

### Enrollment Update

Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Total
36	29	25	37	35	21	26	31	31	<b>271</b> (As of 12/23/23)

### Co-Curricular Updates

#### *Advanced Band*



For the past couple of months the advanced band has been preparing for their annual holiday concert. The concert took place on December 12th. All students were in attendance at the concert and it was a huge success!! They will begin preparation for their Spring concert upon return from the holiday break. In addition, this group had a wonderful opportunity back on November 16 to attend a concert at Pinkerton Academy. The focus of the concert was to show how blues has had such an amazing impact on so many styles of American music.



#### *Beginning Band/Instrument Lessons*

Mr. Brown has seven beginning band students who got started in mid-October. Each of the students receive one individual or group lesson per week. The main focus of these lessons has been to primarily make sure students are building a good foundation on proper posture, holding of the instrument, and embouchure(mouth) formation. The first 4 pages of the book focus on having the students learn just 5 notes so they can become proficient at reading, recognizing and playing those five notes before they begin to move along and learn additional notes. When we return from break we will continue to progress our way through the book learning new notes and new musical concepts as we go. This group will participate with the advanced band and other performing groups at the Spring concert on Tuesday, April 16.

#### *Candia Kids Care*

Candia Kids Care held a Fall Food Drive benefiting the Candia Food Pantry. They also collaborated with Student Council in order to raise funds for holiday meals for those who needed a little extra help. Their next mission will be collecting needs for a local animal shelter. They are hoping to hold a paper towel drive as shelters are always in desperate need of them. It's an easy, fun, and wonderful way to help our community!



### *Dance Club*



Dance club has been going well so far this year. There are consistently 11 third and fourth graders that participate. So far, students have developed stronger hand-eye coordination, flexibility, and practiced various dance moves in the styles of jazz and hip hop. Students have learned several dance combinations that put together these skills and dance styles, and they most recently learned a [holiday dance combination](#) to practice over the

winter break. Students seem excited to come to each session, move their bodies, and expand their knowledge of dancing styles.



### *Drama Club*

The HMS Drama Club presented *The Mysterious Case of the Mysterious Case* by Paul Meloon in December. The group performed two evenings for family and community members and once for the whole school. The cast got a lot of laughs with this with “Dad” joke filled mystery! We look forward to their spring production.



### *Gaming Club*

Game club is an afternoon club open to grades 3-8. The fall session was open to students in grade 5-8 while the winter session is open to grades 3-5. Throughout the year the club focuses on different games and cooperation skills. Students learn to play board games and card games. Middle school students enjoyed learning the rules of Catan and working to build their settlements. They also enjoyed learning new games to bring home to their families. Students took the ideas and rules that they learned and made their own games. The gaming club will continue throughout the year to give more students an opportunity to participate and learn new games.

### *Lancer Ledger*

The Newspaper Club completed the [Fall 2023 edition of the Lancer Ledger](#). Articles are already in development for our Winter 23-24 edition, as well. *The Lancer Ledger* is brought to us by a wonderful group of students from grades 3-8.



## Vex IQ Robotics



The Lancer Robotics season is underway. 12 students from grades 6-8 formed into four VEX IQ competition teams for the 2023/24 season. Students program and drive robots to try to score 73 blocks in 60 seconds. <https://www.vexrobotics.com/iq/competition/viqc-current-game>

Henry W. Moore School hosted the New Hampshire season opener in November with 20 teams competing. Our Lancer Robotics teams worked hard against a strong field of competitors and brought back lots of lessons learned and ideas for change.



The second competition was an away game in December at the Oyster River school in Durham, NH with 50 teams competing. We brought "New and Improved" robots and two of our teams brought home Trophies! Congratulations to William Bradshaw and Finn Batchelder for Second Place Teamwork Champion and to Henry Gill, Hunter Giera, and Caleb Fortin for Judges Award.



## Yearbook

The Yearbook Club students have begun the process of putting together the 2023-24 Henry W. Moore School Yearbook. This includes collaborating to plan out the themes of the covers, layout of the pages and gathering the content to be included. Students have also organized and divided out who will be responsible for each section of the yearbook. Moving forward, students will continue to be using the TreeRing software as they work toward the yearbook deadline in the middle of May.



Respectfully Submitted,



Becky L. Wing, Principal

### Upcoming Events

- 1/9: PTO Meeting, 7pm
- 1/10-11: Gr 4-8 Disability Awareness Assemblies
- 1/12: Early Release Day, 11:45am
- 1/15: No School: Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Rights Day
- 1/26: End of Quarter 2/Progress Report Day
- 1/26: Spelling Bee, 1:30pm