

May 2021

Identify the lessons we can carry forward from the pandemic. What are the new practices and structures that are working well and could be expanded?

-staff allocation

-delivery of instruction

-space allocation

We have decided to keep 3rd grade together with the support of an Ed. Tech and divide 2nd grade into two classes.

We have arranged for the tents to go back as they are expensive and we do not feel this was a good use of our resources.

The yurt is almost completed. We are waiting on deck railings, steps, and a ramp before it can be used.

The newly formed Outdoor Education Committee met and has begun to plan ways to increase student involvement in the development of a nature trail.

Middle school students worked with Mrs. Pride to help with the garden. We are planning more Middle School/ Pre-School Buddy Opportunities this month.

Students in 3rd-8th grades celebrated National Poetry Month by experimenting with a variety of poetic forms.

Support the school in their effort to partner, communicate with and engage the parents and the larger Hope community in maintaining academic growth during the pandemic.

We had a productive 8th grade parent meeting to go over alternative ways of having a class trip. The 8th grade will be going on a white-water rafting day trip on May 19th and a sailing trip on June 7th.

8th grade held a successful online auction to raise money for their class trips, graduation and class gift.

Support school administration in maintaining a safe and supportive environment during the pandemic for all students and staff.

Staff and students are doing a great job. We celebrated Teacher Appreciation last week with daily refreshments in the yurt.

We ordered brand new playground equipment for recess such as new frisbees, nerf footballs, soccer balls, kick balls, and sidewalk chalk.

Other

Pre-K is doing a trial full day the weeks of May 10th and May 17th. We currently have 8 Hope Pre-K students for 2021-22 school year.

8th grade graduation will be held on June 16th in the HES gym. We are limiting guests to family members and staff. Each household will be at least 6 feet apart from other family pods.

Pre-K is holding their annual plant sale on May 29th.

COVID Report

We have not had any additional reported positive cases within our school community. We have had a few students who have been out as close contacts by way of family members.

Students are able to be unmasked when outside and at least 6 feet apart in a controlled activity.

We are working with PenBay Medical Center to set up COVID vaccination clinics for students 12 years old and older.

We have more remote learners returning to in-person learning.

Enrollment status:

Grade: In-person, remote

PK: 16,0

K: 12, 0

1: 13, 1

MA: 13,1

2: 12,0

3: 13, 2

4: 9, 3

5: 12, 2

6: 21, 0

7: 16, 3

8: 13, 0