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Dear Green Hills Families,

It has been an exciting month of October at Green Hills School! Our field hockey team has had great success and shown amazing teamwork on the playing field. The 7th grade had a memorable day trip to Camp Mason and our 6th graders are ready for their day at camp next Friday. Our kindergarteners enjoyed a day of pumpkin picking at Tranquility Farms, and speaking of pumpkins, our Library has been decorated with some incredible pumpkin creations representing children's literature. The PTA did an amazing job hosting the Fall Book Fair and the district completed the state mandated Start Strong Assessment for students in 4th-8th grade. As we turn the corner to November I look forward to more incredible work from our staff and students, all with the continued support of all of our community.

At the October Board of Education meeting several important motions were passed in regards to Green Hills personnel. I want to first take this time to congratulate Mrs. Eileen Maffei on her retirement. Mrs. Maffei began teaching at Green Hills in September, 2001. Throughout her tenure she impacted countless students with her positive attitude, joyful lessons and warm smile. Mrs. Maffei was recognized as the Green Hills recipient of the Governor's Educator of the Year Award during the 2019-2020 school year, a deserving honor for such a dedicated teacher. While Mrs. Maffei will be missed as part of the Green Hills staff, I know that you all join me in wishing her the very best in retirement!

Also during the Board of Education meeting the resignation of Mrs. Carmita Mongrella was accepted. We wish Mrs. Mongrella the best of luck in her next venture. We are excited to have the approval for Mrs. Christine Malloy as full time World Language teacher for grades K-8. With the change in personnel in the department the following changes will take effect beginning Monday, October 25th.

- All students in grades k-8 will have world language class one time per week
 - This is consistent with our current K-5 schedule and reduction from two days per week in grades 6-8.
- Students in grades 6-8 will begin with one health class weekly that replaces the second scheduled world language class.
- Health classes will be facilitated next week by Mrs. Stiles who will be sharing information and lessons from the Center for Prevention.
 - The annual Positive Climate Summit is being held virtually through videos on resiliency.

- Lessons about growth mindset, exploring strengths, and embracing what makes them unique will be incorporated into the class.

The district is beginning the process of hiring a full time health educator for grades K-8. When a candidate is hired all grade levels will have health one day per week as part of a schedule that sufficiently addresses the mandatory 150 minutes of weekly health and physical education for all students. At that time an update will be sent out with any required schedule changes for students in the primary and elementary classes.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the changes in world language and/or health, please reach out to me at any time to discuss.

In an effort to streamline communication the district website now has a “Digital Backpack” page. It can be found under the Parents tab. The main office will still share important flyers, news and notes on Fridays. All of those correspondence pieces will also be archived in the Digital Backpack to be accessed at any time.

Finally, beginning this month we will be recognizing students who demonstrate great character and academics throughout the year. The Green and Gold Awards will be given out monthly, and focus on the Green Hills Core Values of Respect, Responsibility, Citizenship, Trustworthiness, and Kindness. Along with our Honor Roll awards, we will continue to identify students who excel beyond academics and truly demonstrate the values that make our school great!

I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Jon Paul Bollette
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