

A photograph of Horace Mann Middle School, a large brick building with a curved facade and multiple windows. An American flag flies on a tall pole in front of the building. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the background, there are stadium lights and some trees.

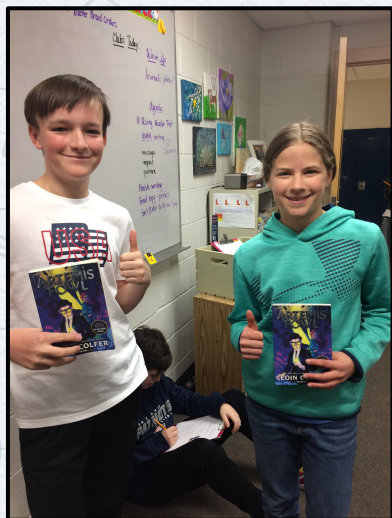
HORACE MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL 2020-2021

"LIFE'S ROUGHEST STORMS
PROVE THE STRENGTH OF OUR
ANCHORS." -UNKNOWN





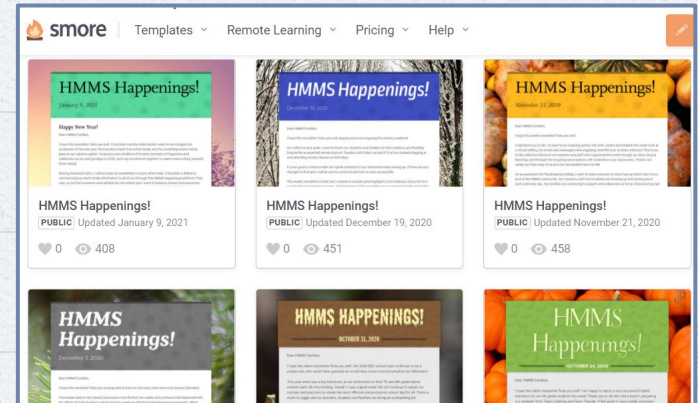
HMMS ANCHORS!



- ★ COMMUNITY
- ★ ACHIEVEMENT
- ★ GROWTH
- ★ RESPECT
- ★ SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING
- ★ RIGOROUS & ENGAGING CURRICULUM
- ★ CULTURAL PROFICIENCY
- ★ COMMUNICATION

THE KEYS TO COMMUNITY: COLLABORATION & COMMUNICATION

- x **Varied communication** - meetings, newsletters, virtual open house
- x **Active listening** to questions & concerns
- x Frequent **check ins** - surveys
- x Valuing different **perspectives**
- x A culture of **respect & trust**
- x **Ongoing two-way communication**



HMMS LANDING PAGE

MORNING LANDING EVERYDAY, 7:20-7:40AM



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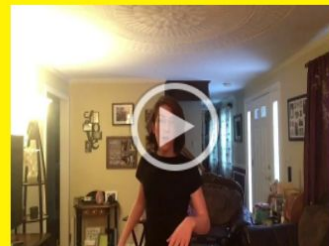
Day 5

Follow the Remote Wednesday schedule today!



