

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

Enrollment: **PK-15, K-5, 1<sup>st</sup>-13, 2<sup>nd</sup>-20, 3<sup>rd</sup>-18, 4<sup>th</sup>-17, 5<sup>th</sup>-13, 6<sup>th</sup>-13, 7<sup>th</sup>-19, 8<sup>th</sup>-16**

We hired Billie Jean Steere to be our food service director.

8<sup>th</sup> grade attended Kieve Leadership School for three days.

We have 12 players on our soccer team including two 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

We are having OUT Maine do a training for our staff on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Participants will learn about why this work is so important, the importance of language, risk and protective factors, creating inclusive classrooms and student rights and best practices for schools.

Teachers started this week delivering SEL lessons through our SEL program, Fly Five.

The cleaning supplies we currently use are the least toxic of what is recommended for disinfecting.

Upon further review of the two proposals for replacement boilers for the Hope Elementary School, it became clear that proposals did not include the necessary utility work to convert from #2 heating oil to propane as proposed. The utility work required would not only increase the budget beyond what is feasible but, would also require site work that cannot be completed operationally while school is in session. As such, we have received a proposal from Thayer to replace the existing boiler in-kind with a new boiler utilizing the same existing fuel source. The new proposal is less than either previously received proposals, and we intend to proceed with this work pending schedule issues.

The COVID Safety Team met last week. We are not proposing any changes to our plan at this time.