

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson Academy second grade students are learning about the Town of Atkinson as part of the community unit. They were lucky enough to tour the Historical Society, Fire Department, Police Department and the Town Hall offices. Thank you to all the Town personnel for welcoming our students.
- We are all delighted that Sabrina Nazarian won the Superintendent's essay contest. The staff and students join me in congratulating her and all the second and fifth grade students that participated. Once again, I was impressed with all their essays.

Danville Elementary

- The Danville Police Department offered RAD kids® training for a group of second grade students this month. RAD kids® teaches children real skills so they can recognize, avoid, resist, and if necessary escape violence or harm in their lives. RAD kids® empowers children to live safer in our world. Chief Parsons and Officer Dufresne are certified instructors. This is the first time offering this program to our students. We had 11 students sign up for this free, after school program. The feedback from students and parents has been positive and we look forward to offering more sessions in the spring. We are appreciative of our partnership with the Police Department.
- With gratitude I write to thank the Danville Community for the many hours of time and energy given to our school. I recently attended the annual NH Partners in Education Volunteer Breakfast with a representative from the PTA Board of Directors. Danville School received The Blue Ribbon Award for Volunteerism for the 29th consecutive year! This honor is something I am proud to accept on behalf of the school and believe this recognition exhibits the partnership we strive to continue with our families and community.

Pollard School

- Mrs. Coyle-Quirk's fifth grade class had a special visitor on Friday to help honor our veterans. Victoria Bourque's cousin, Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Ironfield is in the Air Force stationed in Florida. She was in town for an induction into a military hall fame at UMass and was invited to come by to meet Victoria's class. Lieutenant Colonel Ironfield talked to the students about how she is still learning even after 23 years in the military. She shared a little about the countries she has traveled to. The students were surprised to learn that in Afghanistan, most children are not able to go to school after grade five. I am sure Pollard students appreciate the wonderful education they get here in America.
- PTA sponsored our annual Bingo for Books night on Friday, November 13th. This is one of our most attended events. Children each won a new book and many gently used books.
- We had our Smarter Balanced Parent Information Night on Tuesday, November 17th.
- Tuesday, November 24th Pollard will be having our 8th annual Grandparents'/Special Persons Day. As of today we have almost 550 signed up so far and usually end up with 600-700 grandparents visiting at some time during the day. Please call the school if you are interested in times for specific grade levels.

Sandown Central

- In Literacy and handwriting we are continuing to review our letters and letter sounds. We are also working on rhyming, syllables and stretching out words to hear sounds. We have learned another new poem for the children to share with their parents.

- In Math we are on topic 3, numbers 6 to 10.
- In writing are continuing to explore storytelling and sketching people in small moments. We are working on labeling our pictures with beginning sounds.
- We want to thank our Secret Readers Ms. Torres and to Mrs. McLaughlin (Sandown North's librarian) for visiting with us and reading to us last Friday!
- On Tuesday, November 24th, 2015 we will be inviting our students' grandparents or special someone to our "Grandparents' Day" at the Timberlane Learning Center at Sandown Central. The grandparents and/or special guests are invited to join the children in their classrooms for a special activity!

