



SANDOWN NORTH NEWS



November 2024

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Issue 3



A Message from Principal Yacek



Hello Sandown North Families,
November has been a great month for spreading kindness all around and sharing what we are grateful for. We want to thank our PTA for partnering with us to host The Tiger Performances for all of our students. The focus of the musical presentation was on being true to ourselves, being upstanders, and knowing what's right. Students also showed their appreciation to local Veterans by writing appreciation cards for Ms. Siuda and PTA volunteers to hand deliver. On November 18th, we had our first all-school ALICE drill. The students and staff did a wonderful job. As we look forward to December, be sure to check out our calendar of events. The PTA and school district will be hosting a variety of holiday events.

Thank you for sharing your children with us each and every day. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Yours In Education,
Mrs. Yacek, Sandown North Principal



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

Upcoming Dates:

- December 2 PTA Meeting
Sandown Central 6-8
- December 6 Lil Shoppers Event
@ Sandown Central
- December 11 Early Release
- December 13 Yearbook Cover
Contest Entries due & Kids
Holiday Night TRHS
- December 23-Jan 1 Holiday
Break

A Message From The Nurse

We are hearing concerns from families regarding head lice. We want to let everyone know that we do not have a lice outbreak here at North. Whenever there is at least one case, we proactively send a letter home to the families in a specific classroom. We have at no time, had a grade level or school-wide issue with head lice. If we had a larger concern, we would be reaching out to more families. Please see the attached link for more information pertaining to head lice.



Calling all Designated Volunteers!



Sandown North would love to have designated volunteers come into our school to help with copying and laminating. If you are a designated volunteer and would be willing to help, please contact Sandra.Gurczak@timberlane.net and Laura.Yacek@timberlane.net with your availability.



Not a designated volunteer yet?

It's easy to apply. Go to the Sandown North Website and click on the Parent link. Go to designated volunteers tab and fill out the paperwork. Return the paperwork to Sandy Gurczak in the office. You will be contacted by the SAU for fingerprinting and then viola! You will become a designated volunteer!



We want your feedback!



Mrs. Kontos would like the students to give their opinions on lunch and breakfast offerings.



What would you add to the breakfast or lunch options?

What would you remove from the current breakfast and lunch options?

Please return to Mrs. Kontos in the kitchen. Thank you for taking our opinion survey!

Yearbook Cover Contest is Here for the 2024-2025 school year!



Mrs. Gurczak would like to announce the yearbook cover contest for grades 3-5.

Please make sure to follow the following directions to be eligible for the cover!

If you are a third, fourth or fifth grader and would like to participate, please use the following guidelines.

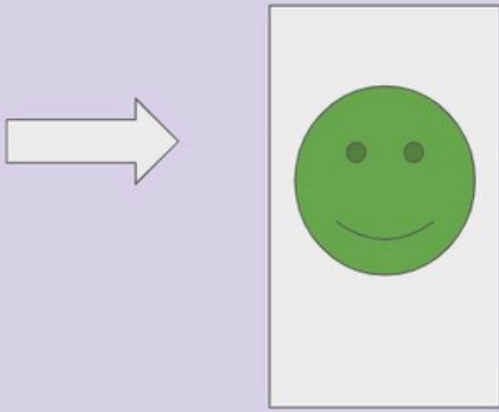
In your design you must include:



- The school year 2024-2025
- The school name Sandown North Elementary School
- Your name first and last on your design (the front, be proud!)
- The school theme: Think about "teamwork" in your design.
- Spelling is VERY important! Have an adult check!
- To Repeat, Spelling is very important if you want to make the cover!

Yearbook Cover Contest Details:

- Please make sure to use an 8.5 x 11 size paper vertically (up and down)



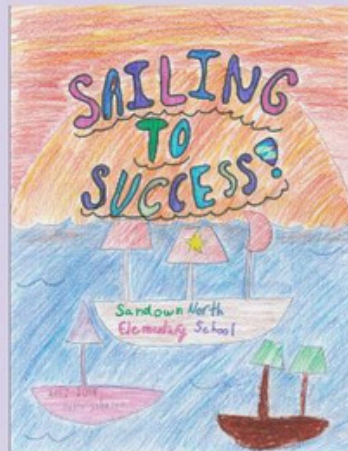
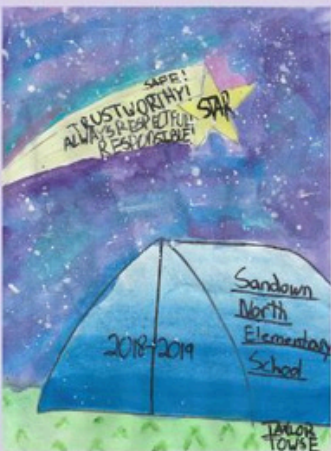
Like This!



