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School/Program: Pond Cove

Administrator School Board Update

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Staff update:

- I would like to give a shout out to all Pond Cove staff for ensuring that teaching and learning has continued at our school regardless of the obstacles we have faced this fall/winter. Staff are diligently addressing unfinished academic student learning resulting from last year's hybrid/remote schedule. While meeting these unprecedented student needs, staff are frequently interrupted by less than ideal school schedules, pooled testing, student and staff absences due to COVID, and a need to emphasize social/emotional needs. Despite all of this, our students are making academic progress. What an amazing team of educators!
- The following Pond Cove staff members have recently earned a Certificate in Trauma Informed Instruction from Lesley University: Melissa Bam, Bri Gallagher, Amanda Marsden, Shelly Heffenreffer, Sarah Adams, Susan Bahadori, and Tara Bucci. This Certificate program has spanned nearly two years. Congratulations to these seven staff members.

Facility update:

- As we head into the winter months, we are beginning to see the consequences of using a sand/salt mix to improve traction on our walkways and entryways. Using the sand creates a very messy situation. The sand is tracked into our school on the boots of staff and students at an overwhelming rate. This results in mud being tracked through our hallways, stairways, and classrooms. When this happens, our school is very messy, and in some cases slippery, regardless of how hard our amazing custodians try to keep up with it. It is my hope that we can transition to a more appropriate ice melting product for this application.

Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment update

- On the January 12 early release day Pond Cove teachers will begin the process of analyzing curriculum for each content area for vertical alignment. Our goal is to ensure that we instruct students through an appropriate progression of content area skills. It is also important that this progression is seamless for students as

they move up through the grades and join our middle school in grade 5. This work will be ongoing throughout this school year.

Celebrate the Good

- Pond Cove students have done an outstanding job of showing respectful, responsible, and safe behavior throughout each school day this fall. One way we celebrate our amazing young citizens is to enjoy school wide spirit days. We had so much fun during our hat day which was held just before the holiday break.



Upcoming events

- January 12: Early Release for Students/PD for Staff
- February 4: Parents will have the ability to view winter report cards via Powerschool.