HMMS Help

Click to ask Ms. Simon a question



Cover Contest: A Friendly
Reminder from the Yearbook Club

Submit a Cover Design

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OUR HMMS TEACHERS



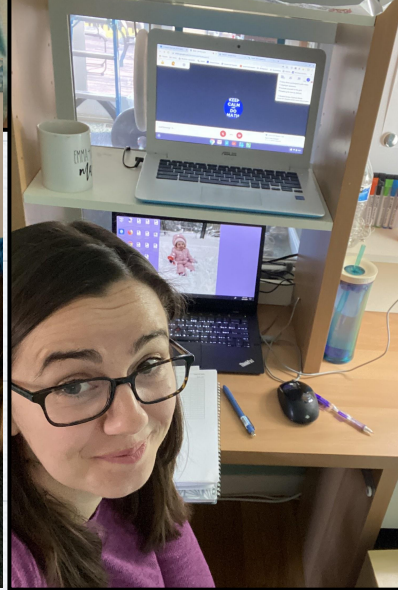
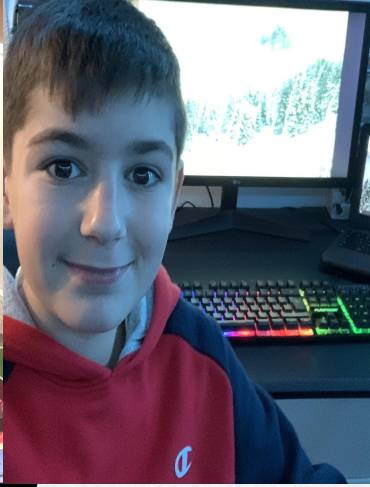
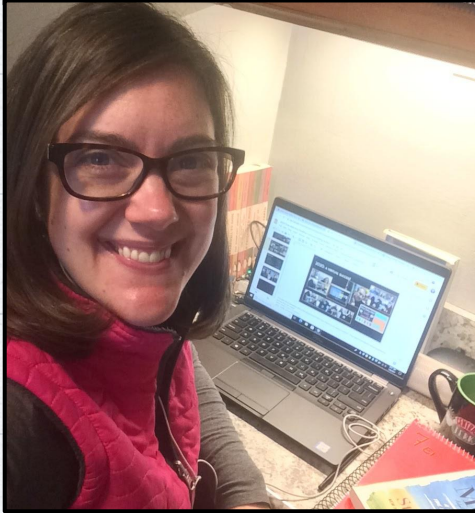
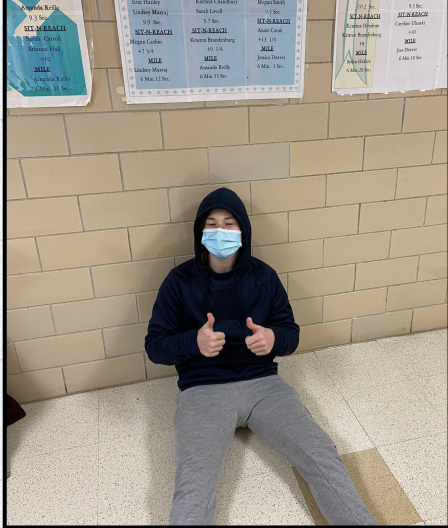
“The time to be **AWESOME** is now.”

—Kid President (and the HMMS staff)



“My teaching will never be the same.”

—Mrs. O'Malley, HMMS Math Teacher



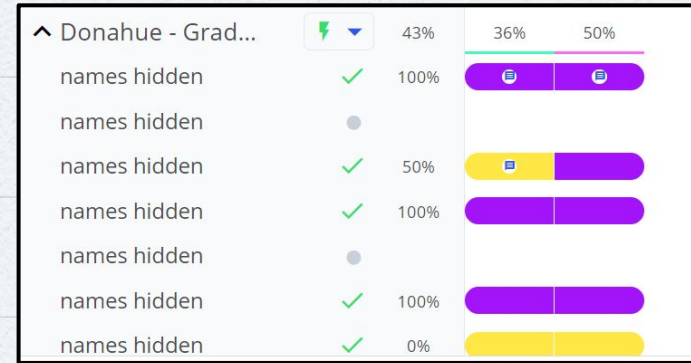
FOCUS AREA: TO CREATE AN EFFECTIVE REMOTE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

- ✗ Planning & Materials
- ✗ Assessment & Feedback
- ✗ Transition to Hybrid
- ✗ Engagement
- ✗ Technology
- ✗ Reflection



MANY BENEFITS OF NEW ONLINE TOOLS

Data Collection to assess student progress and adjust lesson plans.



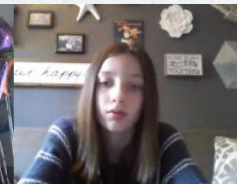
“In the moment”
feedback & opportunities
for private, two way
communication.

Student: - think about $y=mx + b$ and m represents what? send me answer please
Sent by me (5 days ago)

Teacher: I do not understand
 (5 days ago)

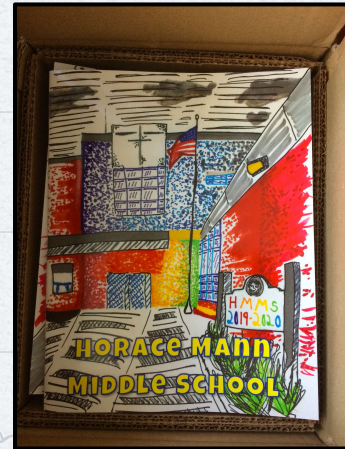
Teacher: does your graph show that?
Sent by me (5 days ago)

Teacher: this looks good, now make sure you think about slope on all questions
Sent by me (5 days ago)



FOCUS AREA: MEETING STUDENTS' SOCIAL EMOTIONAL NEEDS

- ★ Creating New & Safe Routines
- ★ Morning Landing SEL Activities
- ★ “Supportive Accountability”
- ★ Student Check-ins
- ★ Mask & Screen Breaks
- ★ Maintain Important Traditions
 - Jordan Sonnenblick Visit
 - Spirit Days
- ★ Virtual Middle School Clubs
 - Art Club, Book Club, GSA, Jazz Band, Kindness Club
 - Sports Talk Club, Yearbook Club
- ★ A World of Difference Peer Leaders



SEL: CHECKING IN AS WE START THE YEAR...

