

SCHOOL NEWS REPORT

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD – December 6, 2018

Atkinson Academy

- It has been a very busy two weeks. The chorus was excited to be a part of the Atkinson Tree Lighting right after Thanksgiving.
- During the month of November the students collected 1,126 lbs of food for the St. Luke's Food Pantry on Saturday in partnership with the Atkinson Lions Club. Additionally, 1,110 pairs of socks were collected. These socks were distributed to Ruth's House, Emmaus House, and Lazarus House to be given out to those in need.
- Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a terrific Lip Sync on Friday night – great job by all students.

Pollard School

- Pollard School practiced our inclement weather drill. This drill was very successful. The staff at the offsite location (First Baptist Church), were very impressed with our student's behavior and how serious they took the drill.
- Pollard School had a staff meeting and discussed the new anti-bullying initiative sponsored by the grant given by Charlie George and family, No Bullying. The staff is very excited about this new initiative and discussed how we would be forming a team to help facilitate meetings between students.
- Nurse Kate organized a dental screening with the Granite State Dental Program with support from Plaistow Pediatric Dentistry. The dental screening and education was offered to all students.
- Student Council was also a big help this past month for running a coat drive before Thanksgiving. They collected 291 coats for the Plaistow community. We are very appreciative for all their hard work and dedication in helping others.
- Student Council, in conjunction with the Pollard PTA, has been going around to classrooms selling Smencils. (Smencils are gourmet scented pencils that are made from 100% recycled newspapers). They are raising money in order to give back to the Pollard School Community at the end of the school year.
- This coming weekend, the Pollard School PTA is holding their annual Holiday Shoppe and Pancake Breakfast. A special guest will also be making an appearance. The Holiday Shoppe will be open Friday December 7th from 4:30pm-6:30pm and again on Saturday December 8th from 8:30am-10:30am. The Pancake Breakfast is on Saturday December 8th from 8am-10:30am. You do not need to participate in the Pancake Breakfast to attend the Holiday Shoppe.

Sandown North

- On November 14th and November 15th Sandown North hosted authors Victoria Coe and Elly Swartz respectively. Mrs. Coe wrote the "Fenway and Hattie" books which are told from the perspective of a fun loving jack russell terrier. Mrs. Coe met with students in grades 2, 3, and 4. She spoke with students about perspective and point of view. The students really enjoyed imagining how they would view life if they were a dog! Mrs. Swartz wrote the books "Smart Cookie" and "Finding Perfect". Her presentations to our 4th and 5th grade students about empathy and how we are more alike than different was powerful and made a positive impact on our students.

- On Monday, November 19th, our school practiced an offsite evacuation. Practicing this drill helped us to see where we may need to make adjustments to our plan. The evacuation went very well and staff and students did an exceptional job.

TLC@ Sandown Central

- Current enrollment: Pre-K 91 K 68 Total= 159
- Due to the inclement weather, we had to postpone Grandparent's Day until February. The selected date will be determined after Christmas Break.
- On November 30th, Sandown Central School held our ribbon cutting ceremony with Dr. Metzler, Steve Murray, the head pastor from the Rock Church, and Beth Soucise, our Sandown pastor and the SC staff and K students. The students all made "Thank you" cards for the pastors and were excited to disperse them themselves. We are so very grateful for Pastor Steve who worked diligently to donate us a brand new laminator worth over \$1700.00. We are lucky with our new partnership and look forward to future plans together.
- On the afternoon of November 30th, Dr. Wilson came to read to the Preschool and Kindergarten students. Students enjoyed books about winter, snow days and what students can do in the snow!
- On December 11th and 12th, all students will have a great time when the Polar Express comes to Sandown Central. Students and staff in PJs will be read the book, the "Polar Express" by DJ Cliff West and be treated to hot cocoa and cookies provided by Triple Elm in Sandown. Students will enter the room with their golden tickets and be sure to leave with a smile. We have a few more spots if any parent volunteers want to come and help serve cocoa and cookies.
- Students are working diligently on building independence and being kind to others, especially this time of the year. PreK and K students are working on building independence and grit in tasks they perform in class, on the playground and even at lunch.



Middle School

- In 6th grade French class, students were introduced to the French language and culture. They learned how to introduce themselves and ask basic questions.
- In 7th grade, students learned the key phrases to be able to speak and write about themselves and their families. They also learned expressions to be able to talk about the weather and their preferences.
- In 8th grade, students learned about school supplies, subjects, and other school related vocabulary such as how to express time and days of the week. Students were able to talk and write about an authentic school schedule for a student in France.
- Timberlane Regional School District hosted the inaugural Family STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) Night on Tuesday December 4th, with much success. Over 400 members of the public attended this event to learn about STEAM, local business and industry and engage in STEAM based activities.

