

Cascade Brook School

December 2021
Nichole Goodspeed, Principal

Fall 2021/First Quarter

- Office Discipline Referrals (ODR) decreased slightly from 133 (2019) to 115 (2021).
- Our enrollment has stayed steady at around 273 students this year with 9 homeschoolers
- Pooled Testing is going well with 115 students and staff signed up to test.
- There were 56 students vaccinated by Maine Health providers in November and December.
- Positive Behavior Supports & Interventions (PBIS) reward was our annual Fall Festival in October.
 - We had stations set up for each grade level to participate in outside.
 - Stations included sidewalk chalk drawing, relay races, dancing, nature walks, and more.
- Announcements -Each week students participate in our schedule.
 - Monday - Make Me Laugh (Jokes)
 - Tuesday - Tongue Twister
 - Wednesday -Word of the Day
 - Thursday - Thought (Quote)
 - Friday -Fun Fact
- Kindness Project
 - Mrs. Fournier had our students participate in a kindness chain creation.



Co-curricular Activities

- We have tried to focus on relationships and connections with students to help with learning.
- Terrific Tuesdays -After school
 - 1st Tuesday of the Month - Reading club
 - 2nd Tuesday of the Month - Math Club
 - 3rd Tuesday of the Month - Writing Club
 - 4th Tuesday of the Month - Civil Rights Team
- Several staff and 90 students participated in five Wednesdays of after school promoting outdoor activities. Thank you Mr. McAllister, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Folk, Mrs. Fournier and Mrs. Yamashiro for helping with this activity.
- Helping Hands - Mrs. Davis organized this event. We had 1500 lbs of food donated for the local food pantry.
- We had over 100 students participate our annual Halloween Costume Fun Run.
- Garden Club resumed with the addition of water catchment



Assessments

- Fall NWEA (State Assessment) showed that our 3rd, 4th and 5th students were slightly below the Fall benchmark (**bold**) for Reading and Math scores.
 - Gr. 3 - 184 (**186**)Rdg; 185 (**188**) Math
 - Gr. 4 -194 (**196**) Rdg; 195 (**199**) Math
 - Gr. 5 - 201 (**204**) Rdg; 202 (**204**) Math



New Staff

- Becky Barrows- Art Teacher
- Kate Parlin - Music Teacher Substitute
- Erin Simpson - Ed Tech Special Services
- Christina Farrington- Duty Monitor/Part-Time Secretary



Facility updates

- Turn Around Parking lot painted with direction lines.
- Story Walk being developed for the Spring with Collaboration with Foster Tech Pre-Engineering Class.
- Volunteers cleaned up down trees on Nina's Woods.
- A battery operated chainsaw and leaf blower were purchased to support trail maintenance.
- Automated large screen, sound system, projector installed in cafeteria. They are being utilized for staff and students.



Programming/Instruction Updates

- Developed master specials schedule to incorporate common planning for grade level teachers.
- Developed school wide common intervention time three times a week.
- Administered DRA along with NWEA.
- PAL programming increased support from Behavior Teacher.
- Leadership team established procedure for reviewing NWEA and DRA scores for school wide academic goals.
- Restructured Tier I and Tier II supports to better meet needs of students and staff.



Challenges and Concerns

- Quarantine for positive cases and close contacts
- Close Contacting tracing.
- Finding Substitutes.
- Addressing the Social and Emotional needs of students and staff.
- Setting academic and behavior goals for instruction that focus on growth not loss.
- Engaging students and staff by promoting interactive and high interests activities.