

Hope Elementary School

respect responsibility perseverance

JANUARY 25 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Pre-K is successfully running five days a week. Pre-K registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year.

The HES middle school students visited the Herring Gut Science Center in Port Clyde, Maine, where they explored the fascinating world of seaweed through hands-on activities. Using microscopes, they closely examined different seaweed species, created a fictional story about seaweed, and had fun eating different species of seaweed. The trip ended with fieldwork at Drift In Beach where students observed seaweed along the rocky beach. This was a PFE sponsored event.

The staff participated in our first Underground Spirit Week the week before Christmas break. We had Monochrome Day, Sunglass Day, Hope Hawk Day, Ugly Sweater Day, and Flannel Day. This was kept a secret from the students, but of course they caught on.

The 8th grade at Hope Elementary School hosted a successful Egyptian Fair for our school community on January 9th. This interactive fair was a demonstration of learning as the class wrapped up their social studies unit on ancient Egypt. The fair was a great success with projects on display, games, demonstrations, activities, food, and more.

Both teams are doing a great job this year and showing a lot of growth. The HES Collaborative Group has been selling concessions at home games. The regular season ends January 22nd.

Third graders are participating in the Learn to Skate Program. Third graders are traveling to the MRC on January 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.

Fourth graders are participating in the Learn to Ski Program. Fourth graders are traveling to the Camden Snow Bowl on January 10th, 17th, and 24th.

PFE is bringing Midcoast Music Academy for grades PK-2 on January 13th.

PFE is bringing Miniature Art to grades 3-5 January 22nd, 23rd, 29th, and 30th

HES will be hosting the Penobscot Bay YMCA summer camps this summer.

Facilities:

Some of our doors need attention. This is not a safety issue, yet.

Most of our window coverings are non-functional and need to be replaced. Curtains will be a cheaper option.

Duct cleaning is overdue. This will be included in the 2025-26 budget.