On Day 6 (9/23) when we were full remote, students were asked:

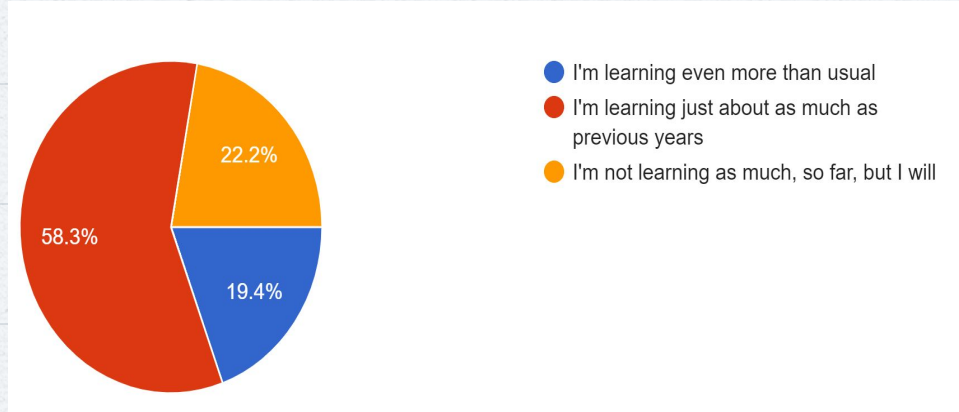
What teacher have you connected with this year? Why?

- ★ “I think I’ve connected with all my 7th grade teachers this year because we’ve done a lot of get to know you activities.”
- ★ “I have connected with Mr. Merten because we both like Harry Potter.”
- ★ “I have connected with Ms. Iaconis this year. We have a lot of things in common, we love ice cream, we love t-swift and we both love ELA.”
- ★ “Mr. Costanza because he has a very hyper personality and its just fun to be with him even through screens.”
- ★ “Mr. Vacca because we have the same birthday.”
- ★ “I don’t think I have connected with any teachers yet this year, I’m still trying to remember who is who.” (We appreciate the honesty!)

HELLO 2021 SURVEY: 6TH GRADE

HYBRID STUDENTS: What is the most HELPFUL aspect of attending school at HMMS?

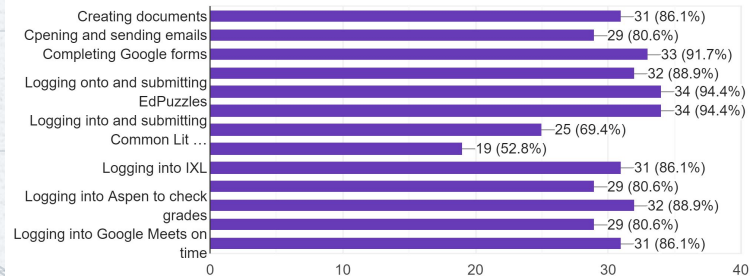
- ★ “That I do not have to stare at a computer screen as much and I enjoy getting to see my friends and teachers in person.”
- ★ “The most helpful thing about going to HMMS is that the teachers can hear you more clearly and it is easier to ask for help.”
- ★ “I attend school all 4 days and it’s most helpful to be with my friends and have access to teachers in person.”



REMOTE STUDENTS - What aspect of remote learning do you find most helpful?

- ★ “I find remote learning helpful because even though school has to be done this way, it feels just like being in in person school.”
- ★ “I don't have to worry about missing the bus”

6. ALL STUDENTS: Select the areas that you feel confident using. (You may select more than one)
36 responses



"IN THE MIDDLE OF DIFFICULTY
LIES OPPORTUNITY."
-ALBERT EINSTEIN

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION
FAMILIES
TEACHERS & FACULTY
STUDENTS

FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT HMMS!

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