

ACADEMY HILL AND CUSHING SCHOOLS UPDATE

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2020 - 2021 School Year in Review

- . Academy Hill was the first school to have a positive COVID case. Our school staff along with the district and school nurses responded quickly and effectively.
- . The Wilton schools only went full remote one time due to cases outside of our schools.
- . 1 to 1 iPads were provided for every student and teacher.
- . Office Discipline Referrals decreased from 330 in 2019-20 to 56 in 2020-21 at AHS and from 261 in 2019-20 to 23 in 2020-21 at Cushing.
- . At the beginning of the school year at AHS we had 137 hybrid students and 1 full time. At the end of the school year we had 135 hybrid students and 6 full time. At Cushing we started with 79 hybrid students and ended with 81 hybrid and 6 full time students.
- . We were able to have our end of the year field day at both schools.
- . Our teachers provided our 5th graders with a drive by end of the year celebration.



What We Learned

- . Teamwork, communication, and flexibility will help you adapt and overcome any obstacle.
- . Smaller classes make a big difference for all students academically, socially and behaviorally.
- . Teachers can be very creative in delivering Instruction.
- . Students and staff rocked the masks.
- . Staff who thought they were not technologically savvy learned and did awesome things with it.
- . Students are much more resilient than what we think they might be.

ASSESSMENTS

- . Our Star 360 MATH Scores showed an 8% increase from 42% to 50% (fall to spring) in the number of students who showed proficiency in the Star 360 math assessment.
- . Our Star 360 READING Scores showed a 10% increase from 42% to 52% (fall to spring) in

the number of students who showed proficiency in the Star 360 math assessment.

NEW STAFF

Maggie Lamotte - 1st Long Term Sub
Mekalae Brown - 1st Grade Cushing
Kiana Thompson - PE AHS/Cushing
Joleen Greenleaf - Ed Tech Cushing
Ashley Marden - Ed Tech Cushing
Ray Loon - Lead Custodian
Sabrina Lowe - 3rd Grade AHS
Robin Crockett - 4th Grade AHS
Brendan Hickey - Music AHS
Ian Grimma - Ed Tech AHS
Molly Gurney - Ed Tech AHS
Katie Buzzell - Ed Tech AHS
Sarah Kaiser - PAL Teacher AHS



Program Updates

- . Increased support in 3-5 PALS program with the addition of the new PAL Intervention Teacher.
- . Updated Learning Standards and Targets for Math, ELA, Social Students and Science.
- . 5 Ed Tech positions filled in the Wilton schools.
- . Revisit the Literacy Framework to meet the needs of our students.
- . PBIS training with Brian Cavanaugh.
- . 21st Century After School Program for AHS and Cushing which is conducted by the Franklin County Task Force. Rhonda Schanck, our school librarian at Cushing, will be our site coordinator.

FACILITY UPDATES

- . The front of AHS has been redone with a handicapped accessible ramp.
- . New doors were put in the gym and cafeteria at AHS.
- . Two classrooms at Cushing had new heaters units recently installed.
- . An office was built for our Counselor at AHS.
- . Elizabeth LeClair and her Graphic Arts class last year created 6 mural designs for AHS to choose from for the front of the school.



Current Challenges & Concerns

- . Filling present staff vacancies
- . Keeping everyone safe and healthy.
- . Meeting the social, emotional and academic needs of all students.

