

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – DECEMBER 18, 2014

Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson PTA hosted movie night last week with a visit from Santa at the end. Hot Chocolate and cookies were enjoyed by all that attended.
- Thank you to all the children, parents and staff that contributed to the giving tree this year. All requests were fulfilled so there will be many smiling faces on Christmas morning due to the generosity of Atkinson Academy community.
- Classroom parties will be held on Monday afternoon.

Danville Elementary

- The staff participated in a professional development day training around Guided Reading. The focus for the day was around the principles of a reading workshop. Aligned with common core standards, the program recognizes reading and writing as a reciprocal process that must be interwoven.

Pollard School

- Pollard PTA is hosting our annual Holiday Shop Friday December 19th from 4-8PM. Children will have a chance to shop for their parents and get help wrapping presents as well. This is a great service that many families take advantage of.
- Pollard Students Not only Know Our School Motto, “What They Do To-day will Make a Difference Tomorrow!” we live it! Pollard students and their families have once again gone above and beyond. Classrooms collected money, clothing, toys, and items for pets, yarn and even finger knitted instead of exchanging holiday gifts with their classmates. Teachers were genuinely impressed with how generous their student and families were with the endeavor. The charities varied but were all worthwhile causes. I am sure that having experienced the wonderful feeling of giving to others helped to make this holiday season a memorable one for all of our students. Thank you to everyone that donated. Here are the people and places Pollard School students and staff have tried to help this season!

<u>KINDERGARTEN</u>	
TONIANN ALTER	Donating clothing and misc items to the Emmaus House
ELIZABETH LAROSA	Donating yarn to the Raymond Senior Center which makes hats for veterans, cancer patients and shelters
GIA BUCKLEY	Toys for Tots
JESSICA HOOD	Donating yarn to the Raymond Senior Center which makes hats for veterans, cancer patients and shelters
<u>GRADE ONE</u>	
TISH GALLAGHER	NHSPCA
LESLIE LAUDANI	NHSPCA
C FERRANTE (E MERRILL)	NHSPCA
SANDY WARD	NHSPCA
SHERRY BELL	NHSPCA
<u>GRADE TWO</u>	
KIM BELLMORE (S. CRONIN)	Food drive to help the Lions Club Holiday Gift Baskets
KARA BLOOM	Food drive to help the Lions Club Holiday Gift Baskets
JODY MCFARLIN	Food drive to help the Lions Club Holiday Gift Baskets
SHIRLEY TOSCANO	Food drive to help the Lions Club Holiday Gift Baskets

<u>GRADE THREE</u>	
LAURA SHUTE	NHSPCA
AMANDA MCMENIMAN	Finger knitting baby blankets for NICU babies at Eliot Hospital
NANCY LINDQUIST	NHSPCA
DAYNA RODRIGUEZ	NHSPCA
<u>GRADE FOUR</u>	
HOPE MACDONALD	Run of the Savages (Jimmy Fund)
JESSICA WINTER	Run of the Savages (Jimmy Fund)
JULIE HAZELTON	Run of the Savages (Jimmy Fund)
ALEXIS VENGREN	Run of the Savages (Jimmy Fund)
<u>GRADE FIVE</u>	
BARBARA KANE	Food Drive for Plaistow Food Pantry
JO ANN ROBICHAUD	Food Drive for Plaistow Food Pantry
LISA KENNEDY	Food Drive for Plaistow Food Pantry
DOLORES COYLE-QUIRK	Food Drive for Plaistow Food Pantry
STUDENT COUNCIL/ POLLARD SCHOOL	Stamped letters collected & given to MACY's they donate \$1 to the Make-a-Wish Foundation per letter collected

- Pollard School staff worked on Common Core State Standards during our December 15th staff meeting (Listening activities with a Holiday twist) We reinforced game based learning imbedding the CCSS. Our goal was to model activities all teachers could use to reinforce speaking and listening skills. (see pictures)



- The Timberlane Elementary Honors Band first performance of the year was this past Tuesday, December 16. This group is under the direction of John Mainella and Kurt Schweiss. The group is comprised of outstanding 4th and 5th grade band students from all four of our elementary schools, including Pollard School. These students were nominated by their respective band directors. The group meets every other Tuesday evening at the PAC for rehearsals. Below you will find the names of these students and the schools they represent. We hope that you can attend this performance and support these outstanding musicians.

