

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – January 19, 2017

Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson has had a quiet two weeks finishing up our STAR testing and benchmarking assessments. We did enjoy a great concert last Tuesday night which included performances by the chorus, band and strings students. The concert also included former students performing alongside of current students. Great Job!

Danville Elementary

- Danville Students were treated to a performance from Plymouth State University's Tiger Theatre Group (Theatre Integrating Guidance, Education, and Responsibility). Encouraging young people to accept themselves and others by promoting self-esteem was the message given throughout the performance called, Let Your Star Shine! Celebrating the uniqueness of each individual to promote acceptance of others and to decrease bullying, Let Your Star Shine! seeks to teach children the beauty of diversity and the importance of treating others the way they wish to be treated. The performance fit in nicely with TRSD's Diversity goal.

Pollard School

- Congratulations to all of the Pollard School 4th and 5th grade spellers during the Friday, January 13th Spelling Bee. Our top 3 spellers were: First Place – Ryan LeBlanc, Second Place – Jelisa Lopez, Third Place – Elijah Timlin. Ryan's winning word was **perilous**. Special mention to Tyler Fitzpatrick for the third place spell-off with Elijah, where the tie-breaking word was **engineering**. 4th and 5th grade students that participated in our School Spelling Bee were: Lily Brien, Anthony Buggea, Joseph Cruz, Nia Diamontakis, Robert Fairhurst, Elizabeth Fellows, Tyler Fitzgerald, JT Fox, Lindsay Fuller, Lily Gearty, Jessie Hall, CJ Hill, Julia Juvelis, Ryan LeBlanc, Shayna Leger, Hunter Liszewski, Ava Llorens, Jelisa Lopez, Braden Masera, Evan Mono, Jack Mottram, Jack Murphy, Elijah Timlin, and Ella Watts.



Sandown Central

- In Pre-school, we have read Whatever the Weather and the Owl book. We have been incorporating clay as a medium during our Art explorations. Clay is an amazing material that children seem to enjoy. Clay is one of the key elements in visual art as it can be formed creating a three dimensional object. Manipulating a piece of clay develops the child's large and small muscles and fosters eye-hand coordination. We have created a sea urchin and a nest with eggs. To expand on the literature of our program, we read Snowballs and made snowmen using our beautiful things. The creations were amazing. The 4's draw a different object weekly. In

drawing, we have recently created an Owl using basic shapes and following step by step instructions. The results were amazing and the children are so excited to use clipboards!

- In kindergarten, we are currently working on mid-year benchmarking and assessments. Students are reviewing listening and following directions. In Literacy and Handwriting, all letters and letter sounds have been introduced. We are working on reviewing letters and their sounds, as well as segmenting and blending 3 letter words. Our poem of the week is Snowflakes. We are continuing to practice our popcorn words in reading and in writing! In math, we finished Topic 6 and we will begin Topic 7 (subtraction) next week.

Sandown North

- On January 11th, Sandown North students performed in their musical concert at the PAC. A special thank you is extended to Alison Yankowskas and John Mainella for preparing our musicians so that they were able to showcase their abilities. Parents were thrilled to see their students growing as singers, string players, and band members.
- As a member of the Principal Collaborative, I attended a workshop in Exeter on the 13th. The topic was Mental Health in our schools. We had the opportunity to network and share ideas about the challenges and ways to support our students. Our younger students are increasingly dealing with substance abuse in their homes, which can cause them to feel unsafe and then have difficulty concentrating and learning in school.
- Our students are working on Listening and Following Directions in all locations and settings. Our Universal Team sent the following home:

Hi Families,

Today, at Monday Morning Meeting, we taught the students the behavioral expectation of Listening and Following Directions. In every setting a student is in, it is important that s/he listens to understand. Please work with your children to remind them that active listening means:

Eyes on speaker, voices off, asking questions for clarification, responding to questions, realizing that listening involves the whole body: nodding, staying in one spot, not rolling the eyes, etc., and following through on what was asked.

Of course, as adults, we always have to model these behaviors. Children listen to what we say but learn most from what we model or show. The more they practice, the more successful students will be. It should even help you at home, too!!

Some parents have expressed appreciation because they can now support their own child's learning at home.

Middle School

- TRMS now has developed its on video morning show. This is a student driven TRMS production. <https://vimeo.com/199363246>. Password is tms. We will be airing on Tuesdays during advisory for all to see. Super effort and contributions from: Mrs. Liss, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Sgroi, Mrs. Richards and Mr. Zanello.
- The Drama Club's performance of Peter Pan Jr. is almost here. Students continue to practice 3-4 times per week in preparing for the February 4th musical.
- Quarter 2 grades are closing. Students rotate into new unified arts classes beginning on Monday.
- High school counselors have begun to visit 8th grade classrooms to discuss course selection with our students for next year.

- Tripod surveys are complete at the middle school. STAR testing winter test will be complete by January 20th.
- Winter sports teams are wrapping up their regular season schedule and some teams have already qualified for their league playoff.
- Congratulations to Brandon Moody, grade 8, who will represent TRMS at the Geography Bee as our school champion. Christian Petry took 3rd place and Ben Winter was our 2nd place winner.

High School

- Jan 12, 13, 17, 18 (19 for last final due to snow) - Midterm/Final Exams went very smoothly so far.
- Jan 20 - Creative Writing Open Mic Night 6:00pm-8:00 pm HS Café
- Jan 21 - TRHS Alumni Meeting 9:30 – 11:30 HS Room 400
- Jan 24 - Incoming Freshman Parent Night 6:00pm PAC
- Jan 25 - Math Team Meet 2:30 -7:00pm Café, room 305 and 200 rooms
- Jan 27 - PD Day

Athletics

- Fall All Star Recognitions as presented at the meeting.

Performing Arts

- The Timberlane Music Department is finishing up their Winter Concert Series this week with the Danville and Pollard Elementary Concerts. All our past concerts can be viewed on Vimeo.com
- The Timberlane Players held a successful 24hr Play Festival at the PAC this past weekend. During the 24hr period students wrote, directed and performed their original one-act plays.
- TRI-M: On Wednesday-January 25th, nominated students will be inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Chapter 2453 of the Tri-M Music Honor Society signifies Timberlane's recognition of the importance of the arts in the development of a comprehensive educational program. Tri-M provides a means of recognizing the efforts and achievements of music students who volunteer their time and share their musical talent with others. The ceremony will take place at 7:00pm in the Timberlane Performing Arts Center Recital Hall.
- Timberlane Middle School Drama students have been rehearsing for their annual musical Peter Pan, Jr. Performances will take place at 1:00pm and 7:00pm, on Saturday February 4th, at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased through the box office at 603-257-5257 or by ordering online at www.mktix.com/trpac.
- Timberlane Performing Arts Center hosts an Afternoon of Jazz on Sunday-January 29th. Join us for an afternoon of "Tenor Madness" featuring some of the best jazz talent in the Seacoast area. The performance will take place in the PAC Recital Hall at 2:00pm. Admission is \$10 Adults—\$5 Students & Seniors. Tickets can be purchased through the box office at 603-257-5257 or by ordering online at www.mktix.com/trpac. Wed-Jan 25 (HS) Tri-M Induction Ceremony Recital Hall 7:00pm