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Superintendent Welcome

Good afternoon! It is hard to believe we are embarking on another school year and have already turned the page on the summer vacation of 2022. I hope that your students, families, and friends had a fun and rejuvenating summer!

Projects we are working on or completing

Water: The new well has been dug at the Patricia Duran School. We are currently waiting for the final tie into our system and anticipate that being completed by the end of the month. In the interim we are providing bottled water to students.

At HMS we received our certificate of analysis at the end of the school year stating several bottle fill stations were above the Maine guideline of 4ppb but under the EPA guideline of 15ppb for lead. We have gone through a variety of mitigation steps as prescribed by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine CDC Drinking Water Program, such as changing out the aerators and fixtures at these stations over the summer. Since other stations did not come back over 4 pbb, we believe that it is a fixture/filter problem and *not* supply line or internal piping problem.

Currently, we are waiting on new kits so we can take new samples and confirm our mitigation steps. We will provide "cooler" water in the interim at these specific filling stations for our students out of an abundance of caution.

Parking/Drop Off

PADS: Parking and drop off has gone very well to start the year. We appreciate you patience and willingness to follow the expectations and procedures. Please note that students should not be dropped off for school prior to 8:30 a.m.

HMS: Similarly to PADS, we appreciate your patience as we work through the first week of student drop off. A reminder to parents/guardians that students should be dropped off around the back of the building in the morning. The front of the building is used for bus drop off and pick up.

HHS: Smooth sailing so far!

Upcoming

HHS Sports Schedule: https://www.athletics.hermon.net/o/athletics

Celebrating

I just want to say thank you to all the parents, guardians, and students for making the first week, including the open houses and sneak a peak a success. We had tremendous turnout, and it was great to see so many smiling faces! Have a wonderful Labor Day Weekend.