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School/Program: CEMS

Administrator School Board Update

Date: 3/14/23

Staff update:

We have received retirement notices from Laura Trippe, Alison Hawkes, and Kim Sturgeon. We also received notice that Music/Chorus teacher Emily LeBorgne who was on maternity leave this past year, finished her employment with CEMS effective March 1. Will Sawyer, who has been in for EMily this past fall and winter, will continue in the position until the end of the year.

We also are preparing for Hannah Hyde's maternity leave which will start within the month. We posted for part of her position (.2 algebra) and are working on how to cover her tech integration classes.

Facility update:

Over February break, David Bagdasarian's crew finished cleaning the floors of the 30's basement and some of the classrooms on the 3rd floor of the 30's building. The basement is now ready for continuation of the Cape Underground project which was part of a CEEF grant from last year.

We were hoping to have a small office renovation completed on 3/13, but some of the furniture is backordered and we will have to wait until the end of the month.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment update

We spent the March 10th PD focusing on vertical alignment 5-8. We worked on revising scope and sequence documents in departments and also worked with our special educators and interventionists (with Del Peavy) to discuss multi tiered systems of support for academics, SEL, and behavior.

Celebrate the Good

On Friday, March 4th, twenty-four 7th and 8th grade band and chorus students represented CEMS at the Maine Music Education Association District 1 Honors Festival. A total of seventeen area middle schools participated and our band students made up a whopping 26% of the honors band! Although the second day of the festival was snowed out, students were able to put on a mini-performance that was recorded for families.

On Wednesday, March 8th, our 5th grade chorus and 8th grade band students put on a demonstration for 4th graders- the kicking off to our 5th grade band and chorus sign-ups.

On Saturday, March 11th, twenty-two 6th grade band & chorus students represented CEMS at the MMEA D1 6th Grade Honors Festival at Gorham High School and put on a great concert.

Upcoming events

Conferences: Throughout March (including ½ day 3/22)

MSPA Basketball Bonanza: March 22

Dan Davey (Oregon-based jazz musician) Artist-in-Residence at CEMS/CEHS: March 23 & 24

Jazz Cabaret (8-12 Jazz Ensembles): March 24 @ 6:30 pm CEHS

5th & 6th Grade Spring Band/Chorus Concert: April 4 @ 7:00 pm CEHS

7th Grade Jazz Band Morning Performance: April 6 @ 7:30am CEMS Cafe

MMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Festival Festival: April 6 & April 7