

Cascade Brook School

December 2022

Nichole Goodspeed, Principal

Fall 2022 - Review

- Attendance Chain - students who come to school five days in a row receive a link in the school chain.
- Fall Festival - End of September to Celebrate our School culture. We had over 20 parent volunteers and lots of fun outside activities for students.
- Terrific Tuesdays - Every Tuesday, Mrs. Davis and staff volunteers provide after school activities for students including Civil Rights, Cooking, Science and Creative Club.
- Civil Rights - Historical Society visited our Civil Rights Team during Election week to talk about the Suffragette movement.
- Outdoor Club - Five weeks after school on Wednesdays, Mr. McAllister and several staff provided fun outdoor activities for students after school.
- Crochet Club - Starting in November, Mrs. Folk, Ms. Brown and other students provided instruction on crocheting after school.
- 5th grade visits to Portland to Gulf of Maine Research Institute took place in October. This field trip is a great opportunity for students to learn about the ocean and scientific research in Maine.
- Garden Lessons from Laura Hoefft, prepped garden for the winter. She met with classes weekly, they read a story and then learned about gardening.
- Mock Election - Thank you Stephanie French, Librarian for hosting the Mock Election for Governor this year. It was fun for the students to learn about the voting process in Maine and the United States.
- Vaccination Clinic - Thank you to Janneke Strickland, school nurse, for hosting our Covid Booster Clinic in November.
- Helping Hands - We held a food drive for the Farmington Care and Share Food Pantry.



- We had a guest speaker come from the Food Pantry to discuss with the students the importance of the Food Pantry in our community.
- Caught in the Act (CIA) - In October the students filled our CIA bucket. As a thank you and reward for following R2S1, the students had a 15 minute walk around the school. They could visit any classroom and talk with their friends.



New Staff

- Darlene Dyke - Speech Ed Tech
- Ashley Turcotte - Ed Tech II Life Skills
- Pam Wood - Ed. Tech Resource Room



Assessments

- Our Fall 22 State Assessment (NWEA) results showed that over 50% of our students scored at or above grade level mean scores for Math and Reading.
- Our students scored (196) within one point of the NWEA Fall mean score (197) for Math.
- Our students scored (194.8) within one point of the NWEA Fall mean score (195.7) for Reading

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- Our Fall scores for Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) showed approximately 66% of our students met the Fall Benchmark score for fluency and comprehension.

- Bus Circle, Parking Lots and Learning Lane were repaved in October. They look great and car alignments are thankful..
- New faucets are being installed in all classrooms.

Programming/Instruction Updates

- Increase of Title I Math interventionist from part time to full time.
- Implementation of Math Framework for all grade to streamline instruction at all grade levels
- Addition of Literacy Footprints -Pioneer Valley Reading Kits to promote instruction in reading and writing
- Coaching to novice teachers is being provided by retired teachers.
- Mrs. Folk, Social Worker, played games with students at recess. The students learned some new games they can play at recess time with their classmates.
- Costume Fun Run -We had over 100 students participate in our after school fun run in costume on our Nina's Woods Trail.



Current Challenges and Concerns

- We know that finding enough substitutes to cover daily staffing has been and will continue to be difficult this year.
- Office Discipline Referrals (ODRs) have increased about twelve percent from last year at this time. Our PBIS Tier I and Tier II teams regularly review the data to identify the reasons for the increase in ODRs.
- Student Absenteeism is still higher than we would like to see but we know COVID, the Flu, and other illnesses are more prevalent now.



Facility Updates

- A perimeter playground fence was installed a few days before school started in August.
- We love the fence, especially the large gate installed near the bus circle.

