



Community Engagement Update: Volunteerism

Report to the Monomoy Regional School Committee
by Joy Jordan, MRSD Community Engagement Coordinator
June 13, 2019



Overview

New position = new procedures

The Community Engagement Coordinator position was new to MRSD as of August 2018.

The Community Engagement Coordinator enhances and expands connections with the community, via volunteer partnerships, collaborations with local organizations, and supporting the district's communications.



Volunteerism

Track and measure

- Create tracking strategies to better understand the amount of volunteerism in our schools
- Establish baseline numbers from which to grow the program

Increase and expand

- Create connections to better link available volunteers with current needs
 - Recruit more volunteers to participate in our schools
-



Volunteer Tracking

Volunteer database

- Created a Volunteer Registration Form to gather information on current and potential volunteers

Volunteer log

- Created a Volunteer Log to be placed at the front desk in each school, so volunteers can sign in and note their time
-



Progress - Volunteerism

Volunteers

- Our volunteer database currently has 106 individuals
- As a new process, not all current volunteers have submitted a registration form

Volunteer hours

- Total hours from the volunteer logs for 2018-2019 is 1,697
 - That number is conservative as not all volunteers consistently log their hours
-



Progress - Volunteerism

Volunteers

- MRSD year 1 database = 106 volunteers
- By way of comparison, in 2006, there were 155 registered volunteers for the Harwich Schools

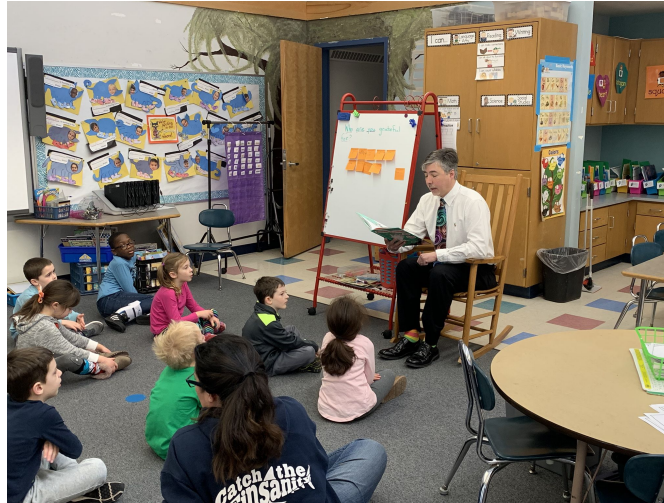
Volunteer hours

- MRSD year 1 total hours = 1,697
 - In 2006, Harwich Schools volunteers provided 1,040 hours of service
-



Highlights

CES Read Across America Week



- We were able to bring in enough community volunteer readers that every classroom at CES had a special guest reader
-



Highlights



HES Birdhouse Project

- Partnered with Polhemus Savery DaSilva Architects Builders, Shepley Wood Products, and Harwich Garden Club to build and install birdhouses as part of National Wildlife Federation Schoolyard Habitat designation
-



Highlights



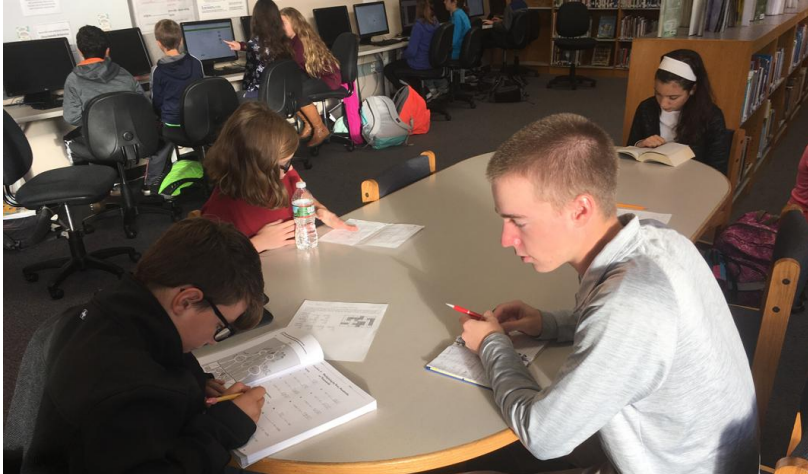
MRMS Heroes Luncheon

- Students interviewed local heroes and then invited them to lunch to thank them and share their projects. Numerous community partners and businesses supported this entire unit.





Highlights



MRHS students tutor at MRMS

- National Honor Society students from MRHS volunteered their time to come to MRMS before and after school to offer tutoring
-



Highlights



Monomoy Lighthouse Leader Mentoring Program

- Match mentors and students to grow relationships, offer support and positive role modeling, and strengthen students' confidence



Highlights



K9 Book Buddies Program

- Volunteers bring trained therapy dogs in to visit students at CES and HES each week
 - Students read to the dogs, who are non-judgemental listeners
-



Additional volunteer projects

- HES guided reading library books were delivered but needed to be sorted, cataloged, and organized so teachers could easily access. We connected a few volunteers with the school to quickly complete this project.
 - CES teachers were looking for male volunteers to work with students on positive role modeling. We connected them with officers from the Chatham Coast Guard station.
 - Senior Corps volunteers host book clubs at HES.
 - REAP volunteers lead character education sessions at CES.
-



Volunteer Recognition



In addition to periodic recognition in school newsletters, district newsletters, and volunteer newsletters, as well as on social media and in the news media, we held a Volunteer Recognition Breakfast on June 13, 2019, at Monomoy Regional High School to honor and thank all those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service of our students.



We invited parent and community volunteers, organizations and businesses that support our schools via donations, grant and scholarship providers, businesses that hosted interns from MRHS, School Council members, and more.



Goals

Volunteering

- Continue to grow the number of volunteers in our schools
- Refine and improve data-gathering tools and process

Collaborations

- Increase the connections with local organizations
- Bring in more guest speakers/experts from the community, including retirees and from local businesses and organizations

Mentoring

- Recruit additional mentors to further expand the program
-



Thank you!

Questions?
