

Principal's Report

Newbury Elementary School - Morgan Moore

February 19th, 2020



Students enjoyed the annual whole-school sledding outing to Checkerberry Hill last week!

Curriculum, Assessment & Student Learning

- 5/6th grade students joined the Restorative Practices team, and are working with staff and our AOE coach to increase the positive culture and student voice at NES.
- Staff meetings continue to focus on behavior management, through training from Cate Beaton and book studies. Follow up is provided to teachers through our AOE coach, school counselor, and in-house behavior coaches.
- Weekly PLCs continue to dig into the research from the Teachers College Writing Units of Study K-6, and review student data. Our next cycle hopes to allow teachers to learn through observations.

Winter Sports Program

- NES Winter Activities completed the planned 5 weeks.
- We are collecting surveys from staff and students. A few highlights so far:

"I liked being able to be in beginner and then getting moved up to the J.bar group and getting to go on three different trails on the chair lift. I also loved getting to free ski!"

"I really liked getting better at skiing and I also liked going on the woods trail and learning how to do jumps. I also liked it because I gained confidence and I would like to do it again it was really fun!!!!"

"I loved being with my friends while skating on the ice!"

"More time every day, and week."

"I really enjoyed watching kids progress in their skills. Watching them have fun outside in the winter. Working with different kids than I usually do in a non-academic setting."

- A committee of staff will form to review surveys and expenses, to plan for next year.

School Safety

- Students and staff completed a successful ALICE drill this month, where we practiced scattering and evacuating.
- NES will partner with the VT AOE to host a Vermont School Safety Initiative Phase III training on March 31st. NES staff will be invited, as will staff from OESU schools, registration information will be sent out shortly.
 - These sessions will focus on an all hazards approach to emergency preparedness, with emphasis on the options based response to a violent intruder (Run, Hide, Fight) and an overview of the Vermont School Safety Center's recommended school safety "best practices."

Facilities Report

- Facilities staff continue to collect bids for summer flooring and bathroom projects.
 - Basement hallway, classroom and preschool floors.
 - Preschool bathrooms.
- Current Concepts is starting the wiring this week, to make our phone system e-911 compliant.