



Shaping Futures Together

To: Dr. Donna Leake
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 Subject: September Report to the Board of Education

Field Trips:

- Grade 8 will be visiting Washington, D.C. in May 2025. Mrs. Jennifer Barlow and Mrs. Catherine DePercio will be planning the arrangements and itinerary and will be chaperoning the trip.
- Preschool, Grade 2 and Grade 4 will take monthly walking field trips to the Eastford Public Library.
- On October 1 Grade 8 students will visit The Woodstock Academy for a tour and program information.

Virtual Field Trips (CILC):

Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum	Patriot's Day: Remembering 9/11	Grades 5, 6, 7, 8	09/10/2024
Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum	Veterans Day: Celebrating our Veterans	Grade 2	11/08/2024

2024-2025 School Year Update:

We had a great start to our new school year. The bus routes are working well. The buses are clear of students by 4:45 PM. Both new and returning staff have acclimated to their new routines and students seem to be happy!

Eastford Readiness Program:

The Program has 16 students enrolled. We provide walk-in speech services for two preschool-aged children.

Eastford Readiness Council Update:

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM via Zoom. The next meeting will be October 1, 2024. Our NAEYC reaccreditation visit will take place before January 1, 2025. On this visit, they will observe our preschool space, the children and their classroom routines, and review the classroom and program portfolios being prepared by Mrs. Kopplin, Mrs. McCombe, and our Readiness Liaison, Mrs. Greene.

Data on Student Progress:

Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC) and Next Generation Science Assessment (NGSS) were completed by students in grades 3-8 on May 28. These assessments are nationally normed, are used to calculate student growth and achievement, and are used for district accountability and to inform instruction. Family reports have been mailed out and results have been shared and discussed with staff. Data will be discussed at the meeting.

School Climate Survey and Progress Toward Goals:

Each year, annual climate surveys are given to students, staff and families. The results of the surveys inform areas of strength and areas for improvement. Staff will also consider this feedback when developing goals for the school year. Specific survey data will be discussed at the September meeting.

Professional Development:

- Our strategic improvement plan is in the process of being updated for 2024-2026. We are changing the format somewhat to allow for a more user friendly document. Staff were given an overview at our professional development on August. 26. I will share the plan with the Curriculum Committee at the next scheduled meeting.
- Mrs. Kopplin and I will participate in monthly support groups and trainings to update and complete the NAEYC portfolio requirements. This will continue until our NAEYC accreditation visit.
- October 11 – Certified staff working on goals for Educator Evaluation Plan

2024 Fall Sports Update:

We have 22 players – 13 boys and 9 girls. Mrs. Jennifer Barlow is the soccer coach. The first game is on September 17 at Parish Hill.

Upcoming events:

- School pictures with Irvin Simon Photographers will be on September 17.
- On September 17 EastConn Transportation will conduct a bus evacuation drill with students at the morning drop-off in the school parking lot.
- EES Open House evening for PK-8 and High School information booths: September 19 from 5:30-7:30 PM. PTO will sponsor an ice cream social in conjunction with this event.
- We have a full calendar of after-school enrichment activities planned with our After School grant. Some activities include cupcake decorating, RC airplanes, Mystic Seaport, Roger Williams Park Zoo, Ragged Hill Woods, art club, board games, chorus, and academic support. A family session around mindful movement and an afternoon movie event are also scheduled.
- The annual Goods and Services Auction will be held on Saturday, November 16 to raise funds for the Grade 8 trip to Washington, D.C.