

Naukati Board Report October 2021

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Naukati School was in a troublesome spot with starting the year with just seven students. Although this gave each student more one-to-one attention, we were at risk of being closed down. Due to several great parental conversations and much footwork from staff, Naukati School currently has thirteen, fully-enrolled students, one and a half teachers and two pre-Kindergarten students, so far coming up; our school is busy! And we are loving it.

Sports Update

Cross-Country:

We had an excellent cross-country season. Students were excited to be able to participate in meets this year in person! This past weekend, one of our middle schoolers traveled to Ketchikan, where he achieved his best time of the year! All runners did an amazing job in all races, consistently placing in the top 10 most of the time. Throughout the season, everyone practiced hard, worked toward personal goals, and exhibited good sportsmanship.

Marksmanship:

One of our teachers was able to travel down to Washington to become a Trainer of Coaches for the SASP Marksmanship Rifle/Pistol Program. A shout out to Terri Kohn and John Stevens for being part of a supportive partnership for the Marksmanship Program and overall wonderful travel companions.

Students across schools have been excited to have a few shotgun demo days where the coaches have begun to lead them in gun safety. Students across the district are looking forward for Marksmanship season to begin. Our last Marksmanship activity was in our Naukati pit with a rainy wind blowing sideways made for a extra fun practice of shooting "pigeons". All of the students had a chilly but good time and are learning a lot.

Middle School Basketball:

We have an amazing team of nine students this year. It will be a stellar year in for middle school sports with our explosion of new and returning students.

In the lower elementary classroom, the math rotations are in full swing. Students have been learning everything from number identification to skip counting, multiplication, and division. In language arts, we have been focusing on phonics skills, writing complete sentences, and adding details to our writing and drawing. Students love to practice letter formation by using a finger to trace letters in tubs of cornmeal, salt, or "moon sand."

Students have been getting piano lessons as part of their music class and are learning some songs on the recorder for Veteran's Day.

Our Open House turned out to be full house with most family groups being represented. We introduced new staff and had many foods to pick through. We discussed many topics such as our improvement grant, fundraising and our need for volunteers.

Everyone was helpful with their conversations and with clean up. The most exciting piece were the musical numbers played and sang by our students! Live performances and food helped to captivate our audience. The students played wonderfully for just having a few weeks practice.

We are hoping that everyone has a productive Fall Season.

Best Wishes~~~Naukati School Staff