

Did You Know?
By Superintendent Gary Gonyar

Did you know... the number of students enrolled in our schools continues to grow rapidly? This year's October 1st enrollment report shows an increase of 24 students from the same time last year. Our total PK-12 enrollment is 1,280 students, which may be the greatest number of students ever in the Hermon School District (definitely since 2013-14 when we had 1,153)! That 2.94% increase over last year (11.01% increase since 2013-14) is opposite of the trend seen in many Maine school districts of decreasing student enrollment. Based on a recent enrollment study, we are projected to have 1,572 students by 2028. Our increases this year were primarily in the K-8 grades (53) with a small increase in high school tuition students (10).

Did you know... we desperately need qualified substitutes in nearly every job category in our district? If you are interested in teaching, student support, maintenance/cleaning, or transportation (driving a bus!), we may have just the job for you! Please call Administrative Assistant Jody White at 848-4084 to begin the application process or stop by to discuss these opportunities with me.

Did you know... we are continuously working on improving and updating our website with important information about our schools? Check us out for school news, contact information, policies, meeting minutes, curriculum and assessment, and a variety of other important information at <http://hsd.hermon.net/>

Finally, **a big shout out and thank you** to the following people and organizations for their incredibly generous donations to the Hermon School Department so far this year: Wanda Leavitt, Mr. and Mrs. Pinciaro, Hopkins Landscaping and Paving, LLC (Mike Hopkins, owner), the Greater Hermon Community Athletic Complex Committee (Barry Pottle, Chairperson), Bangor Savings Bank (Facilities Director, Mandi Smith), the Patricia A. Duran School PTA, the Hermon Middle School Parent Council, and the Hermon High School Boosters.