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From the Principal

The first day back to school was filled with joy and magic - please see the pictures on back! Feedback from families has been exceptional. We repeated the process for PreK 3 and PreK 4 start days in a more minimal way and parents and families appreciated being a part of the HPES adventure. In addition, with the support of our school/parent partnership, we sponsored a coffee time, after drop off for all 3 "first day" sessions called "Rainbows, Cheers, and Unicorn Tears". Lots of Kleenex were on hand as many parents left their children for the first time at school. We also celebrated the start of the school year with families with an activity where they could decorate a rock to be given to their child and positive books about transitioning to school for all PreK and K families.

Our goal is to keep the positive energy flowing at HPES so our learners are motivated to be in school and learning every day, and families feel connected to the community.

Our New Kindergarten Teacher

Hello! My name is Sylvia Esmay. I am absolutely thrilled to be starting my journey at HPES this year in Kindergarten. I am a born and raised Vermonter, and have lived in Lamoille County for the past four years. I have fallen in love with the community and people here, and I am so grateful to work with the staff and students of the amazing Hyde Park Elementary School! Working with children is my passion. I graduated from Northern Vermont University with a dual license in Elementary Education and Special Education, and additionally, I have spent the past three years teaching preschool in Cambridge. I'm so excited to continue working in the early childhood education field this year in Kindergarten. Outside of school you can find me outdoors or in my craft nook at home! I enjoy hiking, running, biking, gardening, painting, and woodworking! My hope for this year is to build great relationships with the students in my classroom and in the school, as well as to instill a love of learning in all children I have the opportunity to teach!

Our New 3rd Grade Teacher

Ms. Kate Underwood: I am so excited to be working with third grade! I grew up in the Adirondacks, and spent ten years out west in Idaho after I moved there chasing a ski racing dream. I always promised myself that if I ever got back east, it would only be to Vermont. And here I am! I missed fall foliage and rainstorms oh so much. I love running with my dogs, skiing, baking, cooking, and hanging with my fam. I attended the University of New Hampshire for my undergraduate degree, followed by receiving my Master's in Education from Eastern Oregon University. I am so grateful to have been welcomed by such a fun loving group of students and staff at HPES, and I can't wait to continue a great year of growth and fun learning.



Kate Underwood - 3



Sylvia Esmay - K

Spelling Bee/Book Fair

Spelling Bee

HPES is looking for 5th and 6th grade students for our annual “LNSU Spelling Bee”! An informational meeting will be held Tuesday, September 10th, during recess for any 5th and 6th graders interested in practicing for the Spelling Bee on October 7th.

The practice schedule has not been determined yet, but will be set based on student availability. Permission forms and practice schedule will be sent home with your child next week!

If your child is interested, contact Dianne Desroches, Ddesroches@hpes.org. Coaches are needed! If you are interested in coaching, please contact Robin Bryce, RBryce@hpes.org.

Scholastic Book Fair

Mark your calendar for the week of September 23rd. Stay tuned for details, hours and flyers in next week's Friday Folders. If you are available to work an after school shift, please contact Mrs. Bryce at rbryce@hpes.org. Thanks!

School Pictures

Picture day is Monday, September 16th in the HPES Library. Look for picture forms in your student's Friday folder. Siblings are welcome; the best time for them would be between 11:00 and 12:00. Any questions contact Yvonne Heath at yheath@hpes.org.



Magic and Joy of the First Day of School!



Upcoming Events

School Pictures

Monday, September 16th

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