

ACADEMY HILL AND CUSHING SCHOOLS UPDATE

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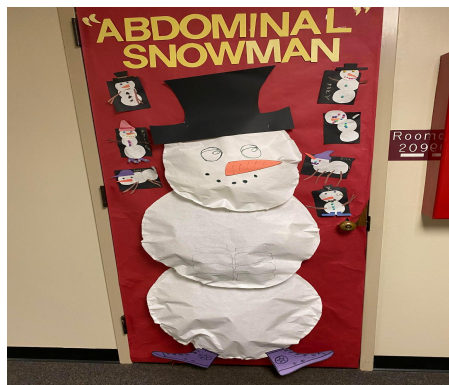
FALL 2021/ FIRST SEMESTER

- * Our enrollment at AHS is 163, 5 remote and 3 homeschoolers. Our enrollment at Cushing is 111 and 1 remote.
- * Office Discipline Referrals (ODRs) have decreased at AHS from 216 (2019) to 40 (2021) and from 150 (2019) to 64 (2021) at Cushing.
- * We are having monthly Positive Behavior Supports & Intervention rewards. The rewards consist of Fine Dining, extra recess, movie, crafts, sing alongs and spirit week.
- * We have a total of 95 students and staff who are participating in Pool Testing.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- * Ericka Conlogue and Leslie Kaiser are advising our Kid's Can program this year.
- * Lucinda Drechsler organized our yearly food drive. We collected 997 food items which were donated to the Wilton Food Pantry.
- * We have 40 students participating in the 21st Century after school program.
- * We had our first Scholastic Book Fair which was organized by Lena Rutberg our librarian at AHS. It was a great success. Every student got a book.
- * We had our annual door decorating contest with holiday and winter themes at AHS.



ASSESSMENTS

- * Fall NWEA (State Assessment) showed that our 2nd grade was right at Fall benchmarks and our 3rd, 4th and 5th were slightly below the Fall benchmark (**bold**) for reading and math

Scores.

- Grade 2: 172 (172) Reading; 175 (**175**) Math
- Grade 3: 184 (186) Reading; 184 (**188**) Math
- Grade 4: 191 (196) Reading; 195 (**199**) Math
- Grade 5: 199 (204) Reading; 200 (**204**) Math

NEW STAFF

- * Maggie Lamotte - Title I Literacy Teacher - Cushing
- * Madeline Hogan - 1st Grade Cushing
- * Sharon Doray - Sped. Teacher AHS
- * Lauren Orff - Ed Tech Cushing School/AHS
- * We have 8 student teachers between both schools.



FACILITY UPDATES

- * New pavement on the playground walkway at Cushing.
- * New outside light at AHS which lights the entire front of the school.
- * New handrails on both sides of the handicap walkway at AHS.
- * New working projectors and screens in both cafeterias.

Program Updates

- * Math training conducted by Nancy Ellis.
- * Multi Tiered Systems of Support training conducted by Melissa Brown, our 2 - 3 special ed teacher for both AHS and Cushing staff.
- * Administered NWEA and DRA.
- * NWEA professional development conducted by Lucinda Drechsler and Nancy Ellis on how use the data collected from the NWEA test.
- * All of our teaching positions have been filled in both schools.
- * Social Emotional Learning training conducted by Liza Folk, Social Worker.



Current Challenges & Concerns

- * Finding substitutes for all positions.
- * Keeping everyone safe and healthy.
- * Continuing to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of all students.
- * Quarantine for close and positive contacts.