

To: Dr. Donna Leake
From: Carole McCombe
Subject: Report to the Board of Education
Date: December 2, 2020

Field Trips:

- No in-person field trips will be scheduled until further notice to abide by current pandemic guidelines.

Virtual Field Trips (Center for Interactive Learning Collaborative - CILC):

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium	Ocean Classification	12-10-2020	Grade 4
The Durham Museum	Holidays Around the World- A Free Livestream Event	12-16-2020	Grade 2/3
Children's Museum of Atlanta	Glitter Explosion	01-08-2021	Grade K/1
Children's Museum of Atlanta	Commotion in the Ocean	02-04-2021	Grade K/1

- Students in grades 5-8 will attend a virtual performance of a *Christmas Carol* performed by The Trinity Repertory Company in Providence prior to our December break.

Eastford Readiness Program:

The Readiness Program has 13 students enrolled. Readiness report cards will go home in January as they only have two reporting periods. Mrs. Kopplin is planning ways to hold virtual family and transition events that include families and incoming students to abide by NAEYC requirements.

Eastford Readiness Council Update:

The Council approved the submission of the Quality Enhancement (QE) portion of the Readiness Grant. Through the grant, the Council is asking for six iPads, cases and a charging dock and they also plan to continue professional development opportunities through EastConn. Eastford is eligible to receive \$3881.00. We should be notified in the next few weeks whether our application has been accepted. The Council will meet again on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

Data on Student Progress:

Teachers are monitoring student progress with district and curriculum based assessments. Committee and grade level team meetings are held each morning to discuss student growth, student social and emotional and behavioral needs, curriculum resources, necessary interventions and other school related topics. Students in grades 2-8 were recognized for their effort and academic achievement for the first trimester. Certificates went home with students on Friday, December 4. The first trimester Honor Roll is included in your Board packet.

Professional Development:

- Mrs. Kopplin and preschool staff continue to attend virtual professional development through EastConn and the Office of Early Childhood on meeting student needs during the Covid-19 pandemic. Mrs. Kopplin will participate in a three-part series, *Technology and Social-Emotional Learning* beginning on December 7.
- Mrs. Kopplin and Mrs. Hackner will also attend *Literacy Connections* on December 9.
- Ms. Murana will attend a virtual session, *Aligning Social Emotional Learning with Multi-tiered Systems of Support*, on December 8.
- Mr. Kernan is attending UCONN to obtain his 092 Administrator Certification. He will be completing internship hours at Mansfield Middle School over the course of the school year.
- In January, teachers will have two sessions with EastConn staff on integrating the Interim Assessment Blocks into Reading Units of Study and how they can be utilized in other subject areas to monitor student progress on grade level/subject area standards.

Middle School Sports:

State guidance regarding team sports has recently become more restrictive. Eastford will not participate in QVJC or any other form of team sports through the winter.

Community and Other Events:

- High School Open Houses – Local high schools are providing area middle schools with information on upcoming virtual open houses, video information and brochures to distribute to students. Ms. Murana, school counselor, will be discussing high school options and the application process with students. At this time, the following is where we anticipate students will attend:

The Woodstock Academy: 8

QMC: 1

Ellis Tech: 2

E. O. Smith: 2

Killingly Vo-Ag: 1

Uncertain: 1

- LifeTouch picture retakes will be held on December 7.
- EES PTO is sponsoring a virtual Book Fair from November 30-December 13 and the Giving Tree from December 1-January 8. Proceeds from the Giving Tree will support the Eastford Food Pantry.
- On Friday, December 11, all students are invited to wear pajamas to school for a \$1.00 donation to benefit children battling cancer at Connecticut Children's.

- Middle School Student Council has formed and will meet virtually on Monday afternoons. They will focus on helping their community at the school, town and global level.
- Mr. Tomanelli and Mrs. Reynolds have started a virtual Drama Club. They are meeting on Tuesday evenings to prepare for their virtual musical, ***Math Rocks***. This production will be shared with the school once they are ready!