

## SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – JUNE 4, 2015

### Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson Memorial Day celebrations included Joshua Friel being honored as the essay winner for his essay “What Memorial Day Means to Me.” He was able to ride in a lead car and read his essay as part of the program. Joshua is a fifth grade student. Enzo Mitchell, also a fifth grade student was chosen to lead the Pledge.
- A great Enrichment Day was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. One of the activities was working with Mr. Zanello on video presentations which resulted in a video that will be going live. Can’t wait to see the final product.
- Our Third grade students enjoyed a terrific “Little Buddy, Big Buddy Day” at the High School on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The high school and third graders have been writing back and forth all year with the culmination of many fun activities on Tuesday. Many end of the year activities are planned as the school year winds down!

### Danville Elementary

- On May 14th, 2015, Beth Kisiel, Librarian and Nikki DeSantis, second grade teacher, presented at this year’s New Hampshire School Library Media Conference, held at the Radisson in Manchester, NH. Beth and Nikki collaborated and taught research skills to their students. They used Life Cycles of a Pond as their topic. Students ended their project by presenting their synthesized report to their peers. It was recorded using green screen technology, and can be viewed on Vimeo. This research model was recognized by then president of the NHSLMA Association at the Christa McAuliffe Conference in 2014. Pam Harland, Librarian at Sanborn Regional High School has become Region One Director of the National American Association of School Libraries Board and has taken this successful research model to Philadelphia, to present to the National Board of School Libraries.

### Pollard School

- For the past few weeks the 5<sup>th</sup> grade has been on a few walking field trips around the town of Plaistow. We walked to the Plaistow Historical Society as well as the Town Hall and learned much about our town’s history. Thank you to the Plaistow Historical society, Jim Peck specifically as well as Dean Zanello for his expert photography/videography of the events. More pictures are available on line.
- Memorial Day: Not only were many Pollard students marching as part of the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts but we also had 5<sup>th</sup> grade students that read for the ceremony including Michael Herchenroader dressed as Abraham Lincoln reading the Gettysburg Address.
- 20 staff members from Pollard were recently certified (or recertified) in CPR/AED/First Aid. Captain Vezina from the Plaistow Fire Department trained us and he was very informative!



- Pollard School's 4<sup>th</sup> grade annual rocket launch will be held Wednesday June 3, 2015
- Field Day will be held this Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. There has been a slight change in scheduling this year. We will have all students outside for activities ½ the day and the other half we are encouraging science/social studies project based learning or team building activities.

#### Sandown Central

- We will be having a distance learning activity with the middle school on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The sixth grade students will be answering the fifth grade students' questions about the middle school.
- Mrs. Gilman's fourth grade class will be having their annual "Poetry Night" June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30.
- Our Volunteer Picnic to honor all our Sandown Central parent volunteers will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30-2:00 in room 308.
- Sandown Central School will be traveling to Sandown North to participate in the Rob Surette Artist performance on June 9<sup>th</sup>. I have provided his web site to show some of his spectacular work and performance. [www.amazingheroart.com](http://www.amazingheroart.com)

