



Lyman C. Hunt Middle School Family Newsletter

September 9, 2022

Principal's Corner



Jim Kelley,
Principal

We are off to a great start! This first week and a half of school the energy in the building has been overwhelmingly positive as students reengaged with each other and their teachers. Students were involved in a variety of community building and learning activities. Please read through this newsletter to see what is coming up in the days and weeks ahead.

Acceleration Class

In Acceleration Class we give students extra time to get “just right” literacy and math in the most important areas of the curriculum. This class was formerly called WIN (What I Need). Frequent assessments help teachers decide what students need. Students that need “accelerating” up to proficiency get help, and students who are already demonstrating proficiency in the particular skill get a challenge that will prepare them for more sophisticated content of middle and high school. We are continually assessing and refining this program, which began last year, in order to make it more engaging and valuable for all students.

Fall Sports

Opening Day of Games: Tuesday, September 13

- HMS-Boys A Soccer vs. EDMUNDS (Home)
- HMS-Girls A Soccer vs. EDMUNDS (Away)

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- HMS-Boys B Soccer vs. EDMUNDS (Home)
 - HMS-Girls B Soccer vs. EDMUNDS (Away)

Please reach out to Ryan Hayes, Middle School Athletic Director, rhayes@bsdvt.org, or to your Multilingual Liaison, if you need assistance.

Safety Drills

Under the requirements of the Vermont Agency of Education we will be practicing both Evacuation Drills and Options-Based Response to an Active Shooter Drills this year. We will be sending out detailed letters to caregivers. We will be explicitly teaching expectations about these drills during our Advisory Time. Drills are required in September and will take place after teaching expectations.

The Wellness Space (SSC)

In cases where a student may need to receive more intensive one-on-one support they may go to the Wellness Space. This is formally known as the student support center.

The Wellness Space focuses on a holistic view on wellness, education, and student success. It provides support in both academics, regulation, and community connection for any student. Students will find connection with a dedicated staff member to meet seen and unseen challenges that they may be facing.

The Wellness Space is a conduit to other school supports (i.e. school counselors, social workers, health professionals, administrators, etc.) and will connect students to those supports as needed.

- A place for students to:
 - Connect
 - Get Their Needs Met
 - Reset
 - Speak with an Adult
 - Take a Break
 - Work on Their Behavior Plan
- And return to the learning!

Reboot the Hunt PTO

2022-2023

<https://hunt.bsdyt.org/about-our-school/pto/>

The past couple of years have been a very different setting for families interacting with schools. Whether you are new to Hunt, or returning, we're taking this opportunity to reboot the PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization). What do families need? What do they want? How do families want to connect with each other and/or the teachers and staff at Hunt?

Share your ideas on [this brief form](#), or join us Monday, September 19th at 6:30pm at Hunt Middle School.

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PTO ListServ: The Hunt PTO welcomes all families to the Hunt community. To better stay in touch with each other please consider getting on the PTO listserv, you can opt to get a daily or weekly digest or to receive e-mails from each other as they come in. Follow this link <https://groups.google.com/g/hunt-middle-school-community> to sign up for the listserv by clicking on "Ask to Join this Group".

Family Workshops on Social Media Safety, 9/26 and 9/27

The Organization for Social Media Safety will be presenting workshops to families.

Social Media-Related Safety Issues Will Include What Parents Need To Know About: • Violence • Cyberbullying • Mental Health Disorders • Sexual Harassment • Hate Speech • Sexting

Each workshop is open to all families of BSD middle and high school students



September 26, 2022

Edmunds Middle School Gymnasium at 6-7:30PM

September 27, 2022

Hunt Middle School Auditorium at 6-7:30PM

Note: students will be getting a workshop in school Friday, September 23 from the Organization for Social Media Safety. The assemblies will focus on social media safety. We wanted to let you know that these special student presentations will include an age-appropriate discussion of some mature subject matter.

In referencing these issues, the Organization for Social Media Safety intends to teach our students (1) about some of the various, serious social media-related dangers they are likely to encounter and (2) how to either avoid the dangers and/or most safely respond to them. The Organization for Social Media Safety is the first consumer protection organization focused exclusively on social media. They provide their social media safety presentations at schools all across the country, advocate for public policies that improve social media safety, and develop technology to provide real-time protection against any and all social media related dangers.

They are advised by a panel of experts that include educators, psychologists, physicians, and technologists. If you would like to learn more about them, you can refer to their website at www.ofsms.org or contact them directly at contact@ofsms.org or 855-446-3767.

Open House, 9/21 6-7PM

Open House will be Wednesday, 9/21 from 6-7 PM. We are encouraging families to come with their students so they can be guided to meet their teachers. We will start the evening with a short welcome in the auditorium and then families can visit classrooms or attend some short workshops that will be set up at scheduled times. This evening is

a chance to meet teachers and learn about curriculum, it is not a parent/teacher meeting. If you would like to schedule a meeting with a teacher, please contact the guidance office. This can happen anytime, not just during the Fall and Spring parent/teacher days. We look forward to seeing you!

Net Zero Energy Festival, 9/24

Burlington Electric is hosting a first annual **Net Zero Energy Festival, Saturday, 9/17 (rain date 9/24), 9:00-1:00 at 585 Pine Street**. The festival will feature electric bike demos, EV ride and drives, heat pump and solar panel displays, electric lawn equipment, an electric bus, kids activities, food and music! ***We are very happy that the Vermont Energy Education Partnership (VEEP) will be there too – with an energy demonstration and activity for BSD-aged children and their families.***

World Language

I'm happy to report that we are in the process of onboarding a new World Language teacher. I will send out details once the onboarding process is complete. They will teach French 1 and French 2. I'll be sending out a survey today to grade 7 and 8 families to let us know if their student wants to take French for the year. The anticipated start date for this class is September 26.



Please check regularly for updates; updated 9/9/22

September

- 9/12 After school activities/Boys and Girls Club begins
- 9/13 Fall sports games begin

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- 9/15 Picture Day
 - 9/17 Net Zero Energy Festival at 585 Pine St, 9-1 PM
 - 9/21 Picture Day for Middle School Sports
Open House at Hunt Middle School, 6-7 PM
 - 9/23 Social Media Training and hazing, harassment and bullying workshops for Students
 - 9/26 Social Media Safety Training for parents/guardians of students grades 6-12 at Edmunds Middle School gymnasium, 6-7:30 PM
 - 9/27 Social Media Safety Training for parents/guardians of students grades 6-12 at Hunt Middle School auditorium, 6-7:30 PM

October

- 10/7 No school for Teacher Inservice
- 10/10 Indigenous People's Day: no school
- 10/26 Early release day; students released at 11:30AM

WE ARE HUNT

Use Appropriate Language and Volume

Move Responsibly

Respond Appropriately to Each Other

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