

### Enrollment Update

| Grade K | Grade 1 | Grade 2 | Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 | Total   |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|
| 37      | 28      | 25      | 37      | 34      | 21      | 26      | 31      | 31      | <b>270</b><br><small>(As of 10/25/23)</small> |

### Athletic Update

We were able to field a co-ed soccer team and a cross country team this fall! Our soccer team finished the regular season with 5 wins, 4 losses and a tie. They played Londonderry in the playoffs on October 20<sup>th</sup> in an exciting matchup where they lost by a score of 3-2. This team should be very proud of their accomplishments this season. I would like to extend my gratitude to John Helmig for jumping in as the head coach so that we could field a team this year and avoid automatic elimination from the 2024 season. John was assisted by some of our other fantastic alumni coaches as well including Rob Jones, Clark Thyng and Sheldon Hall. We really appreciate all of their efforts this year along with HMS alumni players Addison and Paige Helmig. Also, a big thank you to Stephanie Helmig for coordinating everyone's efforts!



The cross country team was able to race in several meets this season. The team was enthusiastic, and worked hard. We had four runners who braved the rain, mud and cold to run in the NH state championship meet at Coe-Brown on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Ellie Cox finished 9th for the girls with a time of 16:09 and Joe McKenna finished 2nd for the boys with a time of 13:57. Great job to all runners this season. I would like to thank Fellicia Chirgwin and Steve Coppin for an outstanding job coaching the team again this year.

### TeachUNITED Grant

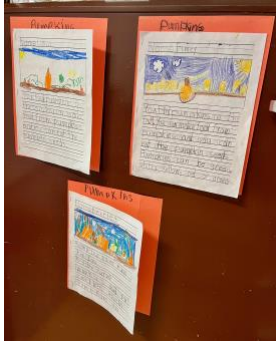
The Moore School applied and was selected to participate in a 2-year program through the New Hampshire Education Department called TeachUNITED (TU) last spring. This program is paid for with state Title II-A funds and involves job embedded coaching in the areas of focus identified by the school. Mrs. Eaton and I participated in the administrator pathway in the spring and Mrs. Belanger, Mr. Pritchard, Mrs. Wilton, and Miss Withee began the teacher pathway in mid-October.

On Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> representatives from the New Hampshire Education Department and TeachUNITED spent some time at the Moore School getting to know us. Our three guests, Marcia McCaffrey, Joey Nichol, and Molly Hoehm talked with administrators, participated in a student-led tour of the building, visited classrooms to talk with students about their learning, and met with the teacher participants to discuss their goals.

This video gives an overview of the focus areas and goals of the program:

<https://youtu.be/fKFpma-ALDY?si=senRsmR1qIacKsB>

## Classroom Updates



To celebrate the fall season and introduce students to the *Keys to Writing* approach, 1st graders researched and wrote about pumpkins! After reading several non-fiction books about this wonderful fruit, they worked together to compile a list of facts. Before writing their facts, they worked together to create an opening sentence and a closing sentence and then sandwiched 2 of their favorite facts in between. They finished their multi-day project with a corresponding illustration!

Students in physical education classes worked on eye-hand coordination, perceptual motor skills, and cooperation through cup stacking activities.



Kindergarteners have been introduced to 8 letters and sounds so far and have already started mapping out words. Students are learning to read and spell words like mat, pin, nap and sit!

## Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

Mrs. Franchini is leading the charge to refine Moore School processes for our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) for both academic and behavioral needs. Dorothy is working with teachers and the administrative team to outline a system to provide academic and behavioral support strategies for students who are struggling academically and/or behaviorally in the classroom. This Tier II Team (TTT) will meet regularly to discuss students who are in need of tier II interventions in the classroom. The team will develop a personalized plan for each student in need and monitor the progress of that plan. The hope is that progress can be made utilizing school wide supports, resources, curriculum and programming.

## Professional Development

Teachers participated in a full day of professional development on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. K-2 teachers attended *Keys to Early Writing* which focused on the background knowledge needed to teach the components of beginning writing instruction. Grade 3-5 teachers attended *Keys to Content Writing* which focused on research-based best practices for writing instruction that can be integrated in any subject. Teachers learned practical strategies for teaching writing skills, how to use writing to support content learning, and how to provide scaffolds to students who need support. Middle school teachers attended *The Key Comprehension Routine* which focused on comprehension strategies that can be taught across multiple grade levels to provide a consistent approach to comprehension instruction.

## Red Ribbon Week

Moore school students pledged to “Be Kind to Your Mind” with several Red Ribbon Week activities the week of October 23-27. Students in grades 7 and 8 attended an assembly with motivational speaker and #1 Heavyweight Boxer and Olympian, Cam Awesome. Cam’s message focused on making positive choices to be happy and healthy in all aspects of your life. Thank you to Mrs. Franchini, Mrs. Jarvis, and Mrs. Preble for putting together this fun and educational week for students.



## Bullying Prevention Month

October was bullying prevention month. Bullying prevention month raises awareness about the issue of bullying and promoting a safe and respectful school environment for all students and staff. Bullying is when someone is mean, hurtful, or unkind to another person, either with words or actions, on purpose, and repeatedly. Bullying can hurt people's feelings and even their well-being. Nobody should feel scared, sad, or alone because of bullying. We want to make sure that every student and staff member feels safe and respected, so we celebrate Bullying Prevention Month to remind everyone of the importance of kindness, respect, and understanding.

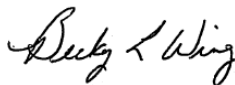


Ms. Jarvis facilitated bullying awareness and prevention lessons in all Moore School classrooms during the month of October. As a follow up to that lesson, students wrote a message on a footprint to share something that they can do for themselves or peers to create a culture that doesn't allow for bullying. The footprints are hanging in the main hallway as a reminder for everyone to take steps to prevent bullying.

## Student Services Update

Title I and IDEA grant funds were recently used to purchase a wide variety of alternative seating options, sensory tools and Social Thinking materials that have been offered to all teachers to use in their classrooms with all students. Teachers will work with students to explore which of these items help the student engage in learning and which do not work well for them. Over the next month, a wide variety of book bins with children's literature by grade level will be available for use in classrooms or as part of family engagement take-home bags that address many areas of social/emotional development, math, and world cultures. The take-home bags will include books for families to enjoy together, games that make practicing math fun, and ideas of activities to do at home.

Respectfully Submitted,



Becky L. Wing  
Principal

### November Events

- 11/1: Dia de los Muertos Celebration, 5:30pm
- 11/1-11/7: Scholastic Book Fair
- 11/2: School Picture Retake Day
- 11/6: Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School
- 11/10: Veterans' Day Observed – No School
- 11/14: PTO Meeting, 7pm
- 11/18: VEX IQ Tournament at Moore School
- 11/22-11/24: Thanksgiving Break – No School

Please see the [website calendar](#) for more November events