#### Sandown North

- Fine Arts night was held on May 26<sup>th</sup>. It was tremendously well attended with families of students in all grades present to view the art that was hanging on the walls and displayed in the building. The third grade students played their recorders in concert and also performed vocally. Many attendees ended the evening by viewing the antique cars at the car show.
- The entire Sandown North second grade recently had an afternoon of hands-on science and fun. The students participated in a rocket building and launch event. They each built a paper rocket made from a simple photocopy template and masking tape. The rockets were launched using a short burst of compressed air. The method of launch is identical to blowing the wrapper off of a drinking straw, just using higher pressure. The air within the launcher was compressed to 80 pounds per square inch (PSI), about double the pressure of a car tire. This burst of pressure accelerated the rockets from stationary to about 82 miles per hour. The rockets can reach an altitude of between 100 to 300 feet, depending on how aerodynamic the rocket is. Much more detailed information including an explanation of all the forces acting on these rockets is available at the following NASA website: <http://exploration.grc.nasa.gov/education/rocket/> Several middle and high school level physics classes across the country are using this type of demonstration to learn about physics and aerodynamics. Rocket templates can be found at <http://www.airrocketworks.com>
- Sandown North is proud to have sent the first and second place teams to the Stock Market Game award ceremony this year. Nicholas Katsoulis, Parker Landry, and Alison McGonagall did an excellent job delivering their acceptance speech at the Fidelity Headquarters in Merrimack on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Their advice to "buy investments that gain value more than they lose value" was well received. Along with second place winners Madison Loik and Nicholas Beyrent, they enjoyed their tour of the Fidelity campus. We would like to thank Fidelity for hosting us, the Manchester Union Leader for facilitating, and the SIMFA foundation for funding this program.
- The students at Sandown North loved the Lil'Iguana show on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Their program was engaging and the lessons and messages are important to students. We enjoyed the catchy safety tunes! Lil'Iguana is a live musical show that teaches kids safety strategies by reminding them to buckle up, look before crossing, let drivers focus on the road, and always tell parents where you're going. We thank Playmates Learning Center, Healing Touch Pottery, Power Eagle, Chickadee Hill Cakes, Zorvino Vineyards, and Pentucket Bank for sponsoring the show.

- Sandown Central staff joined Sandown North staff for their first staff meeting as one staff. The existing committees gave a mini-presentation on their roles and responsibilities so potential new members could make informed choices when deciding where they would like to focus their work. At the end of the meeting, the theme for the 2015-2016 school year was rolled out:

**Peace, Learn, Grow**



- The third grade field/celebration day at Sand Lots Sports continues to be postponed from one date to another. We have had very little rain this spring but every time we move the date, it rains again. We are on for Friday of this week, the 5<sup>th</sup>. We are all doing a Sun Dance!

#### Middle School

- The Student Senate culminates another great year with their annual senior citizen cookout on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Students provide entertainment and food as another example of community connection to our senior citizens.
- The TRMS Book Fair runs all week. Students will have multiple opportunities to purchase summer reading for enjoyment from our library. The fair ends on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will visit the Rocky Shores science field trip next week. This is a hands-on experience that all teams participate in. The Bengals and Explorers on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> and the Cardinals and Dragons on the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders had a chance to meet with TRMS administration and get a tour from current students on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The student ambassadors did a great job of answering parent questions as part of our transition activities. Move-Up Day is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> at TRMS for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will say goodbye to TRMS with a series of closing activities beginning on June 10<sup>th</sup> with their annual Cederdale Class trip. Letters to grade 8 parents were sent home and all activities are listed on the website. The Celebration Assemblies and Celebration Dance are scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### High School

- **June 4- 9 Senior Finals**
- **June 6 Senior Breakfast** 8:30am Cafeteria seniors will receive their caps & gowns and yearbooks.
- **June 7 Excellence in Academics Dinner** - 6:00pm Atkinson Country Club
- **June 10** - Senior Final Make Up Exams
- **June 11** - Senior Awards & Honor Society Cording 7:00pm PAC
- **June 12 -17** - Underclassmen Final Exams
- **June 13** - Graduation Day! 10:00am Football field
- Heather Roy and Ryan Richman are looking to reach out to TRHS Alumni and community members to join the high school committee who will be meeting over the summer and after school during the school year celebrating the High School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The first meeting will be June 23 at 1:00 at the high school. Please contact Patti Mangini 603-382-6541 ext 3900 for more information or if you want to be a member of this committee.

## Performing Arts

- **UPCOMING MUSIC/DRAMA EVENTS**

June 5            Milkmen- Improvisational Comedy

June 9            MS Band Concert

June 10           MS Chorus Concert

June 18-20       HS One Act Comedies