Not Like This!

Yearbook Cover Contest Details:

- Please include your class code on the back and your full name on the front
- Return artwork to Mrs. Gurczak by Dec 13th, 2024 for judging! Good Luck!!!





SAVE THE DATE

SANDOWN NORTH

WINTER CONCERT

Featuring the Sandown North
Strings, Band, & Chorus

Tues. January 21, 2025
7:00 PM @ PAC

More information coming soon!

November Curriculum Update

Grade 1

First graders are learning about light waves during science. In phonics, students have been writing and reading words with digraphs. First graders are finishing up their narrative writing unit.



Grade 2

Our second graders have been busy and making great progress in several subjects! In math, we're focusing on place value and learning different strategies for adding two-digit numbers. In writing, students are mastering the concept of subject and predicate and are now able to write complete sentences in their personal narratives. We are also wrapping up our science unit on the properties of matter, where students have been exploring how different materials can change and react. In phonics, we're reviewing multisyllabic words to help improve reading and spelling skills.



Grade 3

Third grade has jumped into multiplication and division. We are wrapping up our unit on the election in Social Studies. In science we are finishing up weather and climate. During reading, we are diving deep into non fiction text features. For writing, we are adding the final touches on our personal narratives!

Grade 4

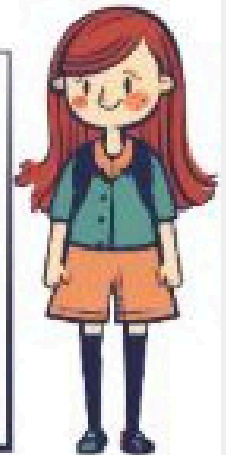
This month, 4th graders have been quite the mathematicians! They learned more about factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers, the area model of multiplication and multiplying 1 digit by 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers! In reading, we continue to read our fiction chapter books and read alouds and also informational texts in science and social studies. During writing, our personal narratives have reached the publishing stage and we are awaiting our next round of pen pal letters. Our Mystery Science unit, The Birth of Rocks, has been completed and we will move on to our next unit in December. In Social Studies we are continuing our study of the culture, geography, and history of the United States regions.

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Grade 5



5th grade is excited to wrap up our space unit in Science with a trip to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord! In Social Studies, we wrapped up our map skills unit with a treasure map project. We've also begun studying early colonists and the native people of the area. In Reading, we are continuing our exploration with a picture book project. We also wrote personal narratives about the best or worst meal we've ever had. In math, we've started dipping our toes into two- and three-digit multiplication. It's going really well!



School Counseling Team

Samantha Houlihan School Counselor

Mrs. Houlihan is dedicated to supporting students' emotional, social, and academic growth. She provides a safe environment for children to share their feelings and helps them develop skills for managing friendships and challenges. Mrs. Houlihan also conducts lessons on important topics like self-awareness, self-management, relationship skills, social awareness and responsible decision making. She works closely with teachers and families to promote a positive school atmosphere. Her mission is to ensure every child feels supported and empowered to succeed! Samantha can be reached at 603-887-8505 ext. 7525 or at samantha.houlihan@timberlane.net

Leah Poulin School Social Worker

Mrs. Poulin supports students and families at both Sandown North and TLC at Sandown Central and spends half of her time in each building. She provides individual and group counseling and acts as the link between home, school, and community resources. Leah can be reached at 603-887-8505 ext. 7546 or at leah.poulin@timberlane.net.

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HAPPY
thanks
giving



LIBRARY



All grades have been having fun this month with fall and Thanksgiving stories and activities.

First Graders have begun checking out books and taking them home! Hopefully you have been enjoying reading with them.

Second & Third Graders continue to hear and review Ladybug nominated picture books. We will vote the week of December 9th.

Fourth Grade continues their unit on the regions of the US. Most have finished their first and are moving on to their second region.

Fifth Grade has been enjoying time in the library reading. I look forward to starting more directed lessons next month.

ART



This month all students are working with a variety of clay and glaze techniques.

Grade 1 : Rolling

Grade 2: Etching

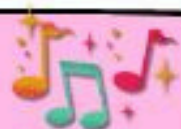
Grade 3: Texturizing

Grade 4: Scoring and Slipping

Grade 5 : Building three dimensionally

Students are also learning about the properties of earthenware clay as well as the stages of drying and firing it in the kiln.

