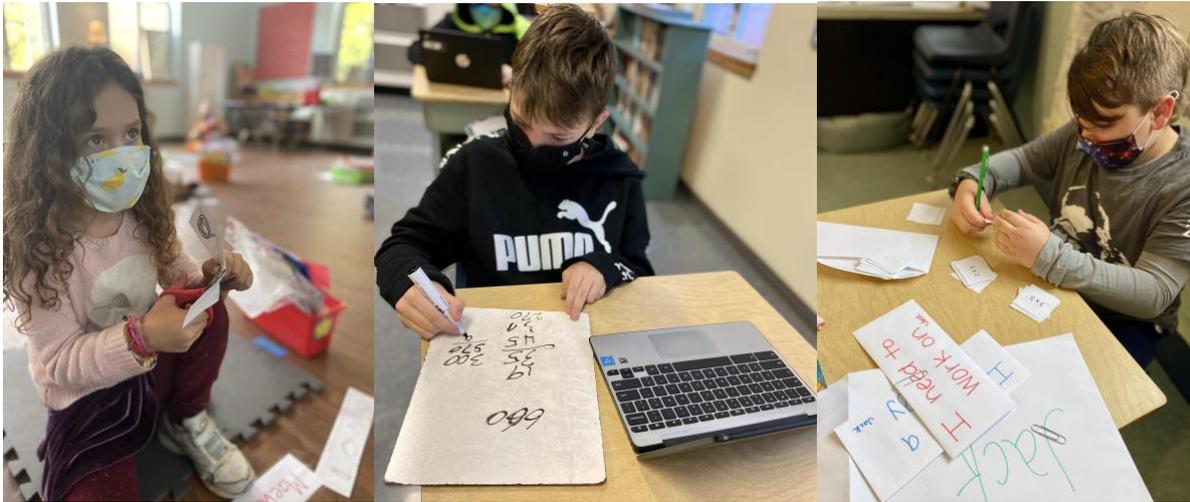


Principal's Report
Newbury Elementary School - Morgan Moore
October 21st, 2020



Curriculum, Assessment & Student Learning

2020-21 School Goals:

- **Increase academic scores and decrease behavior referrals for 100% of students through improvement and professional development on our universal curriculum resources EST process.**

Staff Meetings rotate between EST discussions and PD on Restorative Practices with our consultant. Staff are reviewing the VT MTSS research, and discussing universal and intervention resources that are embedded in our new literacy and math programs.

Students and Teachers are engaged in the Teachers College Literacy (reading, writing, phonics) and Illustrative Math programs. The K-6 alignment is allowing us to learn together as a staff, and students are excited about their progress.

"Ms. Moore - we read for 23 whole minutes today!" - NES 1st Grader

Following the OESU Assessment calendar, teachers are completing assessments to inform their instruction in literacy and math.

Ukulele Lessons began for fifth graders this month! Due to having additional days at school, Jackie Verley (music/art teacher) is able to offer students additional lesson times during the school day. The fifth grade ukulele group is our first pilot and we hope to expand to more grade levels soon!

A Forest School Committee formed and is meeting monthly to plan a K-6 forest school curriculum that allows students more time outside, integrates academic learning, and teaches important SEL skills.

Extracurricular Programs

- **Finding Our Stride** is an after school running club. Kelley Houde (3rd & 4th Grade Humanities Teacher) has reorganized it so that students can run after school, within the COVID regulations. Jackie Verley helps coach, and there is an in-person and remote group!
- **The Farmraiser** was a success! Thank you to Erin Pellegrino and the FoNES team, who reorganized the annual event for pre-orders only and raised a generous amount of funds for NES.

School Safety

- First fire drill was highly successful, with COVID precautions.
- The NES Crisis Team meets monthly to discuss fire drills, ALICE, etc.
- Screenings have been going well each morning, staff and students continue to be extremely diligent with all distancing and mask COVID precautions!

Facilities Report

- Nurses office move/renovation is complete, with a new bathroom and the room has its own AC heating and cooling system.
 - All eligible nurse's office expenses have been submitted to Efficiency Vermont for rebates.
- HVAC system was cleaned.
- Parts have been ordered for security cameras and fob entry for the gym door through the VT School Safety Grant. When parts arrive the project will be scheduled. We are assured it will be completed by 12-15-20.
- Common drainage project is on hold due to the budget constraints.
- Boilers were cleaned this month.
- Circulator pump needs to be rebuilt, we are waiting on a quote.

