

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – DECEMBER 17, 2015

Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson Academy students had a great time Friday night. Our PTA sponsored movie night showing “Arthur’s Christmas.” They welcomed sleeping bags and the wearing of pajamas. Santa arrived and visited while the children enjoyed cocoa and sugar cookies.
- Tuesday night, parents enjoyed listening to the elementary honors band perform at the PAC.

Danville Elementary

- The PTA held its annual holiday store for students to purchase gifts for family members. Fifth grade “elves” helped students shop. They had an opportunity to apply math skills while they helped students estimate how much to spend from their budget! In conjunction with this fun event, the library held its annual book fair. The book fair was well attended by parents while their children did their shopping in the gym. Santa made a guest appearance!
- PLC meetings this month are focusing on phonics skills at each grade level. Teachers are monitoring student progress and sharing ideas for differentiation. Students are becoming fluent decoding and encoding skills to the level of mastery. Grade level consistency with instruction will allow our students to be more successful..

Pollard School

- The PTA hosted two Kids’ (grades 1-5) Painting Parties on Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9th. Everyone went home with their own 16x20 painting! Jessica Hood, one of Pollard’s Kindergarten Teachers, was the instructor. A fun time was had by all!



- Pollard is in our 11th year of having each classroom choose a charity to donate to instead of exchanging class gifts. This has been a great way to “live” our school Motto: “What we do today will make a difference tomorrow.” Our second grade class combined their science/social studies curriculum (Communities) with our Christmas Charities to create a community cookbook where all proceeds will be going towards our playground. A complete list of classroom charities can be found in our December Pollard Pen found on our website.

- Pollard PTA hosted the annual Winter Pancake Breakfast on December 4th. Pancakes and sausage was enjoyed by all! Children colored festive drawings, made ornaments with Plaistow Recreation, and took pictures with Santa.

Sandown Central

- We are preparing for our holiday event on December 22nd and December 23rd with our guest readers, reading to the preschoolers and kindergarten children.
- We continue to review foundations letters/sounds and activities in unit 2 for kindergarten.
- Mrs. Peters, our Occupational Therapist has been joining our classrooms demonstrating fine motor skills, some letter formation, scissor work, gluing, and play dough activities that will help strengthen the children's fine motor development!
- In Math enVisions we are in Topic 4 comparing numbers 0-10.
- In Writing, the children are continuing to explore storytelling and sketching people and small moments. We are also working on labeling our pictures with beginning sounds and some students are sounding out and writing words!
- We continue to enjoy our secret readers, coming in and reading to the children! A BIG Thank you to Mrs. Conte 4th grade teacher from Sandown North this week's secret reader.

Sandown North

- Sandown North has participated in a couple of Dress Casual for Mealey's Meals days. Staff members are happy to support families in need at this time of year.
- On December 9th, Mrs. Michaud, Mrs. Stafford, and Mrs. Georgian presented information to parents regarding the Smarter Balanced assessment. An overview of the assessment followed by an interpretation of the results gave parents helpful information for ways to support their student's learning.
- On Friday, December 11th, Anne the Drum Lady spent the day with our students. The event applied fitness, drumming, music, and educational concepts designed to improve the health of children. The cardiovascular work-out was amazing. Great fun was had by all as they drummed on stabilized exercise balls. We thank Mrs. DeCristofaro for bringing Anne the Drum Lady to us.
- Also on the 11th, kindergarten students from TLC visited our book fair. It was great to see them as well as the teachers. Mrs. Stafford read Christmas stories to the students in the morning group and Mrs. Georgian read to the afternoon students so they could begin to attach a name to a face.
- Our third grade students sent 20 boxes of supplies to servicemen serving in Afghanistan. The organization who saw to it that the supplies were collected and distributed were amazed at the generosity of our families. The servicemen have been in communication with our students, expressing their appreciation. This is truly a win-win relationship!!! Thank you to Mrs. Janvrin, Mr. Blay, Mrs. St. Hilaire, and Ms. Paladino for their work in making this possible.
- The Book Fair that was held from the 9th-15th was a big hit. The selections were of high quality, both for students and adults. The fair was open on Friday night so that parents could shop while their children were at the Elves' Workshop. Thank you to Mrs. Ross for offering this high quality fair to our families.

