

School Improvement Plan

Summary of Programs/Activities Not Included in Plan

School Name: Foothills School Year: 2017-2018

Program/Activity	Brief Explanation
Assemblies	This year we had some fun assemblies to augment academics and arts taught in classrooms. Here were the assemblies we enjoyed: 1—Foothills Choir and Orchestra; 2—NetzSmart—Internet Safety; 3--Ballroom Dance; 4—Reflections; 5—Christmas Sing-Along; 6—Veterans; 7—Red Ribbon Safety; 8--Magician Character Education; 9--Sounding Brass
Buddy Reading	All 5 th grade students provide additional reading practice for all 1 st grade students through a buddy reading activity. Once per week 5 th grade students listen to 1 st grade students read.
Character Education and BE HAPPY Theme.	<p>The faculty and staff received the book <i>The Happiness Advantage</i> last spring to read over the summer. The intent was to begin the year with all adults understanding the importance of teaching kids how to be happy.</p> <p>Monthly: Each month had a different focus. Professional Development was given to the faculty during weekly faculty meetings. Areas of Focus: SMILE; Growth Mindset; Gratitude; Service; Resilience; Caring/Love; Fun in Learning; Grit; Celebrations</p> <p>January--Happy Week: We made a video of each class dancing to the music HAPPY by Pharrell Williams and had daily activities to focus students on being happy.</p>
Chess Club	The Chess Club is offered to any K-6th grade student. This year our chess club expanded. We have a club for students with intermediate and advanced skills and a club for students who are just beginning. In the fall the Intermediate/Advanced club began meeting once per week after school. Students from this club participated in the Nebo District Chess Tournament in February.

Comprehensive Math Instruction (CMI)	Each grade level completed a CMI Lesson Study this year. We had the opportunity to participate in the BYU Field Friday with 3rd grade. We also had the EEPAC Committee visit to observe the 1st grade Lesson Study. We enjoyed learning from the university and district professionals during their visits.
Foothills Cheer Club	Each month teachers chose two or three students have made growth academically or followed rules to be recognized as members of the Principal's Cheer Club. The PTA rewarded these students with a certificate and small reward. The names were read on the morning announcements and their picture was taken with the principal. The pictures were posted on the website.
Foothills Choir	Any 4 th , 5 th or 6 th grade student can participate in the before school Foothills Choir. The choir meets twice weekly and performs four times per year, twice for the student body and twice at an evening performance for parents. They are incorporating the musical instruments purchased this year in their musical selections and performance.
Foothills Family Hot Dog Appreciation Supper	At the end of the year the Foothills faculty and staff host an appreciation dinner for Foothills students and families. We provide free grilled hot dogs, chips and drinks. Families bring blankets and picnic on the lawn while they eat then play on the playground.
Foothills Fiddlers	A 3 rd grade teacher purchased a violin for every student in her class and integrated learning the violin into math and reading daily. Last year she also started an after school Fiddlers Club that meets weekly. This year she has about 20 students who consistently come weekly. They will be performing at the choir and orchestra concert at the end of the year for the school and parents.
Foothills Field Day	We have a school wide field day. There are upper and lower grade field day type activities that students rotate through. Activities include jump rope, basketball, tug of war, baseball, dodgeball, scooter relay, sponge relay, steal the flag, water ball launch, soccer, water games, etc. The PTA parents help with the field day activities.
GAINS	Growing Arts in Nebo Schools (GAINS) focuses on the four art areas--visual, drama, music and dance. This year Foothills' arts focus was dance. 3 rd -6 th grade teachers worked with Rachel

	Kimball, a district dance specialist, to create dance lessons. The \$2,000 provided by the district was used to purchase dance supplies and equipment.
Halloween Parade	We hold a Halloween Parade for parents where students and staff dress up. There is a morning kindergarten parade and a school parade in the afternoon. Parents and grandparents love to come and take pictures of their children and grandchildren.
Keyboard Chatter/Keyboard Craze	All 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th grade students will participate in a keyboarding class. 3 rd graders received a 20-day introduction to keyboarding using Keyboard Chatter. 4 th graders received keyboarding instruction using Keyboard Craze for 30 minutes per day for 45 days. 5 th graders received a review of Keyboard Craze for 30 minutes per day for 15 days. 3 rd grade keyboarding is taught by each classroom teacher. 4 th and 5 th keyboarding is taught by a district keyboarding specialist. Students are rewarded for their keyboarding success. There were also several 4 th and 5 th grade students who were invited to participate in the district Keyboarding Competition. Our school did very well overall.
PTA Activities and Services	<p>1--The PTA provided monthly birthday treats for students. On their birthday, each student was celebrated by having their name read during morning announcements.</p> <p>2--Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration--Students brought their parents and grandparents to school to read and eat donuts together.</p> <p>3--PTA provides dinner for teachers during SEP Conferences.</p> <p>4--PTA showed appreciation for the faculty and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. They provided breakfast, lunch, and treats for teachers as well as planned an activity each day to help students show their appreciation</p>
PTA Military Appreciation Week	In conjunction with our Veteran's Day Assembly, PTA started a Military Appreciation Week. The assembly spotlighted our Veterans, included a flag ceremony and video of active military overseas. We proudly hung our military week banner that was presented by the state PTA council last year.
Quiet As A Mouse Day	All students Kindergarten-6 th grades participate in 'Quiet as a Mouse' Day. The purpose of this activity is for students and teachers to only write what they want to say rather than speaking. It helps students understand that writing is a means of communication to another person through reading.

