

ACADEMY HILL AND CUSHING SCHOOLS UPDATE

April 2022

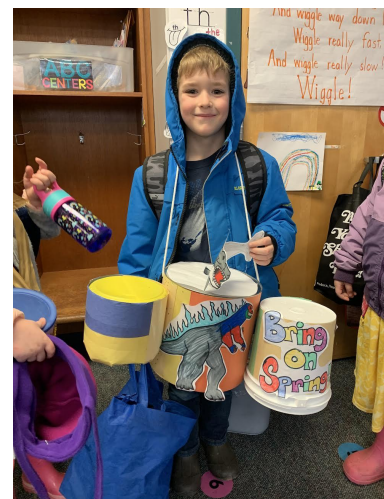
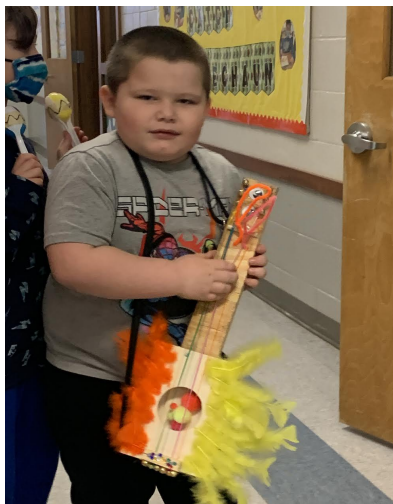
Keith J. Acedo, Principal

- * Our enrollment at AHS is 168 attending and 5 remote students. Our enrollment at Cushing is 114 attending and 1 remote student. We had no homeschooled students return.
- * Office Discipline Referrals (ODRs) have decreased at AHS from 330 (2019-20) to 80 (2021-22) and from 261 (2019-20) to 140 (2021-22) at Cushing. 87 of the 140 ODRs at Cushing are from 3 students who we are working closely with.
- * We are having monthly Positive Behavior Supports & Intervention rewards. The rewards consist of Fine Dining, extra recess, movie, crafts, sing alongs and a spirit week.
- * We have a total of 80 students and staff who are participating in Pool Testing.
- * Kindergarten celebrated the first day of spring with their 23rd annual Kindergarten Spring Parade. They made instruments and marched throughout the school to welcome spring's arrival.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- * Ericka Conlogue and Leslie Kaiser are advising our Kid's Can program this year.
- * Heidi Luce organized our yearly food drive at Cushing. We collected 550 food items which were donated to the Wilton Food Pantry.
- * We have 42 students participating in the 21st Century after school program.
- * Deb Aseltine and Nancy Ellis are advising the Fit Girls Program at AHS for the 10th year.
- * AHS is in its 13th year of partnership with the Atlantic Salmon Fish Friend Program. Our students in the 3rd and 4th grade monitor and care for over 200 eggs through the incubation and hatching stages. They will then release them into the Sandy River. Over the years students have raised and released over 10,000 salmon into the river. This year, there are two tanks, one in third grade and one in fourth.



ASSESSMENTS

- * All 3rd - 5th grade students will take the State Assessment (NWEA) in Reading, Math, and Language Arts beginning the second week of May at Academy Hill School.
- * 5th grade students will be administered the State Science Assessment in May and June.

NEW STAFF

- * Alison Welch kitchen worker at Cushing.
- * Cindy Pooler custodian at Cushing.

FACILITY UPDATES

- * A new wall upgrade will be installed in the AHS cafeteria.
- * Wall trimming was completed in the left wing at Cushing.
- * AHS and Cushing each received 4 new radios.
- * Water fountains were turned back on.
- * Two classroom phones were fixed.

Program Updates

- * Math training was conducted by Nancy Ellis and Morgan Badeau at both Academy and Cushing.
- * All teachers created and sent home Remote Work Day packets for students to complete on a Remote Learning Day if needed.
- * Continued Social Emotional Learning training was conducted by Liza Folk, Social Worker and Ericka Conlogue, our Counselor.



Current Challenges & Concerns

- * Keeping everyone healthy and safe.
- * Continuing to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of all students.
- * Preparing for the State Assessment (NWEA).
- * Filling positions with qualified people.