

W.G.Mallett School Board Update

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Tracy Williams, Principal

Enrollment

- We average 320 students (at 322 today).
- The % of boys/girls is about 50/50

Absenteeism has been very challenging - for teachers, students, and families.

- **317** different students have been out; 226 students have missed more than a week of school.
- 129 students have missed 10+ days.
- 51 students have missed 3-6 weeks of school.
- 27 different staff have been absent for a total of 119 days, related to Covid

Academics: (challenging to get this data, due to attendance issues!)

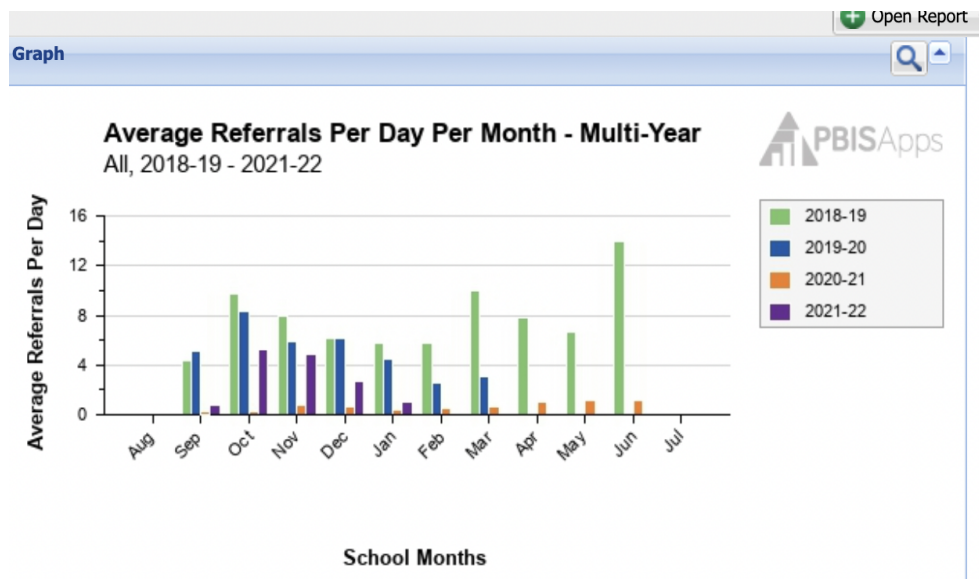
Our professional development efforts have been on Literacy growth and improvement, where we saw the most drop-off in start of year data. We've been focused on the Literacy Framework elements and cross-checking with current practice, while trying to troubleshoot the expansion of reading groups - such as when a teacher has 5 or 6 reading groups instead of the more typical 3 or 4.

What our data shows currently:

Kindergarten, now: 83 %Math (ODT) 98 %Lit (letter ID)proficient; Fall: 62 %(ODT)M, 86 % Lit
1st Grade , now: 64 %Math 39 %Lit (DRA) proficient; Fall: 66 % M, 27 % Lit
2nd Grade, now: 48 %Math 61% %Lit (DRA) proficient; Fall: 74 % M 49 % Lit

*** Note: A number of teachers were not able to get all of their assessments done/data in, due to attendance. I'll get their inputs asap, and bring the final copies to the board meeting.

Behavioral: Office Disciplinary Referrals (ODRs) presently: **281 compared to **2021=35**, **2020 =565**, **2019= 645****



NEW STAFF

Nick Beach - Ed Tech PALs
Mia Taylor - Ed Tech, Resource Room
Hannah Carlton - Day Treatment Ed Tech.
Jocea Jordan - Ed. Tech Resource Room
Pending (!) - Life Skills Teacher
Pending (!) - Resource Room Teacher
Needed: Day Treatment Social Worker

FACILITY UPDATES

*We're fortunate to now have two of our kitchen staff, coming in as supplemental custodial support. The building (& windows) are looking good!
*Tech integrator, Nicole Lesperance, is creating a tech 'lounge' area for staff to explore tech projects with support.
*Gym shades are on the docket to go in.

Positives & Fun

- We continue with a school-wide effort to identify Maine bird calls & songs and learn about them via the **'Wing Wednesday'** challenge in which bird songs are played on the intercom to be ID'd.
- As a school we've been working since November on the **'Chain of Kindness'** - encouraging small acts of kindness daily and 'collecting' those. Learning about Martin Luther King Jr. fit into that effort. **'If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way...'**
- In December's effort at community kindness, our school sang together outdoors in front of the **Pierce House** for the residents (special thanks to Scott Dunbar, music teacher). Residents appeared to be pretty happy!
- We have done an internal **Mallett Cup** award for nearly 15 years. This is passed on from staff to staff. Recent recipients have been Stephanie Byrne, BCBA, Vickie Lailer - 2nd grade teacher, Amanda Chick - Resource Room teacher and Emily Bouchard - permanent sub
- Nathalie Choquette, Support Staff, & Kim Jacques, Art Teacher, were honored recently for RSU-wide awards!



Practicing in front of the school

Getting ready to sing at the Pierce House

