

Cascade Brook School

April 2022

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Fall 2021
2nd Quarter & 3rd Quarter

- Our enrollment (279) has increased with the return of homeschooled students.
- Pooled Testing is going well. We have 86 students and staff testing each week. The numbers fluctuate when people test positive.
- Positive Behavior Supports & Interventions (PBIS) reward was Winter Fest on March 4, 2022.
 - We had 1,095 Caught in the Act cards in the reward bucket. We had stations set up for each grade level to participate in outside. Stations included sliding, an obstacle course, snow fort/snowman building, snow painting, and dancing.
- Office Discipline Referrals (ODRs) increased significantly for February and March this year. We attribute the increase to several inside recess days and more days in school.
- The 100s bandit came to school for the 100th of School. There were 72 "100s" hidden around the school. We had three students successfully find all of them. Great Job!
- Football "Pick Em" Challenge went to Riley Tyler. Riley picked the Rams to win the Super Bowl. We had over 75 students participate in this challenge. Thank you Mr. McAllister for organizing this challenge.



Co-curricular Activities

- Winter Outdoor Learning Club
 - Several staff and 90 students participated in five Wednesdays of after school promoting winter outdoor activities. Thank you Mr. McAllister, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Folk, Mrs. Fournier and Mrs. Yamashiro for helping with this activity.
- Writing Club
 - The students created the 4th Edition of the Cascade Brook Newsletter. The stories are student written and student focused. The articles are also entertaining to read.
- Green Garden Club
 - Students and staff working together to expand our garden knowledge. Mrs. Hoefft taught lessons on composting and gardening during the winter months. A garden survey showed that the top requested items to plant this year are: 1) Carrots, 2) Cucumbers, 3) Potatoes, 4) Lettuces, and 5) Flowers.
- Civil Rights Team
 - Raised \$787 dollars with the Pennies for Patients project for cancer research. The students are planning fundraisers at end of April to support Ukraine and two staff members fighting cancer. Thank you Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Childs and our students for all your work.



Assessments

- We had 42 4th grade students participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in reading and math in February and March.
- The Maine Dept of Education uses the results from the NAEP to determine how students in Maine compare to students in the entire United States.
- All students will take the State Assessment (NWEA) in Reading, Math, and Language Arts in May.
- 5th grade students will take the State Science Assessment in May and June.

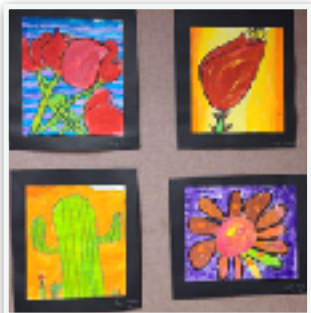


New Staff

- Brianna Marquis - Ed. Tech in Day Treatment

Programming/Instruction Updates

- Staff and administration developed the proposal for the 2023 CBS budget with a focus on updating classroom libraries, furniture, and supplies.
- Read Across America Day
 - March Madness Tournament of Books - The third grade created a book bracket to narrow down 16 books to one. The Winner was Cat Problems written by John Jory and illustrated by Lane Smith.
- Our annual Book Fair is back this spring from April 4 - 15, 2022. All money raised supports the purchasing of books for the library. Thank you for your support!
- The CBS Leadership Team researched books to support literacy. We chose Pioneer Valley Resources for third grade and leveled non-fiction readers for Science and Social Studies in 4th and 5th grade. We also chose the picture book Chowder Rules by Anna Crowley Redding as a school wide book read for all classrooms.
- All teachers created and sent home Remote Work Day packets for students to complete on a Remote Learning Day.
- Outdoor Classroom utilized for "nature bathing," mindfulness and math, reading, writing instruction.
- Teachers are reviewing critical subject area standards and benchmarks for the end of the year focus.



Facility updates

- Foster Tech Forestry Program students cut and cleared several dead and fallen trees on our playground.
- Large Swing Set was destroyed by a fallen tree and needs to be replaced. The students ask daily when the new swings are coming.
- Additional staff added to clean buildings before and after school. It has worked very well.
- Water Fountains in classrooms have been turned back on for student use.
- Parking lot light repaired in staff parking area providing more light in the evening.
- Several light bulbs in gym were replaced to provide brighter and safer gym space.
- We are eagerly waiting for the field to dry out so we can play kickball and soccer again.



Current Challenges and Concerns

- Updating our playground to meet the needs of all students.
- Engaging staff, students, and parents when our school returns to normal.
- Filling teacher and staff vacancies.
- Preparing for the State Assessment (NWEA) in May.
- Staying focused until the last day of school in June. We would like to minimize student apathy and teacher fatigue.
- Celebrating our successes no matter how big or small.