Sandown North

- The loss of one of our students, Christopher Chester, affected the entire school community of Sandown North very deeply. We want to extend a sincere and deep appreciation to the SAU staff for their support during this most difficult time. The team of counselors, led by Shayna McTague, and including Marcia Blutstein, Cheryl Darby, and Elissa Salemi were instrumental in helping us help our students during those first few, difficult days.
- On November 9th, we had a Day of the Coast Enrichment day, organized by David Ciarla. Forty five docents joined us in offering workshops for all the students. Squid dissection and painting on real fish bodies to print t-shirts were certainly big hits. Staff provided a soup and chowder luncheon for all to enjoy. In summary, it was an enriching, exciting day!
- At Parent/teacher conferences, the partnership that has been formed with families is evident. Time is spent celebrating and problem solving, both with the goals of understanding and also providing the needed support that leads to success.
- Diane Chauvette, the Literacy Consultant, has been meeting with grade level teams and administrators to dig deeper into the information provided by the STAR assessments. Topics we have been exploring include: groupings, skill instruction, student growth percentile, progress monitoring, and more.
- Tuesday night, parents of Title 1 students were invited to an information night. The evening was prepared by Amanda Bresnehan (Title 1 tutor) Laura Howell (Title 1 tutor) and Diane Chauvette (Literacy specialist). The program was explained so that parents had a clear understanding of what occurs during the small group instruction. Later, they engaged in activities that parents could take home to reinforce skills taught.
- The students received quite a surprise at Monday Morning Meeting this week when Keith Violette, one of our parents, demonstrated the Luke Arm. He is working on it as part of the DEKA corporate team. Luke is a prosthetic arm that is controlled by the user's brain in much the same way that a biological arm is. Keith will demonstrate using external sensors, but an end user has far greater control through implanted sensors. Justin Melle, our technology teacher, arranged this visit so that our students would have the opportunity to see this revolutionary technology first hand.



Middle School

- Mrs. Brewitt's 6th grade Advisory created a wall of honor adjacent to the library. Pictures were displayed of relatives of students and staff who have served or are serving in the military. The wall was part of our Veterans Day remembrance.
- Our annual fall book fair has been a huge success. It kicked off on the night of the annual Student-Led conferences. Several parent volunteers have assisted in making this year's event a success.
- The TRMS Wellness Committee has created a "healthy recipe" blog. Staff members have contributed some of their favorite recipes aimed at fitness and well-being.
- Preparations are ongoing for the Senior Tea to be held on December 5th. Musical performances by the chorus and band highlight our celebration.
- The TRMS Video Advisory and Video Production Club are in the process of creating the fall principal's newsletter. A new twist on the newsletter will be done by students in video form.

High School

- November 7 - 75 students from American Studies traveled to New York City to visit historical sites connected to their studies in class. The group visited the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. Two breakout groups also took part in the Freedom Tower experience or a walking tour of Wall Street and the Brooklyn Bridge. It was a wonderful day had by both students and their chaperones!



- November 10 - Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society welcomed veterans, to their annual brunch. They brought their stories and our students were engaged and interested in all they wanted to share.



- November 11 – “Thank you” to TRHS volunteers for serving our local Veterans at the 15th Annual Breakfast in Atkinson. Students served breakfast to over 100 veterans and their families. The group of students represents NHS and Timberlane Troops



Drew Hogg, Kathryn Thomas, Tatiana Trombly, Tyler Connolly, Brian Mickalay

- November 13- 15 – TRHS Student Council sent ten students to represent the high school at the LEAD conference in Phoenix Arizona. The conference brought together over 450 students and advisors from all over the US and a few international schools. The students had strong takeaways from key note speakers, Mike Smith from Skate for Change and a rep from Teen Truth Leadership Assemblies as well as various workshops on topics such as team building, what it means to be a true student leader, and sharing of service projects. During these sessions, we had four students – Michelle Fredericks, Ashley Warren, James DiVasta, and Ryan Monahan who presented to their leadership peers. Both our students and adults have set a goal of taking one of their takeaways and moving it forward at TRHS.



- 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
- Mealey's Meals Raffle Baskets: Thursday, November 19th- Thursday , December 10th. Check out the awesome raffle baskets and purchase raffles for your chance to win during lunches in the cafeteria!
- Comedy Show: Wednesday, December 2nd 7:00 pm, TRHS Cafeteria, Tickets: \$5. Come see our talented student/staff comedians, as well as a Vegas Headliner! Food and refreshments will be available for purchase
- Gingerbread House Decorating Night/Gift Wrapping Services: Wednesday, December 9th 6:00-7:30, TRHS Cafeteria. Come decorate gingerbread houses to get in the holiday spirit! Overwhelmed by all of the gifts you need to wrap this year?! Students of Service will be wrapping gifts in exchange for a small donation to Mealey's Meals. Bring your unwrapped items to the Gingerbread Decorating Night and leave with all of your presents fully wrapped in time for the holiday season!

