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Principal's Report 12/12/2017

The month of November was filled with many exciting events. We hosted a very successful PTO Book Fair and through the generosity of our PTO and families each student and teacher received books. On **November 17th** students participated in the 7th annual Turkey Trot and Food Drive both were a huge success! Florence Rideout students and staff beat our previous 2015 record of 1587 and collected **1642** canned goods and non-perishable items to support the Wilton Open Cupboard Pantry! We are very fortunate to have incredibly supportive families and community members that supported this food drive and organization.

Our student recognition assembly "C.A.R.E.S Shining Stars" was held at the end of the first quarter on **November 21st** in the Florence Rideout Gymnasium. Several students received a star for our "Hallway Walk of Fame" for demonstrating our Habits of Learning: Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self Control.

COOPERATION: Jaelyn Brown, Connor Allen, Brianna Beha, Sean Bickerton Jason Guertin, Edward Hussey, Destiny Lajoie, Emily Hazelton, Maddix Newton, Jackson Galazarano, Colby Collins, Kendall Riendeau, Vinny White.

ASSERTION: Lily Dean, Michael Geiger, Nate Jones, Emily Jackson, Westly Barrick, Kailee Miller, Cassidy Emmons, Jon Bausha, Ebben Drew-Mochrie, Nathan Gill, Trevor LoVerme, Noah Jaffe, Wil O'Toole

RESPONSIBILITY: Camden Jones, Icarus Hamel, Vivian Boss, Riley Kenney, McKenna Crouse, Kayden Graham, Dane LaFleur, Daxtin Rickard, Cailin Swett, Alivia Jacques, Jaryd Clark, Anya Zoltko, Sophie Chapo.

EMPATHY: Jonathan Hughes, Andie White, Madison Stevens, Carver Nickerson, Esme Howe, Juniper Wentworth, Marc Arsenault, Aubrie Lavalley, Alivia Douglas, Olivia Hussey, Montana Jackson, Charlotte Murphy, MaKenna Basile.

SELF-CONTROL: Brittney Rackliff, Cadence Hazelton, Deryk Ouellette, Raneem Koudsi, Noah Auger, Isabella Jaffe, Aurie Nelson, Sam Black, Isaac Roy, Lily April, Cori Benoit, Ben Jacob, Caleb Gauthier.

The FRES Music Program On Saturday **November 18th** "The Florence Rideout Chorus Ensemble" performed the national anthem at the SNHU Arena to the delight of many Manchester Monarchs hockey fans. We are looking forward to more musical excitement in the month of December, including the annual Holiday Concert. This year our first, second, and third grade students will perform "*The Littlest Reindeer*" on **December 13th** at 6:00pm -7:00 pm under the direction of our music teacher **Kristi Aparo**. The 4th and 5th grade band program is 26 members strong! They will be caroling and performing "Jingle Bells" around town and for our Kindergarten students at Lyndeborough Central School the afternoon of December 21st.

Title One Tutors and Members of the WIN team **Kim Swanson** and **Kristen Dame** have established a Morning Math Lab for 3rd grade students. The Morning Math Lab is an opportunity for our students to strengthen math fact automaticity, math skills and concepts through the use of various software programs. The Morning Math Lab takes place before school starts on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

On **December 17th**, the Wilton Community Center will again be putting out a Luminara display along Main Street from the Fire Station to the Library and along the new River Walk. The Luminara is simply a candle in a white paper bag, but the effect is magical. This year FRES students under the direction of art teacher **Greg Lamers** will be decorating for the Luminara. Please look for our student's artwork displayed and illuminated downtown!

The analysis of student performance data from the STAR 360 assessment has been the focus of our grade level PLT meetings in November and December. These meetings are facilitated by **Michelle Locke** RTI Coordinator. After reviewing student progress in Math and Reading various intervention plans and support are discussed with classroom teachers.

The staff and students at FRES have been invited again to the Wilton Town Hall Theater for a cinematic treat! This event will take place the afternoon of Friday, December 22nd and is coordinated by school counselor **JoAnn Dufour**. Students will view the movie “Sing!” Several themes of this movie including friendship and perseverance will reinforce concepts and help make connections to our counseling curriculum.

I will host the annual waffle staff holiday breakfast with help from **Kristi Legere** and **Deb Roske** on Friday, December 15th.

The staff at FRES and LCS recognizes the importance of giving back to our communities. The staff has collected paper goods throughout the month of November and December to support the Wilton Community Christmas Store. A “Giving Tree” has been established containing wish list items and necessities for local families and children in need. **Diana Zoltko** our school nurse coordinates this annual event with our staff.

We are very proud of Cassidy Emmons and Jason Caragher, 3rd grade students from FRES, who both were named Student of the Month for December. Congratulations!

Sincerely,
Timothy O’Connell