

## SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORTS TO THE TRSB – October 5, 2017

### Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson's Monday Morning Meeting kicked off the theme of "Kindness" for all. The Student Council members wrote short stories letting classmates know that there are many ways to show kindness to your classmates, family and friends. The music teacher taught everyone a "Make A Difference" song and the students learned the Kindness Pledge which they will be reciting each day after morning announcements.

### Danville Elementary

- Danville students have practiced a fire drill and a partial evacuation drill. The crisis team has reviewed all drills at a recent staff meeting.
- Professional staff had the opportunity to work with Karen Matso from Demonstrated Success. She is supporting staff while doing data dives to reveal areas of need for more focused instruction and interventions. Demonstrated Success houses all aggregate data in one location. It is proving to be a very useful learning opportunity for teachers and administrators as we work together. As a result of our training we have restructured professional learning community meetings to include more professional development to support staff.

### Pollard School

- On Friday, September 22nd Pollard students and staff raised 652.00 for hurricane victims! Students paid a \$1 fee to wear a hat for the day and staff paid \$3 for jeans. With the money we raised, along with a contribution from Sandown Central, we were able to purchase 34 backpacks from the Dickinson School District Hurricane Relief Wishlist for children in Dickinson, TX. We were ALSO able to make a \$417 donation to the Save the Children Fund going towards children in Florida impacted by Hurricane Irma.
- On Monday, September 25, Pollard staff dressed up as super heroes (both real and fictional) to celebrate our superhero theme/message for the year that we all have a superhero inside of us. Students were surprised and staff morale couldn't have been higher!
- On Tuesday, 9/26, The AutoFair Subaru General Manager, Jose Oliver, delivered science books to Pollard School as part of the "Subaru loves to learn initiative"! These books will be used as a STEAM resource by our staff and I am sure our students will all be excited to dig in and start reading them. We will be working on strengthening this partnership with our district. Thank you Subaru!



### Sandown Central (The Timberlane Learning Center)

- In their third year together, the staff here at Sandown Central are in their groove and have accomplished a significant amount of great work in only in a short period of time. All preschool and kindergarten students have been assessed using our district's STAR assessment tool. Scores are being disaggregated by teachers to be able

to instruct students at their individual level. Parent score summary sheets will be coming home to families this week. If parents have questions regarding the results, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

- Sandown Central is hosting the Dental Clinic on the 2nd to 4th of the month. This is a great opportunity to have students have early dental intervention.
- Sandown Central partnered with Pollard School and held a "Jeans for A Purpose" day where staff could dress "down" and contribute money to help school affected by the recent hurricanes. Students also participated by bringing in a dollar and a stuffed animal for the day. Students and staff at Sandown Central raised \$216.00 to help others.
- We will be having Picture day on October 11th and 12th. The staff is just as excited as the students to have their picture taken. With our staff photos, we will be creating an "OWL FAMILY TREE."
- Our littlest students (3's) are busy with Reader's Workshop and learning to take turns while -using the Smart Board.
- Kindergarteners are using their scientific minds to learn about sinking and floating using apples as well as discussing and graphing weather patterns.
- We are forming a Parent Volunteer Group to assist in organizing Sandown Central's books in the library. If interested in helping please call the main office at 887-3648.

### **Sandown North**

- Sandown North has only had two head custodians since it opened in 2001. Our first custodian, "Mr. Bob" moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, when he retired. Last week, we heard a familiar voice asking to be let into the building. Bob came for a surprise visit. Lots of laughter, a few tears, and lots of smiles were spread that day.
- Each year, we are fortunate to have the Alexander Eastman Foundation sponsor a dental screening clinic at our school. This occurred on September 28th and 29th. The dental staff is always so professional and kind with students, helping our students feel comfortable and allaying fears.
- We have started our 2017 – 2018 Monday Morning Meetings. The fifth grade hosts shared that they look forward to the opportunity to take charge of the meeting "since we were little kids". One of the hosts' aunts planned a visit to New Hampshire from Pennsylvania during the time her niece was a host so she could see her on stage. So special!
- Our students had their pictures taken this week, and, also this week, the Atkinson Lions Club is performing vision screening. We are so appreciative that the Atkinson Lions are willing to come to our community to screen our students.