Pollard Elementary School

Emily Hatt	Andrew Randall
Matthew Fairhurst	Nora Theberge
Annika Smith	
Samuel Szczapa	
Cassidy Caldwell	
Summer Jones	
Michael Gordon	

Sandown Central Elementary School

Eric Kappler
 Meghan Adams
 Owen Kellerman
 Abigail Farone
 Kyle Hickey
 Joseph DeGaetano
 Grace Pascucci
 Cecilia Romano

Danville Elementary School

Laura Hills
Angel Smith
Cole Newman
Joey Schivell
Alida Bates
Bryce Parker
Konrad Parker
Kyle Salvador

Atkinson Academy

Jack Carruba
Anthony Rousseau
Maria Cioto
Miles Sherwood

Sandown Central

- We held our elementary Honors Band Concert on December 16th at the PAC. Outstanding Performance!
- On January 13th the Band, Chorus, and Strings will perform the Sandown Winter Concert that will be held at the PAC at 7:00PM. Be sure to attend this outstanding performance as well.
- We continue to support our community by contributing to the local food pantry during this holiday season, giving to those less fortunate.
- This school year the Sandown Staff has read the revelatory and highly acclaimed book, "Mindset- The New Psychology of Success" as it connected unequivocally with our school action plan on student motivation and success. The book focuses on a Fixed Mindset vs a Growth Mindset. A fixed mindset person believes their basic qualities, such as their talent and intelligence, are fixed traits. A growth mindset person believes that their basic abilities can be developed through effort and dedication. They have a love for learning, and a resilience that is essential for accomplishment and greatness. The teachers at Sandown Central School employ a "Growth Mindset" in their classrooms every day to develop an attitude that creates motivation, creativity, and success. Our students in turn provide many examples of a growth mindset towards their learning in class each and every day.

Sandown North

- Sandown North is proud to announce that we will have two teams attending the SIFMA Foundation New Hampshire Stock Market Game award ceremony this spring. For the elementary school division Nicholas Katsoulis, Parker Landry, and Alison McGonagle placed first in the state. They worked together to build a portfolio that outperformed the S&P 500 by almost 16%! Second place in the state competition went to Nicholas Beyrent and Madison Loik who bested the S&P by almost 8%. Our first place winners are requested to prepare a speech for the 2015 ceremony hosted by Fidelity Investments. We thank Mr. Melle, our Enrichment teacher, for his instruction and involvement with this project.
- Mrs. Difeo's class and Mrs. McDonough's class performed the **Doubles Rap** for us all at Monday Morning Meeting. The tune was so catchy and the performers were so memorable that we will never forget the doubles combination: "ten plus ten is twenty....that's plenty!"
- The Sandown PTA Holiday Auction was held on December 5th. Our school was decorated for the holidays and the holiday mood was in the air. Our families were most generous; monies were earned to support enriching and fun experiences for our students. We are so fortunate to have so many involved parents who make so much possible for all of us.

Middle School

- The Geography Bee was held on December 10th in the PAC. Representatives from all 3 grades were there. 10 finalists competed. The winner was Katie Troy of the 7th grade Bengals team.
- The Student Senate traveled to the Vic Geary Center on Tuesday to have a holiday celebration 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 also joined them and played holiday songs.
- 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

- **December 20** - Madrigal Mystery Tour – Afternoon Appetizers Show 2:00pm, Evening Dinner Show 7:00pm HS Cafe
- **December 23** - Mealey's Basketball Game - 9:15 AM – 10:25
- Mealey's Meals has raised over \$12,000.00 as of 12/16/2014.
- **Happy Holidays!**
- **2015**
- **Happy New Year!**
- **January 6** - FAFSA Filing Night – Guidance Filing FAFSA information with Val Castonguay of NHHEAF Network 6:00 PM Room 404

Performing Arts

- Throughout the past two weeks our High School and Middle School music students have been performing in their annual winter concerts. We would like to thank all the students and teachers for all their hard work in preparing for these wonderful performances. A special thanks to all those who were in attendance and for your continued support of the Timberlane music program and our fine young musicians.

- December 20th – Madrigal Mystery Tour

Come celebrate the magic of the holiday season! On behalf of the Timberlane Regional High School Music and Drama Departments we invite you to attend our second annual Madrigal Festival on Saturday, December 20th. We have two shows in our high school cafeteria at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. At the afternoon show we will serve hors d'oeuvres and in the evening we will serve a complete dinner.

The Madrigal will feature music, choral arrangements, and drama from the Elizabethan era.

Join us for a wonderful family-centered show guaranteed to put you in the holiday mood while bringing you back to a time when people really knew how to celebrate during the holiday season.

Ticket prices for this unique holiday tradition are: \$10 for the 2pm show and \$20 for the 7pm show. To reserve tickets call the box office at 603-257-5257 or 603-382-6541 x3980 or order online at mktix.com/trpac.

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

An Afternoon of Jazz, featuring the Soggy Po Boys, on January 25th.

Timberlane Guitar Festival Concert, featuring performances by Gene Bertoncini and the Backbay Guitar Trio on February 8th at 7pm

Timberlane Concert Band Festival, featuring the Rockingham Wind Symphony and performances by area community bands, on February 15th. This multi-band event takes place from 1-6pm

Irish Tenor, Ronan Tynan, will be performing at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center, on March 29th, 2015 at 2pm.

Timberlane Jazz Band Festival, featuring a Tribute to Frank Sinatra, as performed by Steve Marvin and The Hal McIntyre Band, as well as performance by area community bands. This multi-band event takes place, on April 12th, 2015, from 1-6pm