

Principal's Report: December 2024
Bethlehem Elementary School
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Focus Area 1: Serve All Students to Ensure Academic Achievement by Fostering the Development of the Whole Student

Enrichment Program

As part of the school government initiative, students participated in schoolwide elections on November 8th. Candidates delivered speeches in their classrooms for class representatives, and grade level senators, and the whole school listened to speeches and voted for Co-Governors. The School Government has since held three meetings and appointed new student officers, including a Secretary, Reporter, and Treasurer.

Training

Our Kindergarten and first-grade teams attended a one-day science literacy training on November 8th, funded by a Title II grant. This professional development aims to enhance early science literacy instruction.

Focus Area 2: Build Culture to Create Safe, Positive, and Inclusive Environments for Students, Staff, Faculty, Parents, and Community

Library/Media Space Renovation

Preparation work has begun for the library/media space renovation. The carpeting is scheduled to be installed during the Holiday break.

Elevator Update

All preparation work for the elevator renovation is complete. The construction is now scheduled to begin on December 9th, after a series of postponements. To meet grant deadlines and avoid invalidation, the contractor has agreed to complete the project in December. However, this may result in shared costs for any required overtime.

Greenhouse Update

The greenhouse electricity has been connected. Final tasks, including the installation of a fan and door hardware, are pending completion.

Playground

Wood chips were delivered 12/3/2024, awaiting spreading depending on snow and weather.

Community Engagement

- **Turkey Lunch:** On November 21, the school hosted a well-attended Turkey Lunch for students and their families. The event featured three separate seatings and had an excellent turnout.
- **PTA Line Dancing Fundraiser:** On November 8th, the PTA organized a line dancing fundraiser, which was both fun and successful.
- **Trees For Troops:** Took place on 12/3. Fifth grade partnered with The Rocks and Fedex to send trees to armed forces in all branches.
- **Concert:** The school concert **Pandemonium** is planned for December 11th (5:15).

Focus Area 3: Lead with Integrity and Courage, Improving Consistency in Collaboration, Communication, Expectations, and Accountability

Certification Update

My certification portfolio is currently under review with the New Hampshire Department of Education (DOE).