffany Nye is working on developing a childcare unit for possible inclusion in next year's curriculum.  Unified Arts Teachers are working with their peers from the other two schools in finalizing their competencies and ensuring that literacy is embedded throughout their curriculum.									
Challenges	The lack of applicants for out open paraeducator positions continued to be a challenge during the second quarter of the school year. We had three unfilled positions for the majority of the quarter. Within the last week we were able to fill two of the three positions; it seems that this is due to some creative advertising the District recently put on RCTV. The lack of substitutes continues to be a challenge and it is not uncommon for us to have twice as many vacancies as we have substitutes each school day.									
	IHGMS 2nd Qtr Discipline Report 2017-2018									
Discipline	Grade	Referrals	# of Students	In School Restriction	# of Students	Out of School Suspension	# of Students			
	5th	93	34	7	6	2	1			
	6th	82	27	11	5	4	2			
	7th	28	12	2	2	0	0			
	8th	<u>96</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>			

	Totals	299	114	33		23		10	4	
	2nd Qtr 16/17	220	70	19		16		22	7	
	Avg. Referrals/Day			Mon	Т	Tue W		Thu	Fri	
	Actual Ref Avg per weekday			74-A 8.2		3-A 5.3	56-A 7.0	56-A 7.0	61-A 8.7	
	Proportion of	Referrals/Day	1	24.75%	17.73% 1		.8.73 %	18.73 %	20.40 %	
	Honor Roll	<u>,                                      </u>								
Student Achievement	Grade En		ollment	High Honors		Honors			Total	
	5		98	5		43			48	
	6		91	7		24			31	
	7		91	12		39			51	
	8 1		116	17		37			54	
	Total 3		396	41		143			184	
	School Wide - We have just recently completed the second round of STAR360 benchmark testing, Teachers have direct access to the English and math data for their students and are reporting that the data they have access to is helpful to monitor student growth and to inform their instruction.									
Upcoming Events	5th - Fantasy Animal Project Presentations 6th - Greek Culture 7th - Who's your Daddy? 8th - Alum crystal growing lab has begun. UA - 7th and 8th grade band planning to attend the NH Large Group Music Festival on Saturday, March 10th. Monster Instrumental Concert 3/15, Monster Chorus Concert 3/22. FCS: 7th grade Hunger Games cooking competition will begin the week before February vacation. Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire are on display at Pinkerton Academy until the awards ceremony on February 4th. School Wide -									
Other	Thanks to the National Junior Honor Society for working on collecting money through "The Giving Tree". AND thanks to Student Council for raising awareness and money for the Pennies for Patients program to help fight Leukemia and Lymphoma.  School Wide - "The 12 Days of Christmas". Thank you Jessy Christo and Kate Grieve for sharing the idea. Thank you to all that helped coordinate the different activities. Thank you Sunshine Committee and the Parent Core Group for helping to fund the activities. The 12 Days were certainly enjoyed!									