

Fred C. Underhill School

Principal's Report

October 2024



English/Language Arts Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Meetings

We held ELA PLC meetings for each grade in September and October to focus on evidence-based instructional practices, the phonics programming, and progress monitoring. We also spent time reviewing the DIBELS assessment data for each grade level. The teachers engaged in productive discussion regarding the assessment data as well as their instructional approaches moving forward.

The teachers also have the opportunity to continue their curriculum work with Sonia Laliberte after school hours. In September, Second Grade Teachers met with Sonia to review the first trimester skills assessed. They also reviewed the scope and sequence of the curriculum and aligned standards to create a Trimester 1 Skills assessment. They discussed gaps in the current curriculum for second grade and ways the teachers could fill the gaps.

The Kindergarten Teachers also met with Sonia to review the first trimester skills assessed. They reviewed the scope and sequence of the phonics curriculum and aligned standards to create a Trimester 1 Skills assessment.

In October, the First Grade teachers will work on their grade level common assessments and align them with trimester expectations. They will also work on the First Grade writing plan. The other grades will also continue their curriculum work this month.

Fall Open House, Book Fair, and PTA Ice Cream Social

On October 15, 16, and 17, our school hosted its annual Open House, Book Fair, and PTA Ice Cream Social. There was a great turnout on each of the nights. It was wonderful to see all of the families walking through the school, visiting classrooms, and talking with staff. The Hooksett PTA conducted its membership drive while many of the families enjoyed ice cream and shopping at the Book Fair. Thanks to the staff and PTA for supporting the events.

Fire Prevention Presentations

October is Fire Prevention month and the Hooksett Fire Department visited Underhill School on October 13th and 14th and provided the students with presentations on fire prevention. They also worked with the students on what to do if there was a fire emergency. The students also got a first hand look at the firefighters' gear and at the fire truck as part of the experience.

Londonderry School District Visitation

On October 4, Jason Parent, the Londonderry Assistant Superintendent, and Sandra Mack, Moose Hill School Principal, visited with me to discuss our implementation of full-day kindergarten. It was a productive conversation and a great opportunity to reflect on our journey to full-day kindergarten. I provided them with sample schedules along with other needs to start a new program. It's possible that they may bring teachers from their schools in the near future to visit classrooms and talk with our kindergarten team.

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Upcoming Events

October 14 -- Columbus Day Observed - No School

October 15 -- Kindergarten Open House (6-7 PM), Book Fair and PTA Ice Cream Social (6-7:30 PM)

October 16 -- Grade 1 Open House (6-7 PM), Book Fair and PTA Ice Cream Social (6-7:30 PM)

October 17 -- Grade 2 Open House (6-7 PM), Book Fair and PTA Ice Cream Social (6-7:30 PM)

October 18 -- Mid-Trimester 1 Progress Reports Go Home

October 31 -- Halloween Festivities

November 5 -- Election Day - No School

November 7 -- Hooksett ALPS Skywatch Event - 6:30-8:00 PM at Cawley Middle School

November 11 -- Veterans Day Observed - No School

November 12 -- Parent-Teacher Conference Day - No School for Students

November 21 -- Hooksett ALPs Cardboard Arcade - 6:15-7:30 PM at Underhill School

November 25 -- Picture Retake Day

November 27 - 29 -- Thanksgiving Break - No School

December 5 - Trimester 1 Ends - Grades Close

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin Loi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Benjamin Loi, M.Ed.
Principal