### **Middle School**

- Grade 6 completed their team building that took place at Camp Lincoln. The weather was beautiful for 5 out of the 6 days. The teachers did a great job working with the students at Camp Lincoln. The students enjoyed kayaking, archery, high ropes, nature walks, and field games.
- The transition to extended learning times during core classes has been smooth. Teachers are communicating that there is an alleviation of stress with them and the students. We are still learning what is working and where we need to make improvement. Our behavioral issues are down from last year at the same time.

- Our STEAM program is the talk of the school. Students at all grade levels are fully engaged in problem solving while completing hands on projects.
- Our open houses are complete. We had our highest participation in five years. We appreciate the support of the parents and guardians who attended.

## High School

- October 10 - Professionally Development Day – No School for students
- October 12 - AP Art Unveiling art students unveil their AP art projects 3:00pm-5:00pm HS Library
- October 12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:00pm High School. Parents are signing up electronically to meet with their students teachers.
- October 14 - PSAT Testing (Sophomore & Junior) Pre-registration is required \$23.00 cash or check to the School Counseling Dept by October 6 - 7:45am – 11:45am HS several classroom
- October 14 - TRHS Alumni Meeting 9:30am HS Room 400
- October 17 - Financial Aid Information Parent Night for College Bound Seniors 6:30 pm PAC
- October 25 - School Picture Re-Take Day!

## Athletics

- Fall sports teams are competing well. The Golf team has qualified for the NHIAA State Tournament. It will take place next Tuesday at the Portsmouth CC. This past Saturday the Bass Fishing Team finished in 3rd place at the NHIAA State Finals Tournament at Pawtuckaway State Park.
- There will be a Life of an Owl Student Leadership Training Session next Tuesday. Representatives from the NHIAA Life of an Athlete Program will come to the High School to work with middle school and high school student leaders. The focus will be on positive leadership skills and creating a positive environment in our schools and community.

## Performing Arts

- TRHS Marching Band: Football season is here and the TRHS Marching Band, under the direction of Kenneth Clark, has been working hard on perfecting their halftime show which they'll perform at this Friday night's home football game against Keene High School. Go Owls!
- On Saturday-October 14th, Mr. Clark will bring the marching band to perform at the Dover Band Show. The Dover Band Show is one of the longest running high school marching band shows in New England and a community tradition for the City of Dover for almost 50 years! 10 High School Marching Bands from NH, MA, and ME will be featured as they perform favorite tunes at this most exciting and highly visible show. Come on out and support our Timberlane Marching Band as they perform favorites such as "Taking it to the Streets", "Night Train", "RESPECT", and "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band".
- Jazz All-State Auditions: Our high school jazz students are preparing for the Jazz All-State auditions which will take place, on Saturday-October 21st, at Souhegan High School. Top scoring musicians, from around the state, will have the honor of participating in the three day NHMEA Jazz All-State Music Festival in February 2018.
- All-State Auditions: Our high school band, orchestra, chorus and guitar students have been practicing their All-State music in preparation for the 2017 All-State Auditions on Saturday-November 18th, at Manchester

Memorial High School. New Hampshire's top scoring musicians will have the honor in participating in the three day NHMEA All State Music Festival in April 2018.

- Milkmen: The Milkmen are an Improv Comedy group that performs full, two hour shows each month. The group is comprised of Timberlane Students and directed by Mike Castano and produced by Eric Constantineau. With each show, ticket sales are donated to clubs, organizations and charities. Proceeds from this year's first Milkmen show, held in September, went to Harvey relief. Our next Milkmen show is scheduled for Thursday October 12th in the PAC Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5.
- The Timberlane Players: This season's first 24hr Play project took place this past weekend. On Friday evening, members of Mr. Constantineau's Playwriting class arrived at the PAC and stayed up all night challenged with the task of writing a one act play. On Saturday morning, the playwrights headed home and the actors and directors arrived and were handed their scripts. They had all Saturday morning and afternoon to rehearse their play and on Saturday evening at 7:00 the doors opened to the public for the play performances. It was a great experience for all involved. Our playwrights wrote 12 new plays into existence, our dozens of student and alumni actors made the words transform from page to stage and our audience enjoyed a fantastic show!
- The Timberlane Players have been rehearsing for their fall drama, "Macbeth" which they will perform, on October 26th, 27th, 28th, in the PAC Recital Hall. Show times are 7:00pm with a Saturday matinee at 2pm. Tickets are \$5.