

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – OCTOBER 20, 2016

Atkinson Academy

- The school sponsored an excellent assembly featuring the Taiko Drum group on October 7th. They played music drawn from Japan's culture and traditions. Students were able to play the drums also which made it more interactive.
- The last two weeks at Atkinson have been quiet- we finished benchmarking our students and have placed them in intervention groups for the next 6 weeks. We continue to monitor their progress.

Darville Elementary

- Darville Cross Country Team finished their season with tremendous personal success for students. Patrick Ard, PE teacher, had the largest group so far. He did not have to turn away any students. There were 45 students on the team. The PTA supported students by purchasing team T shirts that continue to be worn proudly.
- Each classroom begins their day with a morning meeting using Responsive Classroom guiding principles:
 1. The social and emotional curriculum is as important as the academic curriculum.
 2. How children learn is as important as what they learn.
 3. Great cognitive growth occurs through social interaction.
 4. To be successful academically and socially, children need to learn a set of social and emotional skills that include cooperation, assertiveness, responsibility, empathy, and self-control.
 5. Knowing the children we teach-individually, culturally, and developmentally-is as important as knowing the content we teach.
 6. Knowing the families of the children we teach is as important as knowing the children we teach.
 7. How we, the adults at school, work together is as important as our individual competence: Lasting change begins with the adult community.
- We had a school-wide morning meeting this week to review hallway expectations and voice levels. We are always looking for positive ways to share our core values!

Pollard School

- Student council will be organizing a school wide mock Presidential election this year for all Pollard students. They met with the Plaistow Town Clerk, Maryellen Pelletier, to discuss roles during the mock election and to learn how a real election is carried out (see picture). Our Enrichment teacher and Student Council Advisor, Dayna Rodriguez, has been hard at work with our student council members and Dean Zanello creating a Public Service video about the importance of voting, a summary of the candidates, as well as highlighting the White House and various government branches. Grade level assemblies have been planned to educate our students on November 3rd to show the video and hear from Jim Peck, Plaistow's Town Auditor and Historical Society member, regarding the history



of the ballot box. The town of Plaistow will be setting up 10 booths for us all students will be voting on Friday, November 4th.

- PreK-grade 2 attended assemblies this past Tuesday, October 18th, on Fire Safety. Our Plaistow Fire department came and talked about having a family plan in case of a fire, smoke detectors and then showed what a fireman would look like when they arrived in full gear if there was a fire. Students also received fire hats from the PFD. We all had a blast and learned a lot!
- Pollard has had a great first week utilizing our new monitoring system for our front door. We have been completely locked all week and have heard much positive feedback.



Sandown Central

- In Pre-school in reading, we are using songs and stories to introduce the children to listen to sounds, identify rhyming words, learning the alphabet and starting to listen to directions. The classroom centers are set up to reinforce the skills targeted in the lessons. We continue to incorporate math, the alphabet, reading and art into our program to help guide the children with learning colors, shapes, positional terms, numbers and following directions. These skills are essential pre-literacy skills and will be a strong foundation for reading. Handwriting without tears (HWT) program is used weekly in our classrooms. This program supports the children's writing skills and letter recognition.
- In Kindergarten, the children are working on Foundations: We are working on Letter Dd and Ss. Students are learning letter names and sounds, as well as formation. Poem: Students are learning the poem Five Little Pumpkins Literacy Centers: Students are using Tablets, reading small books, practicing handwriting, practicing popcorn words and meeting with teachers for instruction.
- In Math- Topic #3. Students are exploring numbers 6-10.
- In Writing- Students are focusing on sketching and drawing, adding detail. Next week we will study pumpkins and conduct a science experiment.

Sandown North

- Many new parents joined us at the PTA meeting on October 12th. Their energy and enthusiasm to provide fun activities for our families is much appreciated.
- Our students practiced bus evacuation on October 13th. They did their jobs in a timely fashion as they helped each other get out of the bus quickly.
- At the Monday Morning Meeting on October 18th, a PTA board member, Lucinda Quinney, presented the Reflections program to the students. She showed a quick video to captivate them. Students have lots of opportunities to be creative in their project submissions. We look forward to seeing what they accomplish.
- This morning, Mrs. Georgian attended the Blue Ribbon Volunteer breakfast with Kristen Gondolfo, the Volunteer Coordinator, and Pamela Pitman, the PTA President. These women, along with many others, do so much to enrich the lives of our students and to support our staff members. We are so lucky to have them working alongside us each day.

Middle School

- TRMS has practiced several safety drills including a PAC evacuation on Wednesday, October 19th. This drill is designed to simulate an event where students and staff are not allowed to return to the middle school building due to an emergency. Several other drills are planned this fall.
- TRMS tryouts begin next week for our annual Musical. This year students will perform—Peter Pan Jr.
- The 2nd cohort of teachers/administrators will attend Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in Concord beginning next week. This is a grant funded series of professional development opportunities that fit into our differentiation goals at the middle school.
- TRMS teachers will receive Achieve 3000 training Friday, October 28th.
- Our Annual 6th Grade Halloween Party is on Friday, October 28th from 6-7:30. The event is sponsored by the PTSA and always supported by many volunteers.
- Cleaner Greener Timberlane is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. Volunteers will spruce up the front area of the building and clean up debris along the side areas near the play area.

High School

- October - Spirit week was full of fun activities and the concentration of bringing all classes together as a whole went well.
- October 26 – Picture Re-Take Day
- October 27 - Alumni committee meeting to plan alumni activities such as the dance which will be held April 1 and work on scholarship 5:00pm HS guidance conference room.
- November 2 – Mr. Timberlane Pageant 6:30 pm PAC

Athletics

- Congratulations to the TRHS Field Hockey Team for winning their first round NHIAA Playoff Game. They defeated Dover HS 4-0. They will advance to the Quarterfinal Round on Friday. They will play Concord HS at Concord.

Performing Arts

- UPCOMING MUSIC & DRAMA EVENTS
 - JAZZ ALL STATE AUDITIONS: Saturday-October 22nd at Souhegan High School - times to be announced
 - RUMORS: Thursday-Saturday October 27-29, 7:00pm w/ Saturday Matinee at 2pm, PAC Recital Hall, \$5
 - MILKMEN SHOW: Friday-November 18th, 7:00pm, PAC Recital Hall, \$5
 - ALL-STATE AUDITIONS: Saturday-November 19th at Manchester Memorial HS - times to be announced
- UPCOMING PAC EVENTS
 - VETERANS' DAY CONCERT: Sunday-November 13th, 2:00pm at Timberlane Performing Arts Center – featuring the Timberlane Community Band – free admission