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Subject: March Report to the Board of Education  
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Field Trips:
- Preschool will walk to the Eastford Public Library on March 21, 2017.
- Grades 2 and 3 will attend a performance by the New Haven Symphony at Hyde Cultural Center on March 29, 2017.
- 8th Grade Washington, DC trip is scheduled for May 16 through May 19, 2017.

Virtual Field Trips:
- Mar. 1 - (K & 1) - Celebration of Seuss Special - OH
- Mar. 2 - (2 & 3) - Celebration of Seuss Special - OH
- Mar. 30 - (Grade 7) - Math Connections in Art: Gridding - OH

Enrollment:

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Eastford Readiness Program – We have 1 partial day slot available with sixteen (16) students enrolled in the Eastford School Readiness Program.

Readiness Council Update: The Council will meet on March 6. There is an event planned for March 21 with Ruth Freeman presenting a workshop on Positive Parenting. Flyers were provided to families, local churches and posted in town.
Principal Goals:

- To improve student achievement in English Language Arts as evidenced through performance rates on Spring NWEA Comparative Data exceeding the State average on the SBAC from the Spring of 2016.
- To improve student achievement in Mathematics as evidenced through performance rates on Spring NWEA Comparative Data exceeding the State average on the SBAC from the Spring of 2016.

I have provided teachers with the growth targets developed by the Connecticut State Department of Education. Teachers received the growth of their current students and their class from the previous school year on the 2015-16 SBAC. During their mid year goal conferences, I provided teachers with predicted performance on SBAC based on the winter NWEA scores of their current students. We continue to look at opportunities to individualize and differentiate instruction. NWEA has a new student profile report that gives information on different focus areas within the assessment. This also allows students to have accounts in Khan Academy that provide learning opportunities in specific areas based on their performance. Information will be shared with teachers during the March 10 professional development day.

High School Informational Activities:

School Tours

- In September, grades seven and eight spent the day touring Ellis Technical High School, Quinebaug Middle College(QMC) and the Arts at the Capitol Theater(ACT) Performing Arts Magnet High School.
- In October, students in grade eight toured Woodstock Academy with students from Pomfret. Grade seven students will have an opportunity to tour Woodstock Academy in the Fall.
- Students did not tour Killingly; however, they were notified that they could shadow at Killingly.

Presentations for Parents

- In January, Woodstock Academy offered an evening presentation here at EES for Eastford families. The purpose of the presentation was for parents to learn about the options that exist at the Academy and the course selection process. Those parents who were unable to attend were given alternative dates that the presentation would be offered at neighboring districts.

Presentations for Grade 8 Students

- Martha Rainey from Ellis Tech came to EES to discuss the application process and options Ellis has to offer.
- Kenneth Couture, from the Killingly VoAg program, came to EES to share what Killingly VoAg has to offer.
- Leila Bowen from Woodstock Academy came to discuss the course selection process with students. She will return in March to finalize course selection sheets.
- In May, Aaron Patterson from Woodstock Academy will meet with students in grade eight to talk about Woodstock Academy athletics.
Shadowing
• Students in grade eight have the opportunity to shadow at Woodstock Academy, QMC, ACT and Killingly. Ellis does not allow shadowing due to safety concerns.
• So far, we have had students shadow at Woodstock Academy and ACT. One student is interested in shadowing at QMC.

Open Houses
• Students in grade eight were given information about Woodstock Academy, QMC, ACT and Killingly Open Houses for prospective students. Mrs. Lessard contacted parents via e-mail to notify them of the dates.

Applications
• In November and January, Mrs. Lessard helped students complete applications for Ellis Tech and QMC.
• Leila Bowen will return in March to meet with students and families to finalize their Woodstock Academy course selection sheets.

Grants
• The Local Prevention Council grant is providing the transportation for a field trip to Questers Way and Willi Bowl on the March 10 Professional Development Day.

Professional Development:
• Stephanie Bulan and Tammy Hull attended Using Large Motor and Sensory Exploration to Support Needs of All Children.
• Lori Crocker-Lincoln will attend a workshop, Building a Bridge Between Tier 2 and Tier 3 Interventions.
• Melissa Lessard will attend a Connecticut State Department of Education Conference, Moving From Compliance to Coherence.
• Michelle Bibeault will participate in Google Certified Educator Level 1 training.
• Carole McCombe and Lori Crocker-Lincoln will attend a workshop, Inquiry: From Theory to Consistent Practice.
• Christine Kopplin will attend a workshop, Proud to Be Me and Social Studies Themes.

Special Events:
• The PTO is sponsoring an Internet Safety Presentation for parents on March 21.
• The Readiness program sponsored a Friendship Fun Event for current preschool families and families in the community with children 3 to 5 years old. There were 8 current preschool families in attendance and 4 community families.

Community:
• Volunteers are offering activities for students on March 21 so that parents can attend the Internet Safety Presentation while their children participate in supervised activities.
• Volunteers are offering after school activities in March including Board Games for grades K, 1 and 2.
• The free Vision Screening by the Lions Club was rescheduled to February 28. We had about 50 children participate.

Fundraisers:
• The PTO will have a fundraiser with Butter Braids and Lyman Crisp Pastries in March.
• The PTO will have a fundraiser of Original Works with student art work transferred to products in late March and April.