Reflections	PTA runs the local part of the National Reflections Contest. This year we had over 50 entries. There was an award party for students who participated. They received certificates, ribbons and had a treat.
<u>SMILE</u> (Students + <u>MILE</u> =Students who go the extra MILE) Assemblies and Reward activities	Monthly: We held SMILE Assemblies and SMILE Rewards with the principal alternating every other month to reward students who exhibited the focus for the month or was proficient or made progress in an academic area. The rewards included making Thanksgiving Turkeys, having a Snowball Fight, decorating Shamrock Cookies and eating Pizza with the Principal.
Student Council	Sixteen (16) 6 th graders were selected to represent students. They attended the BYU Student Council Conference in October. They met monthly with the student council advisor, a 6 th grade teacher, to talk about their responsibilities. The student council helped the PTA with activities throughout the year. The student council members will participate in an end of year celebration/team building activity at Provo CLAS Ropes Course as a thank you for their service.
“Think Time” Discipline Program	<p>Students who need to be reminded of a school or classroom rule may be given a ‘Think Time’ by any adult employed at the school. After receiving the ‘Think Time’ the student is sent to another classroom to fill out the ‘Think Time’ form. The student writes his/her name, date, what he/she did and what he/she will do in a similar situation in the future. The student checks a ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ box indicating if they can do it, signs the form and returns it to his/her teacher. If two ‘Think Times’ are given within five school days, the student earns a ‘Lunch Detention’ in the Skills rooms. A Skill Building Coach will discuss the behavior and an intervention. Most students change their behavior and make good choices in the future.</p> <p>We are creating and implementing a PBIS plan for next year. The PBIS Team will have met 3 times this year and will meet during the summer as well.</p>
6 th Grade Orchestra	There were about twelve 6 th grade students who participated in the before school Orchestra. The orchestra director is hired through the district arts program (DART). They meet for 55 minutes twice weekly and three times every other week.
Kindergarten Activities and Programs	Kindergarten holds several activities/programs that include high parent involvement. These include a Summer Celebration in September, Fall Festival in October, Christmas Mini

	<p>Concert in December, Winter Carnival in January, 100th Day of School and Kindy 500 in February, Spring Fling in April, Mom & Me Picnic in May and Kindergarten Graduation on their last day of school.</p>
<p>1st Grade Learning Celebrations and Programs</p>	<p>All 1st graders participate in several learning celebrations/programs that connect to literature they have read. These include Apple Day, Thanksgiving Rotations and Feast, Polar Express Day, Hot Chocolate Day, Cookie Day, 100th Day of School, Pirate Day, Teddy Bear Picnic and Camping Day. They also participate in a 1st grade program for parents featuring their learning throughout the year through speaking parts, music and dance.</p>
<p>2nd Grade Learning Celebrations and Programs</p>	<p>All 2nd graders participate in several learning celebrations/programs throughout the year. These include Johnny Appleseed Day, Pie Feast, Christmas Around the World, and the 100th Day of School. They also participate in a 2nd Grade Program for Parents featuring their learning throughout the year through speaking parts and music.</p>
<p>3rd Grade Invention Convention & Day of Service</p>	<p>Invention Convention--All 3rd graders work in their classrooms through the month of February studying inventions. They write about their plan then draw, create and build the invention. Students and parents do the building of the invention at home then in March display it for the school and parents to see. Day of Service--All 3rd graders participate in writing letters, tying quilts and painting toy cars for children shelters.</p>
<p>4th Grade County Fair, Hoe Down, Reader's Theater & Utah Symphony</p>	<p>County Fair--All 4th graders display their knowledge of the counties of Utah. Students pick one county on which they become the expert and create a display. Parents and students in the school are invited to visit the displays and listen to the 4th graders explain the county they studied. Hoe Down--all 4th grade students learn about Utah history and culture. They learn several pioneer dances and perform for and dance with parents at an evening Hoe Down. Reader's Theater--4th grade students practice their reading skills through performing Reader's Theater plays. This year they were able to use an 8-mic system purchased through Trustlands money in their performance. Utah Symphony--All 4th graders went to SHHS for a performance of the Utah Symphony as part of the 4th grade core curriculum.</p>
<p>5th Grade Wax Museum, Colonial Days & 'Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?' & Egg Drop</p>	<p>Wax Museum--All 5th graders create a display about and dress up as a famous person in history. During the Wax Museum, parents and students push a button that activates the famous person's autobiography. The 5th grade student acts as the historical figure by reciting</p>

	<p>by memory a brief autobiography. Colonial Days--All 5th graders participate in rotations that focus on things the early American Colonists did. These include weaving and making paper. 'Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?'--All 5th grade students participate in answering questions about 5th grade core competing against the principal, librarian, secretaries, parents and others. Egg Drop--All 5th graders participated in an egg drop for science. Each student made a container to hold a raw egg. Salem City brought their boom truck up to help drop them from different heights. This activity provides students the opportunity to apply the science principles they learned.</p>
<p>6th Grade Science Fair & Recognition Assembly</p>	<p>Science Fair--All 6th grade students learn the scientific process and apply it in a science demonstration or experiment and display. Parents and all students in the school are invited to visit the displays and listen to the 6th grade students while they explain their science project and give the results of what they have learned. Judges are brought in to talk to the students about their science project. Winners are chosen and go on to the Nebo District Science Fair. Renaissance Fair—6th grade students create a Renaissance booth showing what they learned in the social studies unit about that era. Students can visit the fair and do the activities. Recognition Assembly--The 6th teachers recognize their student's accomplishments. The students also perform musical selections for their parents.</p>