

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – JUNE 18, 2015

Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson held a spectacular 5th grade celebration on Monday at 9 am put on by parent volunteers. Our gym was transformed into a Hollywood Red Carpet event with an Oscar theme. A breakfast for all our guests was enjoyed immediately following it. The day ended with many fun activities for our fifth graders. Each of the fifth graders received a video of memories these last five years, a yearbook, class picture and t-shirt.
- On Monday, night, third graders held a play titled, “The Weather Show.” While rehearsing the play, third grade students learned about types of weather, barometers, cloud formation and evaporation. All this information was transformed into a musical which the three third grade teachers worked to make it part of the curriculum. It was a great end to a very busy day.
- Wednesday, our fifth graders will walk the halls of the Academy for the last time with all students cheering them on to the Middle School.
- Staff and students would like to thank the School Board and administration for all their support this past year. It was a busy but terrific school year. Have a wonderful summer break!

Danville Elementary

- Attached is a photo from a fourth grade class project. The students hosted a carnival in their class on Monday. Students worked in small groups and made carnival games using recycled materials. They designed and built a skee ball machine, a probability toss, a marble run, terrify target (darts with ping pong ball), and knockdown (balancing game). Each class was invited to go to the “carnival” for a 20 minute scheduled time. Students were given 5 tickets (math unit squares) and were given play money if they achieved the task at the given game. Students applied the scientific method when designing their props. They had to test them to be sure they worked. Students were engaged and excited to host this event.
- Field days were another end of year event that brought lots of parent volunteers to school. The weather was perfect for outside events for each grade.
- The fifth graders loved their traditional bike ride to Goldthwaite Park and then to Adventurelore, something that has become a rite of passage at Danville School.
- We have enjoyed a successful school year once again and look forward to planning for a new year of learning!



Pollard School

- Pollard held our 5th grade Celebration on Monday June 15th at 5pm (inside due to the rain) the event was very well attended by both families and staff. The 5th grade parent committee created and gave each child a school yearbook as well as all the 6th grade supplies students would need for next year at MS. Of course we all enjoyed cupcakes as well.
- Pollard School also received a special award at the Schools of Excellence (EDies Award banquet) we not only were able to attend the banquet as a team of 4 but also received a plaque...not a usual award...in recognition of all of our hard work for the benefit of our students.

- On Tuesday, June 9th Cameron Ingram (4th grade student) and Emily Lovett (5th grade student) were able to act as Principal and assistant principal for the day as part of a contest held by our PTA. The children visited classrooms to read to the younger children as well as various other administrative tasks along with both Mrs. Vance and I. This raffle is one of the biggest money makers during the PTA Auction and always well received.
- Pollard held our 8th annual Wellness day on Friday, June 12th. Community members as well as staff ran many different mini workshops such as Karate, Yoga, Hiking Safety, Healthy bones and eating, as well as Cory Rich "The Dribbler" a motivational speaker. A great time was had by all!

Sandown Central

- We held our lip sync performance with a record breaking attendance on June 11th
- We held our celebration with our fifth graders and they enjoyed their Wacky Water Day on June 15th.
- As we reflect on the year our fourth graders have grown so much. The students have expressed their excitement to join their teachers from the past next year at Sandown North and to be part of Sandown's new grades one through five school, as they move to fifth grade.
- As the school year came to a close, Sandown Central School will be changing- and this change brought with it very mixed emotions. The strength of our community and wholehearted passion to make our school a wonderful place of learning for our children primarily, but for all of us too, has made Central a special place!

Sandown North

- Students in the third grade worked together to write articles about exciting events happening in Sandown Schools. The students rehearsed their article until they were ready for taping. Dean Zanella worked with the students and teachers to turn the articles into a newscast. They have created the first edition of Star News!
- The third grade field/celebration day at Sand Lots Sports was finally held on June 5th. The weather was perfect; the students thoroughly enjoyed the day. They were hot, tired, and happy at the end of the activities. We sincerely thank our PTA for their support. Linda Meehan and Ed Mencis once again treated the students to a hot dog and burger barbecue lunch. How lucky are we??!!
- June 7th was a beautiful day to celebrate Girls on the Run with our students and coaches. The program goals include developing self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. The students have been running together for 10 weeks, encouraging and complimenting each other while feeling good about their own accomplishments. The coaches who supported them, ran with them, and served as powerful role models are Sia Karamourtopoulos, Michelle Carey, Amy Difeo, Missy DiBenedetto, Alison Yankowskas, Nancy Stafford, and Laura McLaughlin.
- On June 9th, new officers for PTA were elected. Pamella Pitman is the new President, Ashley Smith is the Vice-President, Michelle Kontos will stay on as Secretary and Alanna Morcaldi will remain the Treasurer. We are so fortunate that they are willing to do so much for our students and staff.
- Rob Surette visited us on June 9th. His message of the importance of following your dreams and being all you can be is one the students will remember. Sandown



Central fourth and fifth graders were invited to participate in this enriching day along with the North students. Many have written letters to thank staff for the opportunity to be part of such a special day. You can learn more about this very talented artist and his performances at <http://www.amazingheroart.com>.

Middle School

- All grades and teams celebrated with end-of-year activities. The Celebration Dance for Grade 8 was a big success with boys and girls dressed nicely and dancing into the night.
- All students have received packets of reasonable work to do this summer, including reading assignments.
- Summer school offers opportunities for students in all grades to develop stronger skills in math and reading. Information is on-line.

High School

- **June 12 - 17 Underclassman finals**
Summer assignments are on the HS website, we have been printing them the last couple of weeks for any students that needed them. We will have them at the front office.
- **June 13** - Graduation was a success and wonderful feedback from parents.
- **June 29 - July 30 Summer School Session**
- Summer Office Hours 7:00am - 3:00 pm
- Beginning July 3, 2015 through August 14, 2015 we will closed on Friday