

New Hope Elementary Town Meetings

New Hope Elementary's principal, assistant principal and school counselor hold Town Meetings every other week. The forum gives them the opportunity to build rapport with students. At the meetings, they meet with each grade level and focus on character education, bullying prevention and also recognize students as "Notable Knights" and birthdays.

They solicit community stakeholders and involve parents to support the character trait that is the focus for the month.

This time also allows for teachers to have extended Professional Learning Time (PLCs) with their colleagues to plan lessons and analyze student data accordingly. Administrators alternate facilitating Town Meetings so that one can attend the PLCs.

New Hope has hosted presenters, including the Wilson Police Department, animal shelters, Senator Buck Newton and Army sergeants.