



September 30, 2022

Dear Lamoille North Families:



The weather today makes it feel truly like autumn - it's hard to believe that we're almost through the first six weeks of school and that winter is just around the corner! Hopefully, we will have weeks of moderate weather before the snow falls.

For a schedule of school happenings, please see the following:

School Pictures:

CES – October 4, 2022,

ECS – October 24, 2022

HPES – October 11, 2022

WES – October 4, 2022

School Events:

October 5, 2022 – No School

On another note, you can see a complete list of athletic events, registration for PSAT's and SAT's for secondary students, and more on individual school websites.

This week, Lamoille North teachers and staff engaged in numerous activities on our first Early Release Day, strategically designed to offer our students best practices in academics, social emotional well-being and engagement. Specifically, at our elementary schools, some activities included: Faculty review of parent-teacher conference expectations for a unified look at each learner; curriculum, instruction and assessment; a book study session on Social Emotional Leadership; training in the development of literacy skills in grades one through three; training in data management and creation of report cards that will be more accessible to families and more descriptive of learning; training in Fountas & Pinnell and Foundations for literacy; and, work with a consultant around developing strategies to help children and youth attain a regulated state so that they can access learning.

At the secondary level, the afternoon was spent revisiting curriculum alignment and delving more deeply into restorative practices. Each of these activities aligns nicely with our goals to achieve academic rigor, wellbeing and meaningful engagement of all of our students.

In community news, our partners at the local Department of Health office in Morrisville remind us that cold and flu season is upon us. Several of our nurses have let us know they are seeing an uptick in respiratory illness and would like to remind students and staff to please stay home when sick. More information about all respiratory illnesses can be found on the [Vermont Department of Health website](#).

Lastly, and as communicated in my last email, we are interested in community input and want to hear from all of our stakeholders. Today is the last day to submit interest in participating in a

district-wide Community Advisory Group. To date, we have many applications from individuals who live in Cambridge and Johnson, and are thrilled with the number of people who would like to be involved. We would like to encourage community members who reside in all of our Lamoille North towns to register interest in the group. Again, the focus of this group will be to strengthen school-community relationships and collaboration, and this group will provide a way to bring forth the structure for stakeholder input. We are seeking interested students, parents/caregivers, community partners and any educators, to work with us to share ideas and create higher-level engagement among all of our stakeholders. Please access the application [HERE](#). After applications are submitted, we will review them and choose applications randomly in the event there are many. We will ensure a balance of advisory group members representing each of our school communities. You will be notified the first week of October of your application status.

We continue to be grateful for our families, staff, and all members of our school community.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

My very best to you,

Catherine Gallagher, M.Ed.
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