

Haverhill Cooperative Middle School

October 2019



Finding Our Stride athletes have been taking part in weekly fitness activities!

PROGRESS REPORTS WILL BE SENT HOME ON 10/11/19

Competency Based Education

Our fourth grade team recently shared this explanation with parents. It reflects schoolwide changes in providing feedback based upon Competency Based Education and Performance Based Assessment.

As students receive corrected work from their teacher, you will see their new competency-based scores in place of traditional grades. We want to take a moment to explain these scores as questions are likely to arise.

HCMS is collaborating with the NH Department of Education and NH Learning Initiative (NHLI) to implement the Performance Assessment of Competency Education (PACE). This program, in short, measures student mastery, identifies strengths and struggles, and gives feedback on how students are progressing in each academic area

within their subjects. Student learning will be more personalized. Your child will work to show true mastery of each skill rather than simply completing a unit, chapter, or course. Your child will progress to new skills when they are competent. They will be assessed on their work-study habits separately from their academics.

Assignments will be scored on a scale from 1- 4 based on the academic rubric below. Each assignment falls into a larger category or skill (Competency), which will then be assessed with a similar scoring scale. Mid-Trimester progress reports will include information on each student's level of mastery in academic areas and Work-Study Practices.

As we begin using this system to communicate how well a student is learning our progress reports will provide “snapshots” of learning throughout the year. These “snapshots” will let you know how well your child is performing tasks that demonstrate understanding and application of learning standards. These are the building blocks that are necessary for mastery of “competencies.”

ACADEMIC COMPETENCY RUBRIC

Exceeding Competency Student has thoroughly demonstrated an advanced understanding of essential content and skills with a high degree of complexity, application, and depth.	4
Meeting Competency Student has consistently demonstrated essential content knowledge and skills and applies content and skills using strategic thinking	3
Partially Meeting Competency Student partially meets expectations and demonstrates some achievement towards the next level.	2
Progressing Toward Competency Student has not demonstrated essential content knowledge and skills completely or accurately.	1
Insufficient Work Submitted Student has submitted minimal or no evidence to measure.	IWS

Soccer Fest!! Our 25th tournament with over 50+ teams coming!!

10/12 and 10/13 as well as 10/19 and 10/20

Who's playing when....

Sat 10/12 - 5/6 Boys & Girls teams

Sun 10/13 - 4th Coed team

Sat 10/19 - 7/8 Girls team

Sun 10/20 - 7/8 Boys team

Volunteers Needed!, please see Lori Taylor or Jenn West

Upcoming Events:

Lions Vision and Hearing Screening - October 3 and 11

Soccer Fest 10/12 -10/13 and 10/19 - 10/20

Fire Prevention Day - October 17

Boston Museum of Science - October 24

Lights On for After School 10/24 5:30-7

Title I Parent Night - 5:00

North Country Health Consortium will be at HCMS on October 24th to provide flu shots for students. Permission slips will be coming home with progress reports on October 11th.

News from the After School Program

H.E.L.P News

This year has started off with a BANG!!! The Haverhill Extended Learning Program has 96 students enrolled!! Our first Field Trip was to Mountain Lakes where the kids all swam in the 65 degree water!!! It was so much fun that we have decided to make this a yearly event! HELP will be celebrating the After School Program on October 24th with our yearly Lights On Family Dinner. Please put this on your

calendar for all families who have children in the After School Program!!! The Dinner will be from 5:30-7:00. Great food and entertainment from our own Julie Monroe!!!

HCMS PTA NEWS

The first fundraiser of the year was a success with Jake Harrington winning the Giant Rice Krispie Treat for the most emails sent out resulting in over \$200 in online sales. Congratulations Jake and Congratulation to everyone who participated in this fundraiser. I do know that these fundraisers are sometimes difficult but I promise they are worth every penny. The money that is raised pays for the bussing for all the field trips each year as well as so many wonderful projects and events at HCMS.

Playground News

We are also raising money for a new playground. The students are so proud to be participating in this fundraiser. Cassidy Thompson and Taylor McFarland have made Friendship Bracelets and are selling them to the students as well as staff. They are giving all their proceeds to this playground fund. A group of 6th grade boys are hosting a Wiffle Ball Tournament on October 18th. This Tournament will be from 3-5 and concessions will be sold to help support the Playground Fund. Thank you to all who have shown their support!!!

Hannaford Helps Schools 2019 – Checking In!

We're going into Week #7 (halfway!) of the Hannaford Helps Schools program and going strong! You should have received your School Packet by now, containing posters and rack cards to spread the news. **Let us know** if you haven't received this packet yet.

Did you know?

Did you know that only HALF of the School Dollars printed in stores are redeemed each year? That means the other half are getting lost or thrown away. **This is FREE money for your school!** Please remind your parents and supporters to turn their School Dollars in at your registered Hannaford store or at your school.