MUSIC



In music class, students in grades 3-5 have been working in groups with jump bands, focusing on problem-solving and maintaining the beat while performing. Meanwhile, grades 1 and 2 have been enjoying singing games and playing small percussion instruments to different musical styles.

INNOVATION



All students are applying the **Engineering Design Process** as they imagine, plan, and create to complete various holiday themed challenges appropriate to their grade level such as:

- broom to hold characters from the book *Room on the Broom*
- stand to hold a cauldron of witches brew
- pop out portrait for Animal for President project inspired by the book *Duck for President* (collaboration with 3rd grade teachers)
- cards for Veterans with various classes (collaboration with PTA)
- button towers
- turkey homes
- turkey tables
- 3D turkeys with recycled materials

Innovators are practicing how to create **engineering design sketches**/diagrams to illustrate how they **plan** to complete the challenges using only the given materials and tools.

TECHNOLOGY

This month, students:



Gr. 1/2: copy/pasted, coded, created text boxes, clicked and dragged, moved objects, care of equipment, personal info - what to share and not share, inserted images, etc.

Gr. 3: learned how to use the camera feature, formatted text, coded, formatted images, and added/arranged slides, digital footprints, and media balance.

Gr. 4/5: learned how to group/arrange objects, did data analysis and interpretation, learned Canva and StoryboardThat, impact of social media, and more!

HEALTH/PE



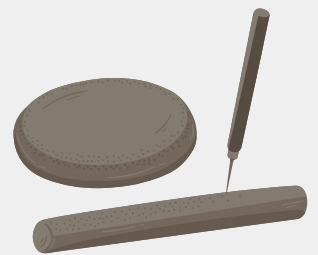
Gr. 1/2: finished working on bending and twisting. they have now done more activities focused on teamwork activities.

Gr 3: we are now working on throwing a Frisbee using an back hand throw

Gr 4: they are practicing throwing a Frisbee using a backhand and forehand throw and introducing ultimate Frisbee concepts

Gr 5: we are reviewing how to throw a Frisbee both backhand and fore hand and moved to playing some small sided ultimate Frisbee games

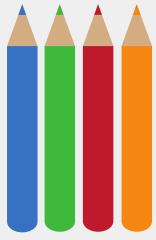
News from the Art Room



Mrs. Murray's 1st Grade Class cutting out clay shapes.



Ms. McAlpine's 1st Grade Class Matisse inspired birds.



Mrs. Carroll's 3rd Grade Matisse inspired collages.



Mrs. Nenart's 3rd Grade Matisse inspired still life.

Do you have empty TP or PT rolls and flattened cereal, pasta, or snack food boxes?



Wondering what to do with extra unused holiday cards and paper products?



Looking to recycle the front part of used holiday cards?



The innovation studio will gladly reuse them!



**Michele Parker
Innovation Teacher**





WATCH A MOVIE AND
DECORATE SOME HOLIDAY
COOKIES FOR ALL AGES!

KIDS HOLIDAY

Night

FRIDAY
DECEMBER
13TH, 6-8PM



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Timberlane Regional High
School Cafeteria



36 Greenough Rd, Plaistow,
NH 03865

Get Ready for a Magical Holiday Evening!

Mark your calendars for the Lil Shoppers Event on Friday December 6th, 2024, from 5 PM to 8 PM at the Sandown Central School Gymnasium!

This year, we're excited to host our event alongside the Sandown Tree Lighting and the Festival of Trees at Sandown Town Hall, creating an unforgettable holiday experience for families. 🎄

At the Lil Shoppers Event, Enjoy a beautifully decorated space and over **115 affordable gifts, most priced at \$10 or less**. Kids can shop independently or with parents, enjoying the thrill of gift-giving!

While the kids shop and craft a professional photographer will capture special moments and parents can relax in our designated Parents' Room or join the shopping fun. Light snacks and refreshments will be available, and don't miss our fantastic raffles! Proceeds support our students and help fund exciting events throughout the year.

This event is open to everyone in the community, so bring your friends and family for a delightful evening of holiday shopping! Celebrate the season and make it magical for our little shoppers!

We can't wait to see you there! 🎁 For more details and to purchase gift certificates for your little one, visit our holiday shoppe <https://sndwnnorthes.myschool.holidayshop.org>



If you have any questions email sandownpta19@gmail.com

Also follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sandownpta/> for updates!

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