



September 24, 2021

Dear Lamoille North Families,

The highlight of my week was being able to spend time in our schools to see examples of learning, collaboration, collegueship and kindness. At our elementary schools, we have seen the following: school-wide celebrations as a result of collective positive behaviors in the buildings where students and staff created and wore their own tie-dyed shirts in solidarity; students practicing mindfulness activities with the school counselors and teachers to encourage reflection and regulation; students participating in ECO (Educating Children Outdoors) where they learned to build shelters, safely handle tools, and make tea from pine needles; and students working in teams on problem solving through the Bridges Math Program and writing short narratives as part of their literacy programs.

At the campus, the middle school is excited to report that the long-awaited basketball hoop is now up! We have seen students having more options during breaks for physical activity and collaboration with their peers. At the high school, we have a number of students working on Capstone projects on topics such as education reform, student journalism in partnership with Vermont Digger, and creation of a Disc Golf Course and Club for the student community to enjoy. At GMTCC, students in the Allied Health program spent time this week teaching Pre-Tech students "Stop the Bleed" skills and other critical safety measures. The creativity and problem solving we are seeing has no limit and is a true joy to experience first-hand. As you can see, our schools are places where our students are engaged, participating in learning with their peers, and comfortably settling into healthy routines.

On another note, we are so pleased to report that there were no cases of COVID-19 reported as a result of our first week of surveillance testing for students and staff. We had approximately 300 people participate in this program and were pleased with the quick turnaround of results. Again, please visit our COVID-19 Dashboard to view numbers of cases in our school communities. By and large, our case count has diminished which is wonderful news!

Lastly, we are reviewing this weekend applications from community members who would like to participate in our Community Advisory Group. This group will focus on strengthening community partnerships, enhancing community involvement, and increasing communication between the schools and our communities. We will communicate our ongoing work to our communities as we further refine and define our goals.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our schools, students, staff and community members.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

My best to you,

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