Field Trips:
Grade 8 Washington DC trip is scheduled for May 14 through May 17, 2019

Virtual Field Trips:
Sept. 28, grades 3-6 - Amazing Monarchs: Royal Botanical Gardens, Canada

Programs:
Mrs. Mead taught a summer STEM program for students entering grades 4-8 during the week of July 23-27. This was held in conjunction with a Summer Sports camp sponsored by the local churches. The Sports Camp had over 60 participants and college volunteers came from around the country to supervise the children. The STEM portion had 10 participants. Students used forensic evidence to locate “stolen” plans and then built and raced vehicles that had to be air-powered and upcycled. This involved planning, building, testing, reflecting, adjusting and collaborating.

Milk:
Data on our milk expenditures show that we are not bringing in as much as we are spending on milk. We changed providers in September 2017 because Mountain Dairy stopped producing milk in the small cartons. As a result, our cost for milk increased from an average of $0.28 in 2017 to an average of $0.38 per carton in 2018.

This chart shows the difference in cost and reimbursement for 2017 and 2018.

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This past year we lost approximately $0.10 on each milk that students paid for and about $0.05 on each free milk. We have not increased milk prices since 2010. At that time, we increased from $0.05 to $0.08. I would like to propose that we increase the cost of milk from $0.08 to $0.13 for the 2018-19 school year.

Sports Requests for Participation:
We have reached out to Union, sent them our updated Sports Handbook and reminded them about seeking approval in advance to participate in our Sports programs. We have had no new requests to date.

Eastford Readiness Program:
We have 15 students registered for the fall. There are two half-day slots still open. Both Readiness and Kindergarten will hold their Meet and Greet on Thursday, August 23 from 3:00 to 3:45. Throughout the upcoming school year, Mrs. Kopplin
and Maribeth Stearns, Readiness Liaison, will be working with me to prepare materials for NAEYC Accreditation. Documentation needs to be submitted in the spring of 2019 for renewal in 2020.

**Readiness Council Update:**
The Council will meet next on September 4 at 5:30 pm. We received notification that we were awarded the Readiness grant for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Data on Student Progress:**
The chart included in the packet shows SBAC results for ELA and Math. Student achievement has not increased according to expectations. Both ELA and Math will be focus areas for improvement this school year. More information will be provided when the state releases its results.

**Stipend Positions 2018-2019:**
- Athletic Director- Melissa Lessard
- Coach- Girls Soccer, Girls Basketball- Stephanie Bulan
- Coach- Boys Soccer, Boys Basketball - Thomas Ayer
- Coach – Track – Tyler Bridgewater
- Field Trip Coordinator- Melissa Lessard
- 8th Grade Advisor- Melissa Lessard
- Yearbook Advisor- ______________
- LPC Position- Melissa Lessard
- Head Teacher- Lori Reynolds
- Technical Assistant- Michelle Bibeault
- Library Liaison- Michelle Bibeault
- SAT/RTI Facilitator- Beth Harrington
- PPT and Special Ed Report Facilitator- Donna Lynch
- Washington DC planner/chaperone-____________
- Washington DC trip chaperone- Tyler Bridgewater
- Homework Club- Candice Mead, Lori Reynolds, Lori Crocker-Lincoln, Megan Dill
- Student Council- Candice Mead, Lori Reynolds
- Event Chaperone – Candice Mead
- Mentor Teacher – Lori Crocker-Lincoln

**Extended School Year (ESY):**
We provided services to nine elementary students. Three attended Camp Q and three attended a combined program held at Pomfret School. In addition, we provided Speech and Language services to three additional students here at school.

**Teacher Evaluation Plan Revision:**
A committee of teachers worked to revise our Educator Evaluation and Professional Development Plan for teachers. The goal of the committee was to align our plan with changes to the CCT Rubric for Effective Teaching, which was updated for 2017. Additionally, they sought to clarify and adjust the observation protocol and schedule.
for observations. These changes will allow for more frequent observations and feedback and will enable more informed support of teachers at various stages of performance.

**Report Card updates and Honor Roll:**
As part of our Parent Feedback goal this past school year, we have been working to make changes to our report cards. Our goal was to better align with updated standards and provide improved reporting on social emotional learning standards. Through research and collaboration, teachers in grades K-8 drafted social emotional learning standards and Mrs. Mead adjusted the science standards for grades 3-8 to align with the Next Generation Science Standards. Teachers are continuing to look for ways to streamline the ELA and Math standards so they both reflect the Common Core Standards and are parent friendly.

As a result of this work and the conversations related to it, this year we will have Honor Roll eligibility begin in grade 6 instead of grade 5. Students and families are having a difficult time transitioning from the standards based grading in K-4 to the conventional letter grades in grade 5. By moving Honor Roll eligibility to grade six, teachers would use the fifth grade year to educate students and families about conventional letter grades and how they are calculated. As part of their math program, students would keep track of their grades and learn about calculating averages. This information would also be shared with families of fifth grade students so they are better prepared in sixth grade.

**Professional Development:**
- Mrs. McCombe attended the annual School Safety Conference held at The Woodstock Academy on July 18 and 19. Speaker Lt. Col. David Grossman, retired professor at West Point Military Academy and author of numerous books spoke about current safety threats and trends. Mike Caplet from DEMHS also spoke about requirements for the School Safety and Security plan. Based on current recommendations from National security experts, we are in good shape with the safeguards we already have in place and our Safety and Security plan is compliant with current recommendations.
- Mrs. McCombe participated in a webinar training session for using NWEA Reading Fluency. We will begin using this with students in grades K-3 in September.
- Mrs. McCombe participated in a webinar session on utilizing the CTLEARN Platform to organize, select and vet current and potential digital resources. This is a service provided to assist districts in complying with PA 189 regarding student data privacy. A list of digital resources that we currently use is being compiled. Privacy terms and agreements will be posted to abide by Connecticut’s new laws regarding data privacy. A partial list is posted on the school website and in addition, I will be sending regular notifications to families when we enter into a new contract with a provider. It will be a work in progress as we continually add and renew contracts with vendors.
August Professional Development:

- Required trainings for Bloodborne Pathogens, CPR/First Aid, Mandated Reporter, Restraints and Seclusion.
- Mrs. Harrington will present updates regarding RTI/MTSS as well as a plan for integration of Second Step materials with resources from Safe and Civil Schools and Review 360. She will also provide a wrap-up of our end of year social/emotional learning workshop and the development of a school-wide matrix of behavior expectations.
- NWEA Reading Fluency overview and strategies for using MAP Growth results to inform instruction.
- Sgt. Albert Gosselin, assigned school trooper, will discuss school safety with staff and answer questions. He will also do a safety walkthrough and give advice. Mrs. McCombe will review elements of the school safety plan with staff.
- Mrs. McCombe will review SBAC results with staff and work to develop a whole school goal for improvement in ELA and Math.
- Mrs. Bibeault will work with staff on developing their web pages on the school website and Mrs. Reynolds will provide an overview/refresher in the use of the poster maker.
- Mrs. McCombe will review Student Data Privacy and updated protocols regarding the use of digital tools with staff.

Community:

- Dr. Boucher will be here on August 30 to conduct sports physicals.
- Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade 1 will host a Meet and Greet on August 23 for incoming students.
- School pictures are scheduled for September 11.
- Open house is scheduled for September 20. We are extending invitations to The Woodstock Academy, Putnam High School, Killingly High and Vo-Ag, Ellis Tech, QMC, ACT – Arts at the Capitol Theater, E.O. Smith High School.
- The PTO will be sponsoring a Jeannine Fundraiser again this fall. It will “kickoff” on September 20 at the Open House.