



Fort Report

November 2016

Curriculum Highlights

Mrs. Pearson presented the results of the 3rd grade Spring 2016 PARCC results to the School Committee. The presentation included a careful analysis of student performance and how the data will be used to guide learning goals for students and instructional practice goals for our teachers. Visit our school webpage to access that report. Boasting rights go to our 2nd grade, 3rd grade and current 4th grade students for these impressive results: 10% gain in student performance in ELA 16% gain in student performance in Math.

Students at all grade levels should be motivated to be a Lexia Level Jumper! Lexia Core5, our on-line reading support program, is an especially powerful tool in improving, reinforcing and extending critical reading skills. Families should be encouraging students to work on this program, which is super easily accessible, for a minimum of 20 minutes three times each week.

Our S.M.A.R.T. Plan instills a common value system among our students and staff and builds character development. Join us and SAY kind words, MAKE safe choices, ALWAYS be responsible, RESPECT our school, TRY your best!

Building wide professional development is intended to enhance the instructional approach of our staff collectively to afford students a robust and diverse learning experience. This year's professional development is focused on writing and math. Revisions to instruction and improved student work product are the goal of building-wide professional development.



- 11/16**—Title I Parent Information Night
- 11/16 or 11/17**—last day for fall Fun at the Fort
- 11/23**—Early Release
- 11/24 & 11/25**—Thanksgiving break
- 12/2**—Report cards issue

School Site Council meets the second Thursday of each month at 2:30 in our school's conference room. All meetings are open to the public.



Way to go Lexia Ladies! Thank you to our reading department and especially to Ms. Buccini for organizing a very motivating and enjoyable Lexia motivation classroom presentation!

Thanks 5th grade! Our second grade students sure did enjoy the stories you wrote. Thanks for visiting and sharing your great work with us!

WHS Drama dept. is scheduled to visit in November to perform a skit that will tie into our SMART Plan. These visits were among our favorite events last year. We're excited to welcome you back!

Our PTO is so generous! Thank you so much for the bringing back classroom grants and the recent license purchases for Tumblebooks and Starfall. Families should check out our school website to access a variety of helpful educational supports. This organization is amazing!

Take a Look

at OUR AMAZING BULLETIN BOARDS!!!



And another thing...

- We always need paper towels, tissues and baby wipes. Donations can be dropped off in the office. Thanks!
- As the holidays approach and if there is a family in need, please let Ms. Pearson know so we can help. All needs are kept confidential.

