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Student enrollment has remained constant during the past month with student enrollment remaining at Grade 5: 47; Grade 6: 43; Grade 7: 38; and Grade 8: 53. The end of this year brings reflection and evaluation of programs recently put in place and data analysis to determine if there will be any changes for the upcoming school year.

Grade 6 Visit to the Audubon Society on May 10, 2019: The students in 6th grade faced the rain and enjoyed a learning filled day in Pomfret Center as they rotated through different nature experiences like bird tracking and water erosion as well as the organic cooperative learning and teambuilding that goes along with the great programming at the Audubon Society. Special thanks to Ms. Patrice Merendina for coordinating this visit.

Grade 8 Visits Boston on May 10, 2019: Students and staff took on the Beantown and visited Fenway Park, Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, the New England Aquarium and topped the day off with dinner at the Hard Rock Café. The students and parent chaperones enjoyed a wonderful event marking the end of their time in Canterbury. Thanks to Mr. Beit for coordinating this trip.

SBAC and NWEA MAP Assessment Testing: Students in Grade 5 and 8 participated in the NGSS state testing and then all grades participated in the SBAC testing. Each student participated in 2 days of math testing and 1 day of ELA testing. Results will drive our instructional and curricular practice in the future. Additionally, the students then participated in the NWEA MAP assessment which the school will use to triangulate student achievement along with grades and state testing. Thanks to Ms. Zuckerman, Mrs. O'Connor, and Mrs. Faulkenberry for supporting these test sessions.

Grade 7 Embarks on Project "O" on May 23, 2019: The Grade 7 students visited the shore and were able to catch fish and plankton, participate in a seal or sea gull population study, pull up a mud grab, use oceanographic equipment to measure water quality, and more. The trip included two highly trained Project Oceanology instructors this taught our students how to use our sampling gear, facilitate data collection, help students make sense of what they are finding, and teach a lesson on the topic of your choice. Special thanks to Mrs. Kaitlyn Shafer for planning this experience for our students.

Grade 5 Visits Mystic Village on May 23, 2019: The Grade 5 students took on the Mystic Village and experienced all of the history and charm that it has to offer with visits to local landmarks and museums. Thanks to Mr. Brady for coordinating this trip.

Grade 8 Annual Dinner/ Dance: The 8th Grade will join for their last middle school dance at the Canterbury Town Hall as the DJ spins tunes and students feast on pizza and chicken dinner. Special thanks to the 8th grade parents for helping set the theme and decorate the venue.

Grade 7/8 Picnic at Odetah Campground: Students and teachers join for a full day of excitement as they paddleboard, swim, play basketball, canoe, and kayak and feast on a barbeque lunch as the year comes to an end.

Faculty Meeting on May 14, 2019: The faculty came together in May to begin planning for the upcoming school year. The plans are based on past PD events and student achievement scores. The focus is to continually hone the learning climate for all students to feel confident in their skills, perform at a high level, and be prepared for high school opportunities. Some preliminary planning includes smaller class sizes in Grade 5 and 8 to allow for transitioning, opportunity for an algebra track of student learning, development of a guidance course offering for all students, a peer-mentoring program for all students, and an expo like program based from the Why Canterbury? that allows for more reflective sharing and teaching by all in the community. Great things are on the horizon at Baldwin.

Annual Sports Awards Night on June 4, 2019: The entire athletic department joins for an evening of recognition, awards, and recapping for all sports and all seasons. This event takes place in the gym and a special thanks to Mr. James Molkenthin for making this event happen as well as his hard work and coordination of all sports for the kids in Canterbury.

Why Canterbury? Expo on June 6, 2019: On the morning of June 6, 2019, the school will join to share the various perspectives on the family, experienced citizens, businesses and governmental agencies of Canterbury. As a part of the event, the school will recognize Mrs. Betty Lema as she retires after 50 years of service. There will be light refreshments and time to meet and talk with students and teachers about the program.

BMS Spring Pep Rally/ Field Day on June 6, 2019: Following the Why Canterbury? Expo the students will be able to perform their talents and be recognized for the spring sports participation. Then the school will enjoy the remaining part of the day as a field day with a dunk tank (thanks to the PTO) and a variety of other outdoor games.

Class of 2019 Recognition Ceremony on June 7, 2019: The evening of June 7 (Friday, last day of school, half day of instruction) at 6:00pm serves as the culminating event for the Class of 2019. The program will include speeches, student awards and honors, and recognition of all 53 graduates of the Baldwin Middle School Class of 2019.

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