

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – OCTOBER 15, 2015

Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson Academy teachers had a terrific Envisions workshop that highlighted different aspects of the new math program.
- Homeland security walked through the building on Friday to see where we could improve security to make the school safer. We will be working with the Atkinson Police Department along with the Atkinson Fire Department on an offsite evacuation in the spring.

Danville Elementary

- The Danville Fire Dept. came to school Friday and spoke to individual grade levels of the importance of fire safety. They brought their equipment to demonstrate how some of their tools work. The water hose with loads of pressure is always a favorite no matter how old you are!
- The second grade students took a walking field trip of Danville visiting the Town Hall, Post Office, Colby Library, and Police and Fire Departments. Students ate lunch upstairs in the firefighters meeting room. Mug shots were taken as tradition holds! In addition, the Police Department delivered framed pictures of each student standing next to a police cruiser. We are very appreciative to have the support of our town.

Pollard School

- This Saturday parent volunteers will be putting phase 1 of our new playground equipment together. We have had many donations to make the building day happen and I want to thank everyone that is volunteering (whether to build or to make lunches and snacks). The children of Pollard are going to be very excited on Monday!
- On Wednesday, October 14, 2015 Pollard School received the Blue Ribbon Award as part of the NHPIE (NH Partners in Education). Kate Sherman-DeRoche represented the Pollard PTA (she is the treasurer). We also recognized 5 community partnerships and these groups/individuals received Gold Circle Awards: Plaistow Police Department (DARE/Officer Pat), Ocasio's True Martial Arts (Joshua Munoz), The Exchange Club of Plaistow (Bob Harb), The Town of Plaistow (Jill Senter and Gayle Hamel), and Plaistow Historical Society (Jim Peck). These partnerships have brought such great opportunities to our Pollard students.
- Pollard School will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to help raise money for the playground and build community. The event runs from 5-7 PM in Penguin Place (Pollard Café). The menu includes: Salad, Bread, Spaghetti with Sauce and Meatballs, Homemade Desserts, Cold Drinks and Coffee. Pre-purchased tickets are \$7.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children under 12. Tickets sold at the door will be \$8.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for Children under 12. We hope to see you there!

Sandown Central

- In kindergarten the children have been working on their numbers 0-5 and have finished their first topic in math! In reading the children have been learning letters and sounds of the alphabet as well as discussing different parts of a book (title, author, illustrator, characters), rhyming, syllables and initial sounds.
- Our volunteers are supporting our classrooms and making a difference! We thank them for all their help and support to the children!
- In writing we have been exploring storytelling and sketching people.

- The children are working on smoother transitions from one activity to another throughout the day.
- After coming back from the long holiday weekend, students in the Kindergarten created journal entries that included colorful pictures of the beautiful fall foliage they saw as part of their events with their families.
- The warm weather has allowed the students many opportunities to enjoy outside play. This is such an important time for the students to develop their social skills and re-energize for improved focus on their learning in the classroom.
- Students in the pre-k enjoyed lessons in the newly discovered outdoor classroom. This wooded space with benches provided the perfect learning environment for the children to make clay sculptures that they embellished with acorns, leaves, branches and other gifts from nature.

Sandown North

- We are so pleased to announce that the Sandown North chorus has been formed; they are practicing. The students are really excited as are the students who are learning how to play instruments. The building is alive with the "sound of music".
- The Alexander Eastman Foundation provided dental screenings at our school for our students. In addition, hygienists will be going to each classroom to teach about the importance of oral health.
- Chief Gordon met with Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Georgian to look at traffic flow and safety one more time. A follow-up meeting was held to share ideas with Mrs. Hodgkins and Mr. Hughes. Some minor adjustments were made but all attendees agreed that we have an efficient system of arrival and dismissal. All students, both car riders and bus riders, are off the campus in 15 minutes.
- Bus evacuation practice was held at school in the morning, at drop-off time last Friday. The practice helps the students to feel that they would know what to do in an emergency evacuation situation.
- Tomorrow, the 15th, we are having a special dessert day! It's an excuse for us all to sit and enjoy a treat. The coming together to get to know each other and relax together is especially important this year, as we all work to create a positive learning culture for students and adults.

