

301 Bioeducational News

January has been a month of transitions for us at Lighthouse; we've transitioned from the Christmas vacation back to school, from 2019 to 2020, Quarter 2 to Quarter 3 of the school year, and moved from the Music elective to Literature, during which time we'll be reading Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. There have also been some transitions of students moving from the 100 cluster into our 300 cluster, including a new student joining us in 301. Volunteer dentists returned to give select students checkups as part of the Healthy Smiles initiative, and Medical Screenings were had by others. Girls Group continues and the Yu-gi-oh Club is back. We had a few basketball practices and teams from other schools visit us to play games in the gym on Thursdays. Trips to the Residence Inn began again so that some students could get off-site job training at the senior living community. There was a Civics Trip to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank for students who helped collect canned goods in a food drive. There was a Parent Luncheon for 100 and 200 Cluster parents, giving them a chance to see the school and chat together. Students had the opportunity to sign up to make their own pizza, and some signed up to go on a bowling trip. The School Store, 'The AMP', has had weekly specials on different snacks along with different merchandise stocking the shelves on a weekly basis. We wrapped up the month with a cluster wide activity where we spent time outdoors in the fresh air!

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Happy New Year to you and your family! Our homeroom family started the new year off very positively, welcoming each other back from Winter Break, and discussing how we spent our time off. Additionally, we started off the year discussing our monthly theme of *Growth* exploring themes of growth within ourselves through Writer's Workshop. We also discussed the new year being a new opportunity and talked about new year resolutions, and what that means. As we moved forward, we took time to reflect on 2019 and the choices we made. With this new opportunity comes the chance to make better decisions and ultimately reach our goals. In Group Therapy, we created vision boards for ourselves with these goals in mind. This month, we had quite a few birthdays to celebrate as a 302 family. These birthday celebrations usually take place at the end of the school day and together we enjoy whatever treat it was that the student requested. There were a variety of requests—from Caesar salad to chocolate fudge. Birthdays are a great opportunity to not only practice appropriate socialization, but also celebrate the students in our homeroom and remind them how special they are to us. With the new year, we wrapped up Quarter 2 electives. This quarter, electives looked a lot different than last quarter's STEM. Students had the opportunity to participate in either Visual Arts, Cooking, Literature, Digital Photography, and even the History of the Potato! Change can be challenging, but we embraced the challenge and many of us were able to experience something new and exciting.

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Happy New Year! Even though it is only the end of January it feels like the holiday break is a distant memory! The students are firmly back into the swing of the school routine. Quarter 2 ended, and there have been a few changes to the schedule for the next Quarter. Electives came to an end and we started on Literature, during which we will be reading and discussing a couple of selected books. Health class concluded as well, and it will be replaced by a physical education class. The Bioeducational theme of this month was *Growth*. This is the time of year to ask students how they have grown as a person this school year. How have they met their goals? What can they continue to work on to better themselves? What changes have they seen in themselves? We used some of these questions as writing prompts, and had the students think more deeply on this subject. In Health class we discussed growth as well, but in the biological form, talking about changes in the body as children mature into young men and women.

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Throughout the month, our homeroom focused on the Bioeducational theme of *Growth*. Students discussed the importance of a growth mindset and worked collaboratively to decorate the homeroom bulletin board with inspirational quotes. Students also followed the writing process during Writer's Workshop while writing about how they've grown physically, emotionally, and academically. Throughout the month, students had the opportunity to sign up for a variety of activities including a make your own pizza event and a bean bag toss tournament. Students also had the opportunity to donate their tokens toward a local food pantry through the student store. Quarter three began this month, which brought changes to our homeroom schedule. Health class came to an end and we began participating in Physical Education. We also began the Literature elective as a homeroom. During the Literature elective, students will take turns reading and discussing various novels, sharing their predictions and answering comprehension questions by utilizing textual evidence. It has been a great start to the new year!

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The year is half over! It has been an eventful first 2 quarters and we are now into the third quarter of our academic year. Staff and students returned back from the long winter recess rested and ready to work. The students were able to take some time upon returning to discuss their most favorite and least favorite parts of the break. Students also spoke about the excitement of getting presents they enjoyed as well as the disappointment of not getting the gifts they had hoped for, and were able to work on some of their goals through these conversations. This month's theme was *Growth*. We had student-centered discussions about Growth and the challenges they have faced when resolving conflicts and being able to forgive, and how they worked through their feelings to develop deeper relationships with staff and peers. Students were able to identify and talk about some of the growth they have made here at Lighthouse School.

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