



**Eben Hopson Middle School
SAC Report
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Three Highlights

Sea Ice Trip

This was an amazing opportunity for our 8th graders to work with some very accomplished scientists. They went into detail about the work they do, taught the students a lot about their own surroundings, and what importance the ice here has.









PBIS Awards

This past week, we, again, incorporated more PBIS acknowledgements into our Wednesday morning meeting. We recognized 44 students for various achievements in the classroom and around the school. It was geared around all of our “PACK” mantras such as Togetherness, Respect & Responsibility, A+ Attitude, Cooperation & Kindness. We have tied in three Inupiaq Values with each of our packs and we have been doing lessons related to those values each week in our Wednesday mornings.

Promotion

It has been exciting to see our 8th Graders realize their time at HMS is almost over. It is starting to sink in that they are almost in High School. There have been displays of teamwork, cooperation, and taking on responsibilities to get things done effectively and efficiently. They are really taking to this new expectation of growing up.

I want to recognize our 8th Grade Teachers as well. They have really come together over the past month and worked as a team on these various projects. It is amazing what can be accomplished when that happens.

Areas of Growth

Attendance:

As we close in on State Testing and near the end of the year, attendance is crucial. We will be sending out messages to guardians asking to make sure those students are in school and will be even more diligent in our calls home. In setting a standard and expectations for being in school, our enrollment has declined. Once absent for 10 straight days, students are supposed to be dropped from the role. We have made it a priority to follow the State mandate on this. Which leads to.....

Student accountability:

We have made a huge effort toward student accountability. This has taken on a few different meanings, but we are still adamant this is necessary for the future academic success of the students. The collective HMS GPA has lowered slightly, because we aren't just passing, excusing, or not collecting assigned work. Students are being held accountable for work assigned, staying in class, and their behavior. This is going to lead to greater learning gains and academic potential. The hallways have improved and student work has increased. Behavior, overall, has improved over the last couple of months.

Vaping:

This is still a major concern, not just for HMS, not just for NSBSD, but nationwide. We are starting to garner support from parents in battling this, and many students are doing their part to combat this problem as well. We have detectors in the restrooms, but I think most students have gotten wise to that fact and are using them in other places. We just continue to educate our staff and students as to what to watch for, and of course, the negative effects this has on their health.

Enrollment

6th Grade - 70

7th Grade - 63

8th Grade - 76

Total - 209