

Shaping Futures Together

To: Dr. Donna Leake
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Date: September 2, 2021
Subject: September Report to the Board of Education

Field Trips:

No Trips are scheduled at this time.

Virtual Field Trips:

None scheduled at this time.

Eastford Readiness Program:

The Readiness Program is full with 17 students, 8 are returning 4-year olds and 9 are new to the program.

Eastford Readiness Council Update:

The first meeting this year will be on October 5 at 5:30 PM and thereafter on the first Tuesday of each month at the same time. They plan to hold meetings virtually for the time being.

Data on Student Progress:

SBAC and NGSS scores have been released to districts and we will be mailing parent reports in the next week. I will have some comparative data to share with you at the meeting.

Professional Development:

EastConn staff continues to work with us on developing our social emotional learning capacity - building classroom communities, incorporating our Eastford Portrait of a Learner into our curriculum planning and training our new staff in the use of Reading and Writing Units of Study.

Fall Sports:

Co-ed soccer will begin practicing on Tuesday, September 7. At this time, Union does not have any students who are interested in playing. We will only play home games against towns that are interested in traveling to Eastford. The games will be scrimmages and not count toward standings in the league.

Growth and Evaluation Flexibilities:

The CSDE has allowed for flexibilities in teacher and administrator growth and evaluation for the 2021-22 school year and they have provided guidance on goals that should focus on student and family engagement, academic recovery, equitable learning opportunities and social emotional needs/overall well-being of students and educators. Teachers and administrators will be evaluated using a 4-level rating system, and summative and holistic reviews of evidence. Aggregate evaluation ratings will be reported to CSDE by September of 2022. Our Professional Development and Evaluation Committee

(PDEC) will meet prior to the Board meeting on September 9 to accept adopting these flexibilities for the 2021-22 school year and I will bring this information with me to the meeting.

Community and other events:

- School pictures with Irvin Simon Photographers (new company): September 24
- Open House PK-4: September 16 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM
- Open House 5-8 and High School information booths: September 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM
- PTO will sponsor an ice cream social from 7:00 to 7:30 PM during both Open House events.
- The Woodstock Academy will host grade 8 students from sending towns at an in-person event on September 21 during the school day. More information will be sent home to grade 8 families once The Academy has shared details with us.