Curriculum, Assessment & Student Learning

Staff Meetings the past two weeks were focused on our EST process, highlighting students in need of extra supports and designing interventions.

Students and Teachers continue to enjoy the Teachers College Literacy (reading, writing, phonics) and Illustrative Math programs. A highlight is that both programs have access points for all, and allow for differentiation and intervention within the classroom.

Digital Schoolhouse (DiSH): we are excited to begin collaborating with BES after the break on a Digital Schoolhouse. This will allow more manageable workloads for our teachers, and also better targeted instruction for our remote learners through sharing resources.

Riding for Focus: Our Specialized bikes arrived from our grant! We are excited to use these in PE.

Extracurricular Programs

Staff are doing an amazing job thinking creatively about how to continue extracurriculars:

- **Turkey Trot**: Cameron Prest (PE) did a lot of work to think of a COVID safe way to facilitate our annual Turkey Trot run. Students will still get exercise and be able to compete for the prize turkey!

- **Winter Activities**: Many teachers met as part of a winter activities committee to collaborate on how to bring this program back to NES. We are waiting confirmation, but believe we will still be able to provide skiing and snowboarding at Burke Mountain this year!

- **Extended Learning**: Through help from Nicole Bell and a grant, we were able to set up an Extended Learning program at NES. The program started this week and students (who are
referred by their teacher) can now stay after school with Andrea Dennis (3/4 Teacher) to build and extend math skills!

School Safety
- Our monthly fire drills have been going smoothly.
- 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
- We are eagerly waiting for parts, which are backordered - for security cameras and fob entry for the gym door through the VT School Safety Grant.
- Work has begun to change all our outdoor lights to motion censored, to increase the safety of anyone (staff and community) using the building.