

**Hope Elementary School
Principal's Report
October 2021**

Enrollment: PK-15, K-6, 1st-13, 2nd-21, 3rd-18, 4th-17, 5th-13, 6th-13, 7th-19, 8th-17

Grades 2 and 3 are traveling to the Botanical Gardens for a field trip. This is sponsored by Partners for Enrichment.

8th grade will be spending the day volunteering at Habitat for Humanity for a service-learning project.

HES finished the regular season in the #1 seed. Play-offs will begin next week.

We have five students participating on Lincolnville's cross-country team.

We had our annual MLTI meeting for 6th grade and new MS families.

Our PT conferences are October 21st. These will be via Zoom.

We are getting a little more comfortable with our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program, Fly Five. It offers an opportunity to develop empathy and pushes students to think about their own emotions, as well as those of others. The buy-in from students has been reported as good to lukewarm.

The global supply chain problems are having an effect on our school lunch program. We've had to make last minute changes and substitutions.

The COVID Safety Team met last week. We have made a change to the way we deliver music instruction, specifically singing. See below.

- a. **When Knox County is deemed low to moderate COVID-19 community transmission, singing will be permitted with students 3 feet apart with face covering. When Knox County is deemed substantial to high COVID-19 community transmission, singing will not be permitted, unless outside.**
- b. Band requires wind instrument bell coverings and 6 foot distancing.
- c. **All spit valves will be emptied at a minimum of 16 feet from any given individual.**