

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORTS TO THE TRSB – September 21, 2017

Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson students enjoyed a great ice cream social hosted by the Night Owls, Friday night. About 300 people attended. It was a great time to get to know new families and renew friendships made in past school years.
- At Monday morning meeting, we kicked off Constitution Week with an all school assembly outlining the reasons for the Constitution, who wrote it and its function that continues on now. Each classroom will be completing various activities relating to the Constitution this week.

Danville Elementary

- It feels great to be back in school with our students! We are busy learning new names, schedules, and routines!
- We honored our heroes on September 11 with a moment of silence. Students drew pictures of their heroes and we created our own wall of heroes.
- Constitution Day began outside at the flagpole to recite the Pledge of Allegiance together. Ms. Soha led students and staff in signing "This Land is Our Land." Mrs. Alexander Hamilton and Mrs. James Madison (aka Mrs. Kisiel, librarian and Mrs. Wood, enrichment specialist) met with groups of students in the library to discuss the Constitution and rules. Dolly Madison did her best to teach us her social graces she was well known for!
- Thanks to our PTA members for purchasing an AED for our building. This gift allows us to have two AEDs in the building and has been installed in our cafeteria.

Pollard School

- The first 6 weeks of school are a very important time for Pollard School students and staff. Locking in procedures now will make for a smooth school year. We have been working hard on learning expectations in the classroom, lunchroom, and the recess area as well as throughout the school building. Our universal Team (which focuses on behaviors) has planned roll outs throughout the year to teach and then remind our students of our 3 core values: Respect, Responsibility and Safety.
- Kindergarten and grade 1 students used the Gingerbread Man storyline and bar codes to help them learn about the different people that work in the school and where their offices or classrooms are. The librarian placed a picture of the Gingerbread man and a bar code in key areas. Students followed the clues to find the Gingerbread man and when Ms. Collins scanned a bar code a picture and title of the person whose office it was appeared on the iPad. What an engaging and fun way to learn about our school!

Sandown Central (The Timberlane Learning Center)

- Sandown Central has had a busy few weeks since the start of school. Some highlights include: On September 14, Karen Matso meet with the Pre-K and K staff to review PLC past practices and help our building move forward with a more targeted and streamlined PLC process. This is the first of three visits established with Mrs. Matso through our district initiative.
- The PTA hosted our Sandown Central "Popcorn Day" on September 15th. The whole building smelled amazing and the snack was enjoyed by students and staff. The PTA will be rotating their evening meetings this year between Sandown North and Sandown Central.

- Our students have thoroughly enjoyed playing in our new sandbox that was built by our great and supportive facilities team. The sandbox gives another play area for our preschool and kindergarteners that have recess together this year.
- Mrs. Marino is working with the town librarian to establish a way for students to take out library books at Sandown Central and to get town library cards. We will be working together this year to host a literacy event for families. There will be more information to follow.

Sandown North

- Each year, we choose a new theme to keep our learners motivated. It is always tied to our values and behavioral expectations. This year we are all Sailing to Success with a nautical theme. So much is possible with this theme. To kick it off, we celebrated Pirate Day on Tuesday of this week. Such fun! Students enjoyed digging for treasure in the library. Variations of “ARRR” could be heard throughout the building!
- On August 30th, one of our Professional Learning days, we practiced intruder drills with the police department, led by Chief Gordon. We noted some corrective action that needs to happen in the facility to improve our safety features. We debriefed after the scenarios and openly shared apprehensions, fears, and questions with our law enforcement officials. We sincerely appreciate the support we receive not only from the police department, but also from the fire department. We have been practicing our fire drills to be sure that our students know how to evacuate the building safely and efficiently in an emergency situation.
- Our committees have begun their work for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Representation on all committees is balanced with teachers from the upper grades, lower elementary grades, administration, and specialists. It is impressive to see how seriously members take their responsibilities, how they question and at times, disagree respectfully, but always work collegially to accomplish the goals.
- The Flu Clinic was held this week. Many staff members took advantage of the opportunity to get the shot at school and appreciate that the district offers this clinic.



Middle School

- First whole week of school ran smooth. 6th grade has transitioned smoothly. All three teams have attended Camp Lincoln. At camp students participate in archery, a nature hike, kayaking, a high ropes course, and multiple team building activities.
- Our STEAM classes that are running in grades 6, 7, and 8 for the first time are amazing to watch. What they have learned and the projects they have created in a short period of time is exciting to be a part of.
- Our new lunch schedule is working well. First lunch isn't until 11:00 and our last lunch is at 12:40.
- We had Grade 6 Open House. We had close to 95% participation. It was a great evening where parents had presentations for their student's team, then time to walk about and meet the teachers.
- Our clubs and activities are off and running after school along with our fall sports.

High School

- September 11-12 - College Fair Update - Monday, September 11th and Tuesday, September 12th, Timberlane Regional High School hosted their fifth annual college fair in the TRHS gymnasium for junior and senior students. The program ran from 9:00-10:30 AM each day. Over 100 Colleges and Universities participated in the program

during the two day period! College admissions officers as well as representatives from the branches of the United States Military were available to meet with TRHS junior and senior students. The feedback from the college representatives was extremely positive in regards to the quality of the student engagement and preparation as well as the overall organization of the fair.

- September 28 – Peer Outreach Guest Speaker Jeff Hatch will speak at the high school 2:15 pm – 3:30 pm in the Library. TRHS Peer Outreach Celebrates National Recovery Month
- Timberlane Peer Outreach Program is pleased to announce that they will be celebrating National Recovery Month this year, by hosting a very special guest speaker, Former NFL player, Jeff Hatch. Jeff is a man in long term recovery from opioid and other drug addiction, and currently works for the Granite House Recovery Centers. He will be speaking to Timberlane Students afterschool on Thursday September 28th in the TRHS Library directly after school. Peer Outreach wanted to find a way to attract new recruits to their program this school year, and decided there would be no better way to attract like-minded students than to celebrate the Hope that Recovery brings to those families struggling with Substance Misuse and Mental Health Issues. The Peer Outreach Students were very moved by Jeff Hatch's recovery story at our Community Forum last March, and immediately thought to invite him to this event. Other guests who are planning on attending this event are many of our Life of an Owl Student Leaders, part of the NHIAA Life of an Athlete Program, who also share a vision for prevention of substance misuse in our community. Members from both Middle and High Schools will be attending.
- The Atkinson Women's Civic Club has also been invited for a photo opportunity, to recognize the great support they have offered Peer Outreach over the years and their strong dedication to Drug Abuse Prevention.
- September 26 - Senior Parent Information Night for College Bound Seniors; to be held at the High School 6:30pm -8:00pm Café and several classrooms.
- September 30 - 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.
- September 29 - Progress Report Close
- October 12 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:00pm High School

Athletics

- The Fall Athletic Season is well underway. The teams are competing well. This Wednesday, September 20th, the Timberlane Athletic Department will induct 7 new members and 1 team into the Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place at Atkinson CC.
- Also, this weekend is Rivalry Weekend in the State of NH. Timberlane will host Salem on Friday in Field Hockey and Football. The Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized at halftime of the football game. On Saturday, Timberlane will host Salem in Volleyball and Soccer. The start times are on Schedulestar.com.
- Timberlane is also participating in NH Tackles Hunger this weekend. Food donations will be accepted at the Football game and the donations will be split between the Timberlane Food Pantry and the Local Food Bank in Plaistow.