

# Hancock Elementary School

*"Rooted in Community, Reaching for the Stars"*

The children and staff at HES are settling in quite well to the routines of the school and classroom. I have seen children fully engaged in math and reading during whole group and small group lessons as well as successfully completing work at their independent centers. It is particularly fun to observe the students in their morning meeting. The children kindly greet one another and work hard to listen to their peers share ideas. It is safe to say that we are well on the way to a successful school year.



It was wonderful to see so many families at our Open House this week. The children loved showcasing their work as well as visiting their favorite places in the school. I enjoyed meeting the children's extended family. We are so fortunate to have so many multigenerational families in our community!!

Lauren Judd from Cornucopia has returned to work with the second graders. The children are harvesting the crops they planted in the spring. I watched yesterday as they pulled handfuls of potatoes from the dirt!!! They had so much fun and were so proud of their harvest! These potatoes will be used to cook soups for our harvest feast in October.



Our first **PTO meeting** will be **Thursday, September 26th at 6pm**. We will spend a good amount of time getting organized for the year, but most important our Harvest Feast and silent auction in October. Remember what John Heywood says, "Many hands make light work!"

Please join us for our All School Assemblies. The assemblies are a wonderful opportunity to see what the children are learning and celebrate being together as a community. Today's assembly featured our kindergarten friends. With the help of Ms. Purrington and Mr. Kendall, they created a video montage of 4 songs they learned to sing and sign. The performance was quite impressive. First grade will share their learning on Friday, October 4th at 11:30!

Please notice that following my email signature is a You Can Book Me icon. If you would like to schedule time to discuss school procedures and expectations, your child's needs, or make suggestions, please feel free to book time to meet. Simply click on the icon and available times and days will appear.

Each month we will spotlight our **Volunteer of the Month** and the contributions they make to HES. This month we would like to recognize Tom Faber. He has been graciously helping us with our school recycling program. Thank you, Tom!