Athletics

- The winter Sports Season has begun. The Wrestling and Swim Programs have started up this week. The Girls Basketball and Ski Teams will begin the week of 11/23. Hockey, Boys Basketball, Indoor Track and Spirit will begin the week of 11/30.
- Congratulations to Coach Barry Chooljian for being inducted into the NHIAA Hall of Fame!

Performing Arts

- Jazz All State Audition Results came in. Congratulations to the following Timberlane students who will be participating in the 3 day NHMEA Jazz All State Music Festival in February.....

Nathan Alexander, Baritone Voice	Zachery Hertrich, Trombone
Noah Caezza, Tenor Voice	Bradley LaMonica, Tenor Saxophone
Anna Cronin, Piano	Billy Lavoie, Tenor Voice
Erica Dube, Alto Voice	Natalie Livingston, Alto Voice
Rebecca Flieder, Alto Voice	Aimee O'Meara, Alto Voice
Benjamin Flyzik, Trombone	Cooper Orio, Tenor Voice
Nolan Hennessey, Trombone	Harrison Szczapa, Drums

- All-State Auditions: Band, Orchestra and Chorus students have been practicing their All-State music in preparation for the 2015 All-State Auditions this Saturday-November 21st, 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 2016.
- This year's Veterans' Day Concert, at the PAC, on November 8th was a great success. We always look forward to honoring our veterans at this annual event. The Timberlane Community band gave a wonderful performance in honor of all who have served. This year's guest speakers were Governor Maggie Hassan, Adjutant Major General William Reddel III, and Retired Lt. Colonel Kevin Major.
- This Sunday the PAC will host its 5th Annual Timberlane Guitar Festival and Concert. This all day festival is open to guitarists of all ages. This year's theme is the "Sounds of Jazz Guitar" and will feature jazz guitarist Gene Bertoncini, in concert, at 7pm. Concert tickets are \$10 for adults with a reduced rate of \$5 for students and senior citizens.

- Timberlane High School music students will perform in their annual Holiday Concerts on Sunday December 6th at the PAC. Featured ensembles are: Orchestra at 1:00pm, Band at 2:15pm, Guitar Orchestra at 3:45pm and Chorus at 4:45pm
- The Timberlane Players had four successful performances of "You Can't Take It With You" at the end of October and are now rehearsing for their next play, "Inherit the Wind". Performances for "Inherit the Wind" will take place on December 3, 4, 5 at 7:00pm with a Saturday matinee at 2pm. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased through the PAC Box Office by calling 603-257-5257 or by ordering online at: www.mktix.com/trpac
- UPCOMING MUSIC & DRAMA EVENTS
 - Grades 7 & 8 Chorus Concert – Wednesday, December 2nd -- 7:00pm
 - Inherit the Wind – Thursday, Friday, Saturday-December 3rd, 4th, 5th –7:00pm, Sat matinee 2:00
 - HS Holiday Concerts – Sunday, December 6th – Orchestra 1:00pm, Band 2:15pm, Guitar Orchestra 3:45pm, Chorus 4:45pm
 - HS Jazz & Rock Ensemble Concert – Tuesday, December 8th –7:00pm
 - Grades 7 & 8 Orchestra Concert – Wednesday, December 9th –7:00pm
 - Milkmen Improv Comedy Show – Friday, December 11th –7:00pm
 - Grade 6 Holiday Concerts (Band, Orchestra, Chorus) Wednesday, December 16th — 7pm
 - 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
 - Timberlane Guitar Festival Concert, with featured guest artist, jazz guitarist Gene Bertocini, on Sunday-November 22nd, 2015 at 7pm. Tickets are \$10 Adults/\$5 Seniors & Students.
 - TubaChristmas followed by the Timberlane Community Band Holiday Concert on Saturday-December 12th, 2015 beginning at 2:00pm. Both concerts are free admission – no tickets required.
 - 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 details contact: lynn.mastorakos@timberlane.net