- Staff members participated in Not So Secret Santa this week. All staff members were grouped and asked to come up with something creative to do for the rest of the staff. On Monday, the group offered an early morning brunch. On Tuesday, lots of different K-cups were there as a choice with a piece of pastry. We're looking forward to see what the rest of the week will bring.

Middle School

- The Spelling Bee was held on December 8th in the PAC. Representatives from all 3 grades were there. 10 finalists competed. The winner was Jack Lowrey-8th grade. The Lions Club continues to be a strong supporter of the event.
- The Student Senate traveled to the Vic Geary Center on Monday, December 14th and had a holiday celebration luncheon with their senior citizen buddies. The students brought cookies and ornaments that they had made to share with the seniors. They also had a raffle so all the seniors would get a little gift. The band and chamber choir also joined them and played holiday songs.
- Band, Chorus and Orchestra groups are all having holiday concerts. We are proud of the great musicians we have at Timberlane Regional Middle School.
- The entire 8th Grade is all dressed up today and attending the musical "A Christmas Carol" at the North Shore Music Theater in Beverly, MA. This has been a tradition here at TRMS for the 8th graders for over 10 years!

High School

- Kick off Fundraiser for Mealey's Meals
 - 2nd Period Coin Drive: Wednesday, November 18-Friday, December 18th
 - Hats, gloves, scarves, coats clothing drive: Wednesday, November 18-Friday, December 18th - Collection bins will be located and labeled around the school building
 - December 18 – Ugly Sweater Day
 - We have raised over \$5600.00 so far with a few more fundraiser to go and we are awaiting a donation of \$3000.00 once in we will ask for school board approval to accept.
- January 6 - Visit from College Freshman Alumni, High School Cafeteria during lunches to speak to our Jr and Seniors about their first semester at college.
- January 11 – File-A- FAFSA form night helping seniors and parents through the FAFSA process 6:00pm – 8:00pm High School Room 104
- January 12 – PTSA Reflection Showcase at 6:00pm PAC – PTSA/TRHS Administration will hold a coffee with the Principal to answer parents questions on the new Jr SAT testing that will take place in the spring 7:00pm PAC Recital Hall.

Athletics

- Fall sports recognition on agenda.

Performing Arts

- Holiday Hootenanny – Saturday, December 19th –2:00 & 7:00pm – held in HS Cafeteria

- Grades 7 & 8 Band Concert – Monday, December 21st –7:00pm
- 2015-2016 PAC EVENTS SCHEDULE - The PAC has some exciting events coming up this year. To reserve tickets call the box office at 603-257-6257 or order online at: www.mktix.com/trpac
 - An Afternoon of Jazz, featuring some of the best jazz talent in the Seacoast area, on Sunday-January 24th, 2016 at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$10 Adults/\$5 Seniors & Students.
 - Timberlane Concert Band Festival, "Love is in the Air" featuring the Rockingham Wind Symphony and performances by area community bands, on Sunday-February 14th, 2016. This multi-band event takes place from 1-6pm. Tickets are \$15 Adults/\$5 Seniors & Students
 - Timberlane Jazz Band Festival, featuring the Seacoast Big Band with vocalist Shawnn Monteiro, as well as performances by area community bands, on Sunday-March 20th, 2016. This multi-band event takes place from 1-6pm. Tickets are \$15 Adults/\$5 Seniors & Students
 - A Day of Vocal Jazz featuring the internationally acclaimed jazz vocal group THE NEW YORK VOICES in concert, on Saturday-April 16, 2016, at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$30/\$25/\$20 depending on seating. There is a \$5 discount on tickets for Seniors & Students. The NYV (Kim Nazarian, Peter Eldridge, Lauren Kinhan and Darmon Meader) will conduct a master class on Saturday afternoon. The class is open to high school and college students interested in learning more from these four master jazz vocal musicians.
- For more information on any of our PAC events visit our website at www.timberlanepac.org or contact Lynn Mastorakos at 603-382-6541 x3980.