

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – DECEMBER 4, 2014

Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson Academy chorus sang at the town Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Sunday. Crafts and refreshments were enjoyed by all the families at the Fire Station after a visit by Santa Claus.
- Much sadness was felt by our students and staff this week at the loss of our student, Ethan Lamphier. Ethan, a second grader, was a medically fragile child with a bright, happy smile on his face all the time. He enjoyed every day and all of his activity at Atkinson Academy. He will certainly be missed. Our sympathies and prayers are extended to his family that lived in Sandown.

Danville Elementary

- 3rd graders at Danville have been studying NH history all fall. The unit culminated with a field trip to Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth followed by a re-creation of the Thanksgiving meal served in their classrooms.
- Students in first grade designed and made pilgrim hats while they learned about the Pilgrims voyage to America. Each student made their own version of the Mayflower.

Pollard School

- For the past 6 years Pollard has hosted Grandparent /Special Person Day on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. This year we had over 700 visitors! Grandparents and special persons were invited into the classroom, participated in reading and math activities, had songs sung to them and even made crafts. Our Pollard school PTA has each visitor a special gift...a heart key chain that said "**Somebody at Pollard School loves you!**" It was a wonderful way to start the holiday season!



- The Pollard School 4th and 5th grade chorus sang for our Timberlane Regional School District/Hampstead School District Retired Teachers on Tuesday afternoon after their annual Luncheon at the Baptist Church. It was wonderful seeing so many retired teachers from the district and an honor to perform for them!
- On Saturday the Pollard PTA will be hosting our annual Winter Pancake Breakfast at our Pollard Penguin Café from 8-10AM. \$5 per person with a coloring contest and raffles throughout. We will also have a very special guest so bring your camera!



Sandown Central

- The PTA Sandown Holiday Auction will be held on Friday December 5th. Please join us at the auction to purchase some wonderful gifts for the holidays. The action supports the many wonderful programs in the Sandown schools for the children.
- Students during reading classes are working on strategies like Drawing Conclusions, fact and opinion, and Cause and Effect as fourth grade concludes Unit 2 and Unit 3.
- Students focus in math has shifted to basic facts multiplication and division.
- Students are developing their writing skills. The Six-Traits of writing and writing process continue to be introduced and practiced. Independent use of paragraphing form, responding to questions in writing, and citing evidence from the text are other skills worked on during writing time.
- We are concluding our study of government in social studies and will be moving onto regions of the United States.

Sandown North

- On Monday, November 24th, the whole school earned the right to have a Pajama Day for their contributions to the Sandown Food Pantry. Much of the food was used for the holiday and the remainder will help to stock the pantry shelves for those in need.
- Staff members who choose to be involved in the Giving Tree project take a mitten ornament off a tree to fulfill the stated wish of a child in a family who needs help this holiday season. The feeling of contributing makes for a warm holiday for all of us.
- Four of our third grade cello players showed us how far they have progressed in learning to play the cello together at a Monday Morning Meeting on Nov. 24th. Mrs. Yankowskas, the music teacher, was the conductor for the impressive playing.
- On December 2nd, dental hygienists presented lessons on the importance of oral hygiene in the classrooms at the various grade levels, adjusting their presentation to meet the developmental needs of the students. This work is funded by the Alexander Eastman Foundation, a grant that we have been a part of since the school opened in 2001.

Middle School

- On Wednesday, November 26th, TRMS Student Senate members, and a number of TRSM staff, used their day off to bake 30 pies. These pies were donated to local churches and agencies that sponsor Thanksgiving dinners.

- TRMS is sponsoring a hat and mitten drive and a “Toys for Tots” drive from December 1-16. These events are intended to help needy children in the area.
- Our holiday concert season is kicking off on December 2nd with our middle school 7th and 8th grade choral concert. The 7th and 8th grade band concert is on December 3rd, followed by Orchestra on the 9th and our combined grade 6 concert on the 15th.
- The annual Senior Citizen Tea will be held this Saturday, December 6th from 10:00-11:30 at the TRMS cafeteria. Seniors will receive food, gifts and entertainment from members of the Student Senate and the TRMS music department.

High School

- **December 6** - Junior Semi Formal 7:00 pm - 10:00pm HS Café
- **December 5** - Herff Jones Sales Representative will be in the café taking class ring orders during lunches 10:20 am -1:20pm
- **December 8** - Financial Aid Information Night - Senior Parents- NHHEAF and B Chooljian presenters PAC Recital Hall 6:30 pm
- **December 8** - Athletic Awareness Night Boys Basketball/Ice Hockey/Track 6:00pm - 7:00pm Cafe
- **December 12** - Art Night: “Why We Create: The Importance of Art” 7:00 PAC
- **December 12** - Quarter 2 Progress Reports Close
- **December 14** - Zumbathon to benefit the Middle School “Mt Sister’s Closet” 9:30am -11:00am

Athletics

- Timberlane Junior Liam Kimball was named the Eagle Tribune's "Runner of the Year" for the 2014 cross-country season.

Performing Arts

- Concert Season is among us. The MS Grades 7 & 8 Band & Chorus Ensembles held their annual winter concerts at the PAC this week. Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who were in attendance and for your continued support of the Timberlane music program and our fine young musicians.
- Enjoy “An Afternoon of Winter Performances” at the PAC, this coming Sunday-December 7th, featuring Timberlane’s HS Band, Orchestra, Chorus and Guitar Orchestra Ensembles. Performance times for the afternoon are as follows:

1:00pm – Guitar Orchestra 2:15pm – Band 3:45pm – Orchestra 5:00pm – Chorus

Come show your support by attending one or all of these concerts performed by our talented high school musicians.

- Our annual TubaChristmas & Timberlane Community Band Holiday Concerts will take place this Saturday, December 6th at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center. TubaChristmas will begin at 2pm followed by the TCB Holiday Concert at 3pm.

- UPCOMING MUSIC & DRAMA EVENTS

December 7 – HS Band, Orchestra, Chorus & Guitar Orchestra Concerts

December 9 – MS Grades 7 & 8 Orchestra Concert

December 10 – HS Jazz & Rock Ensemble Concert

December 11 – Milkmen Improvisational Comedy Show

December 15 – MS 6th Grade Band, Orchestra, Chorus Concert

December 16 – Elementary Honors Band Concert

December 20th – Madrigal Mystery Tour – celebrate Renaissance Holiday and all things Shakespeare.

- **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

