

October 21, 2022

Dear SAU 90 Staff and Families,

Tomorrow night our Hampton PTA has partnered with Hampton Recreation Department and the Lane Memorial Library to host an evening of fright and fun, their annual Trunk or Treat, which will be held at Marston School from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. For more information on this event please be sure to refer to the flyer that was sent out earlier this week which can be found [here](#). If you have not already joined our PTA, please consider doing so. This wonderful organization does so much for our school, community, and town. Your membership is just one of the ways you can support all that they do for us!

During our release day this past Wednesday, staff had the opportunity to focus on language arts which includes reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Although the schools continually focus on literacy every year, it has been ten years since we have reviewed this curriculum area as a district. It is also part of an on-going district goal that is focused on consistent, shared, high priority learning targets that reflect a coherent and comprehensive progression of literacy learning K-8. Staff at each school had the opportunity to discuss vertical alignment which includes what we teach, when we teach, and how we teach. This helps us to prioritize and reinforce learning in new contexts; identify gaps in curriculum; and prioritize standards and learning targets. At this time, we have reviewed maps and prototypes from other districts; drafted vertical maps for reading, writing, speaking and listening; drafted student-friendly I can statements; drafted priority standards and instructional practices; explored choices about inclusion on the district website; and analyzed report cards in relation to our priority standards. Future steps include defining unit resources and activities; defining content topics; defining formative and summative assessments; defining essential questions; defining pacing; expanding high priority instructional practices; and aligning our report card with our power standards. We are grateful to our staff for their hard work and diligence on these critically important areas.

This week, I had the opportunity to spend some time at Centre School visiting classrooms, students, and staff. Teachers are working with students on re-establishing expectations for learning or what they refer to as “Centre Soar Rules.” Students are expected to stay safe and healthy with themselves and others; obey the Golden Rule: Treat others the way you want to be treated; always bring your best behavior to school every day; and respect and take care of everything in the school and classrooms. These expectations are reminded, reinforced, and discussed throughout the day in effort to ensure our primary school students’ success. Please be sure to check out our Facebook post which features our youngest students, or as we affectionately refer to them as, “Our Littles!”

At this time, we are working with the Hampton School Board on our annual budget for the 2023-2024 school year. There are six sessions planned, with four remaining. These meetings are being taped and will be available to our community on Channel 13. We anticipate sharing our school budget with the town during their December meeting. More information will follow.

Next week, the Hampton Academy Student Council will begin a Thanksgiving Food Drive which will run until Friday, November 18th. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Thank you to Ms. Coffill and Ms. Formisano for coordinating this initiative which benefits our community.

For your planning, our annual Halloween parade at Centre School will take place on Monday, October 31 at 1:30 PM. That evening, our town of Hampton will celebrate Halloween with trick-or-treat from 5:30 -8:00 PM.

Wishing you a great weekend ahead!

Warmly,

Dr. Lois B. Costa
Superintendent of SAU 90

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