Middle School

- TRMS Wellness Committee sponsored a "Smoothie Throwdown" on Friday, October 9th. Contestants created healthy sample sized drinks from fruits and vegetables. Staff members eagerly lined up to try these drinks and contribute to a fundraiser to support a district staff member who has fallen ill.
- TRMS PTSA will be meeting next Monday the 19th to plan for the annual Halloween Party for grade 6. This event has always been a lot of fun. This year we are reducing the amount of sugary treats.
- On Thursday, October 8th, TRMS 8th graders welcomed The Honorable Judge Joseph Laplante to the PAC. He is a Federal Judge for the United States District Court of New Hampshire, joining the court in 2007. He became chief judge for the court in 2011. Judge Laplante ran the 8th graders through a mock jury selection exercise after students had completed the reading of the play "TWELVE ANGRY MEN", about a jury and its' struggles to come to a verdict. Judge Laplante also explained in detail how the judicial system is set up.
- Many of the 6th grade students returned from the long weekend to receive new lockers. Part of a 3 year plan to replace the oldest lockers in the school.

High School

- **October 14** - PSAT Testing was held at the high school on Wed morning from 7:20am -11:15am - 250 students took the test - 90 sophomores and 160 juniors.
- **October 16** - NH Dance Summit PAC 7:00 pm \$5.00 this premiere dance event will unite dance organizations from schools across the state to promote awareness for our students' talents and programs.
- **October 17-** Tornados Craft Fair and Bone Marrow Drive 9:00am-2:30 pm Café and Gym
- **October 20** - School Wide Picture Re-Take Day 10:00am -1:30pm library
- **October 21** - PTSA meeting 7:00 HS library "How students can connect with the High School"
- **October 24** – National Honor Society will host a fun run "Trick or Trot" on the HS Track children 12 & under games, prizes and a costume contest. Registration starts at 2:00pm Trot at 3:00pm (\$10.00 if you wear a costume and it is only \$5.00) all donations will go directly to Boston Children's Hospital.
- **October 24** - 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.
- **October 28** – District CPR/First Aid 3:00pm-6:00pm HS library sign up on my learning plan.

Athletics

- The Fall Sports Season is rapidly winding down. Congratulations to Cameron Murphy and Connor Schott for representing Timberlane at the NHIAA State Golf Championships.
- Our teams are gearing up for the playoffs.
- The Football team is getting ready to play Pinkerton Academy this Friday night @ Pinkerton.
- Our Field Hockey team played a great game against Pinkerton this past Monday which ended in a 0-0 Tie. The team is currently tied for first place!
- The Boys and Girls Soccer Teams are enjoying a great season and are poised to host a playoff game.
- The Girls Volleyball Team is positioned to qualify for the state tournament as well.
- The Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams are getting ready for the Division 1 State Meet at Derryfield Park on October 31st.
- Our Fall Cheer Team is practicing hard for the upcoming Division 1 State Competition on November 8th @ Pinkerton Academy.
- Performing Arts
- All-State Auditions: Band, Orchestra and Chorus students have been practicing their All-State music in preparation for the 2015 All-State Auditions on Saturday-November 21st, at Manchester Memorial High School. New Hampshire's top scoring musicians will have the honor of participating in the three day NHMEA All State Music Festival in April 2016.

- The Timberlane Players have been rehearsing for their fall drama, "You Can't Take It With you" which they will perform on October 29th, 30th, and 31st in the PAC Recital Hall. Show times are 7:00pm with a Saturday matinee at 2pm.

- **UPCOMING MUSIC & DRAMA EVENTS**

October 16 - TRHS Marching Band Football Game performance – Away vs Pinkerton

October 17 – Dover Band Show

October 23 – TRHS Marching Band Football Game performance – Home vs Spaulding

October 29, 30, 31 – Fall Drama "You Can't Take It With You"

- **2015-2015 PAC EVENTS SCHEDULE** - The PAC has some exciting events coming up this year.

Veterans' Day Concert, featuring the Timberlane Community Band, on Sunday-November 8th, 2015 at 2pm.

Timberlane Guitar Festival Concert, with featured guest artist, jazz guitarist Gene Bertoncini, on Sunday-November 22nd, 2015 at 7pm.

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An Afternoon of Jazz, featuring some of the best jazz talent in the Seacoast area, on Sunday-January 24th, 2016 at 2:00pm.

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.

Timberlane Jazz Band Festival, featuring the Seacoast Big Band, as well as performances by area community bands, on Sunday-March 20th, 2016. This multi-band event takes place from 1-6pm.

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. 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.