The children who attended were able to see future STEAM options that await them at the TRMS, TRHS and beyond. Through the great effort of community members, TRSD employees and student volunteers the evening was a huge success and TRSD has already started planning for next year's event.

- In 7th grade Science, students have been learning about the structure and function of living things. We began the trimester with the identification of the characteristics and needs of living things. From there, we launched into the exploration of the kingdoms of life where students explored how Plants and Fungi have body structures that allow them to meet their needs and survive. At the end of the trimester, students began learning about the structure and function of organisms at the cell level with an exploration of unicellular organisms, the Protists. During this unit, students are learning how to prepare wet-mount slides and use a microscope to observe this microscopic life. As they make observations of these living organisms, they are challenged to apply their understanding of the structure and function of cells.

High School

- Mealey's Meals Basket Raffle is underway. We would like to thank all the district school, staff and students for the awesome baskets donated towards our raffle for Mealey's Meals. We have raised \$3000.00 so far on our way to the \$10,000.00 goal.
- Spirit week has seen some unusually snow/blizzard bag day plus the gym floor being repaired this year. The Admin are looking at planning some spirit days in the future.
- December 8 - Kid's Night Out (grades K-5) sponsored by Student Council cost is \$20.00 per child for the entire evening of fun and activity (if you have more than one the cost is \$15 for each additional child). Snacks, drinks and pizza will be provided along with arts & crafts, board games, movies and plenty of fun. Please reserve with Jennifer.libby@timberlane.net by email or text information to 603-674-6417 - drop off is at the high school café 4:00pm – 8:00 pm.

Athletics

- The winter sports programs have begun. The wrestling program has its opening match this Wednesday vs Alvirne. The Swim Team also opens their season this week on Friday @ Londonderry. The swim meet will take place at the Londonderry Workout Club @ 4:45pm. Good luck to all our teams!

Performing Arts

- Wed-Dec 5 Jazz & Rock Ensemble Concert Auditorium 7:00pm
- Fri-Dec 7 Milkmen Show Recital Hall 7:00pm

Free Holiday Fun at the PAC

Saturday-December 8th

Join us for our

13th Annual TubaChristmas Celebration

beginning at 2:00pm
with performances by

The Holiday Horns,

**The Timberlane
Community
Guitar Orchestra,**

**The Timberlane
Community Chorus,**

The Volare Jazz Band

and the ever popular

**Timberlane
Community Band
Holiday Concert**



5:00 – 6:00 pm.

Children, please join us
for a visit and take a
picture with Santa. Enjoy
some Christmas crafts,
hot cocoa, and goodies.
Spend time with Frosty,
the Grinch, and Rudolph!



**TIMBERLANE REGIONAL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
40 GREENOUGH ROAD, PLAISTOW, NH**

Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra

presents

A FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 16, 2018 - 2:30PM

Featuring Special Guests

Timberlane's John Zevos performing the Concerto
for Mandolin in C Major by Antonio Vivaldi.

The Timberlane High School Chamber Singers,
directed by Michael Green, will join the MVPO
as they celebrate the holidays with special choral
pieces and the always popular sing-a-long.

To purchase tickets
call the PAC Box office
at 603-257-5257

Or order online at
www.mktix.com/trpac

Tickets: \$25 Adults / \$20 Seniors / \$10 Students / \$5 Children





Sounds of the Season



TRSD Student Holiday Concerts

HS Jazz & Rock Ensemble Concert—Wednesday, December 5th
7:00pm—PAC Auditorium

HS Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Guitar Orchestra Concerts
Sunday, December 9th
Band 1:00-2:30—Chorus 2:45-3:45pm
Orchestra 4:00-5:00pm—Guitar Orchestra 5:15-6:00pm

Elementary Honors Band, Orchestra, Chorus Concert—Tuesday, December 11th
7:00pm—PAC Auditorium

Grades 7 & 8 Chorus Concert—Wednesday, December 12th
7:00pm—PAC Auditorium

Grades 7 & 8 Orchestra Concert—Monday, December 17th
7:00pm—PAC Auditorium

Grade 6 Band, Orchestra, Chorus Concert—Tuesday, December 18th
7:00pm—PAC Auditorium

Grades 7 & 8 Band Concert—Wednesday, December 19th
7:00pm—PAC Auditorium

Pollard Winter Concert—Tuesday, January 8th
7:00pm—PAC Auditorium

Danville Winter Concert—Wednesday, January 9th
7:00pm—PAC Auditorium

Sandown Winter Concert—Tuesday, January 15th
7:00pm—PAC Auditorium

Atkinson Winter Concert—Wednesday, January 16th
7:00pm—PAC Auditorium

For a full listing of PAC events go to: www.timberlanepac.org
To reserve tickets call 603-257-5257 or order online at www.mktix.com/trpac