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Helping Each Child Create the Future

April 4, 2023

Dear Governor Wentworth Regional School District & Middleton Families,

Thank you for your patience as this newsletter is being sent a few days past the usual last Friday of the month. Waiting a few days into April allowed us to include decisions made at the GWRSD School Board meeting held last night at Carpenter School. We can now announce that **the last day for all GWRSD students will be Tuesday, June 20th (half-day)**. Despite the transition to traditional snow days this year, students in all grades will have fulfilled the required number of hours for the school year by that date. On that note, the Middleton School District will consider the last day of school at their meeting on Wednesday, April 12th, 2023.

On behalf of the Board and entire District, I'd like to express appreciation and gratitude for your support of the warrant articles on the ballot. As you may have heard, we just received the results as of March 29th due to Effingham postponing their election. All articles passed including the budget and teacher contract. This support allows the District to provide the best possible education for our students and working environment for our staff. You can find all results including votes by town on the GWRSD.org > School Board > Annual Meeting.

April is certainly a busy month for the District and schools. See the upcoming events section of this newsletter for kindergarten registration dates across the District-. LRTC is holding a job fair on the 20th. We have principal searches underway for Carpenter School and KRHS.

I hope you enjoy the milder temperatures and that you will join us for events this spring.

Sincerely,



Caroline Arakelian
Superintendent of Schools

603 Survey

The New Hampshire Department of Education wants to hear from staff, families, and community members in the GWRSD community. The 603 Bright Futures Survey is available now through April 28. This survey will gather actionable feedback around learning models, school climate, family and community engagement and other topics in order to understand the successes and challenges of the recent school year and plan for the upcoming school year.

Survey Links: To access the surveys, please visit the appropriate link(s) beginning Monday, March 13, through Friday, April 28, 2023.

- Families in K-12, Preschool, and Private Schools: bit.ly/nhedfamily
- Staff in Public and Private Schools: bit.ly/nhedstaff
- Community Members*: bit.ly/nhedcommunity

** Please note that "Community Members" are those who do not have students enrolled in New Hampshire public schools. Those who do should complete the family surveys instead.*

Teaching & Learning Update: Effingham Elementary School

Effingham Elementary School is proud to be in the spotlight of the Teaching and Learning Update this month! The whole school has gone “batty” in preparation for the Effingham Conservation Commission’s poster contest; this year’s theme is “Why Bats are Good for the Earth.” All grade levels participate, and winners from each classroom will be announced in the spring. Students have enjoyed sledding at recess and snowshoeing the nature trail, but we are ready to put the sleds and snowshoes away for the season. Sixth grade hosted a visit from KRMS as students begin to think about the transition to middle school. Sixth grade is also wrapping up their study of ancient civilizations. Fifth graders have become cartographers and created fictionalized maps during their study of geography in social studies. Fourth graders have taken on the perspective of an early New Hampshire inhabitant and have written diary entries from the viewpoint of a colonial settler. In third grade, students are deep into their study of the rainforest and have created a paper simulation in their classroom, while second graders are beginning their animal research unit which they will showcase at their upcoming curriculum night. First graders are well-practiced in “magic e” in their study of language and experts on all things with a break in their study of science and animals. Kindergartners are abuzz with letters, sounds, and words; indeed, our youngest students have up to thirty words in their sight reading! EES is busy learning and looking forward to more spring time weather and activities!

Respectfully submitted by Katey Hills, EdD, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

GWRSD Stay Open Plan

The GWRSD School Board approved the [updated Stay Open Plan](#) on Monday, March 13th, 2023. The approach of the plan is to remain updated with information based on requirements from the State of New Hampshire, the Center for Disease Control, the NH Department of Health and Human Services, and the NH Education Department. Please contact your building principal if you have questions about the current Stay Open Plan which can be found at [About < GWRSD.org](#). Middleton will vote on an updated plan on 4/12/23.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
4/5/2023	Safety & Security Meeting @ KRHS 3:30pm
4/7/2023	New Durham Kindergarten Registration
4/12/2023	Middleton School Board Meeting @ Middleton Elementary 6:00pm
4/14/2023	Tuftonboro Kindergarten Registration
4/18/2023	Effingham Kindergarten Registration
4/20/2023	Ossipee Kindergarten Registration
4/20/2023	LRTC Job Fair
4/24 - 4/28	No School - Spring Recess

Previously Shared Information

The information below has been shared with families in previously issued communication but may still be of interest.

GWRSD & MSD 2023-2024 School Calendars

The Middleton School Board approved the School Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year. The calendar can be found on the [Middleton School District website](#). The calendar mirrors the GWRSD calendar with one difference. Middleton Elementary School will be in session during the Presidential Primary on February 6th, 2024 which also moves the last day of school back one day.

The Governor Wentworth Regional School District School Board previously approved the School Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year. The calendar can be found on this page of the GWRSD website: <https://www.gwrsd.org/calendar>.

Resources for Families

Summer Camp Assistance: The New Hampshire Department of Education is partnering with New Hampshire camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer students the unique opportunity to move beyond COVID-19 and be a kid again. Students of all ages, backgrounds and abilities benefit from exposure to short-term summer enrichment programs, including in the areas of challenge, friend-making, positivity, and emotional safety. Details regarding eligibility for assistance and participating camps in our communities can be found here: [ReKindling Curiosity](#)

We're Hiring!

Please help us spread the word about our open positions! We are looking for caring individuals to work with our incredible students and staff. Prospective candidates can reach out to principals if they have questions about flexible hours. GWRSD and Middleton are hiring for the following open positions: paraprofessional, substitute, long-term substitute, lunch/recess proctor, reading assistant (Title 1), food service, office assistant, hall monitor, high school coach, bus driver and more.

Click the "[Employment](#)" link at the top of the district website for all GWRSD & Middleton employment information including locations & the application process.

NH Education Department Information

[New Hampshire expands access to free online tutoring for students grades 6-12.](#) Continuing with its efforts to close gaps and recover from missed learning, the New Hampshire Department of Education has selected Tutor.com to provide 24/7 online tutoring for every middle and high school student in the state. Through this partnership, more than 100,000 middle and high school students will gain unlimited access to Tutor.com – anytime, anywhere, from any internet-connected device. Please contact your school administrator to learn how KRMS & KRHS students can take advantage of this service through the "Clever" application.