

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – MAY 21, 2015

Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson and Pollard had a terrific Kindergarten Renaissance Performance Friday night. We had a packed house for a superb program. The kindergarteners sang several songs including many in Spanish. It was a fun night.
- Saturday, Atkinson fifth graders hosted their annual car wash. They had a great response even though it rained off and on.
- Pre-K and kindergarten students enjoyed a terrific puppet show on Thursday by Puppets by Lindsay. She based the show on classic fairy tales which delighted the students.
- Fourth graders finished NECAP Science testing on Wednesday.
- Third graders partnered with the Atkinson Garden Club to enjoy a lesson from garden club members on flower arranging. Each student was given an 8 oz can that was decorated and used to arrange flowers and then given to their mothers. What a great experience!

Danville Elementary

- The evening of May 14, 2015 was an exciting time at Danville Elementary School. Students that participated in the afterschool SPARKS program since early March, from the five Timberlane elementary schools gathered in the Danville gymnasium for the first annual SPARKS competition. The mission of SPARKS is to provide a fun collaborative learning experience that promotes initiative, creativity and communication. The task this year for each individual team was to research the meaning of the word hero and answer the question “What is a Hero?” Each team was given up to 10 hours to work together collaboratively to create their own meaning of the word Hero and produce a presentation lasting from 2-4 minutes that actively shared that meaning to an audience. The winning teams this year were:

Grade 3 Hero Hunters from Danville Elementary

Grade 4 and 5 SPARKly Unicorns from Danville Elementary

Fun was had by all in attendance, but most importantly, students that participated in SPARKS learned a great deal about collaboration, team work, and communication while creatively developing their answer to “What Makes a Hero.”

Pollard School

- Pollard School fifth graders have been participating in the Plaistow Town Memorial Day for the past 12 years by providing “The Readers” for the event at the Town Green at the direction of Mrs. Robichaud one of our Fifth grade teachers. This Year’s readers will be:

Emily Lovett - The History of Memorial Day

Vanessa Mahoney – Cover Them Over with Beautiful Flowers, by: Will Carlton

Michael Herchenroder- The Gettysburg Address, by: Abraham Lincoln

Callie Fitzgerald – Americans in Strength, by: Roger Robicheau

Anna Alberti – Purple Heart, by: Roger Robicheau

- The School will also have a Memorial Day assembly for grades 3, 4, and 5 on Friday, May 22nd in Penguin Place (the café) from 9:15-9:45.
- This Thursday, May 21st, will be Enrichment Day. Our theme this year at Pollard is STEM Careers. We have many parent speakers coming as well as some distance learning visits and videos.

- Pollard School recently completed the NH Excellence in Education (EDies) award process. Although we did not win (we were finalist and came in 2nd) we are very proud at how far we got in the process. A team of 4 from Pollard have been invited to the June 6th ceremonies to be recognized for all of our hard work. We just want to thank all of the staff, students and parents that participated in our school visitation. It was clear that the Pollard School has many things to be proud of!
- Invention Update: Libby Wagnitz's invention was chosen to possibly be displayed at the Connecticut Science Center in Hartford. The Connecticut invention judges nominated some inventions and the science center will choose the ones they want. If she is chosen, her invention will be displayed for 1-2 months at the museum! The invention that keeps on winning!
- Pollard 5th grade classes are learning about the history of Plaistow through a cross curricular research project. Dolores Coyle-Quirk has been working with the Plaistow Historical Society to provide materials that students can use to learn about Colonial Plaistow and the changes that have occurred in this small New England Town over the past 266 years. Students are working in collaborative work groups as they read informational text and view historical pictures and newspaper articles about Plaistow's history, significant people and landmarks, economy, agricultural heritage, industry and schools. Grade 5 classes went on a "neighborhood field trip" to the **Plaistow Historical Society** across the street. They toured the Historical Museum and learned about many historical landmarks in town. Students in grades 1-12 have been invited to participate in the *Old Home Day Art Exhibit and Contest*. Grade 5 is learning about Folk Art in art class and is painting Plaistow's historical buildings and people. Students are excited about this authentic learning and are very much engaged, as we wrap of their last year at Pollard!
- Girl Scout Troop #10544 all Pollard School 5th Graders, recently earned their Bronze Award for Community by painting a mural on one of our school walls. The Mural theme is our school's motto: What you do today makes a different tomorrow.



Sandown Central

- In support of our social studies curriculum, our 5th grade students will be headed to Boston on May 21st to walk the Freedom Trail! This is a 2.5 mile lined route that will lead the students to sixteen historical sites. The students will learn about our rich history by exploring museums, meeting houses, churches, and burial grounds. The students will learn about the brave people who shaped our nation and will discover the history of the American Revolution as it began in Boston!
- On May 26th we will be holding our History Enrichment day. We will have several story tellers and the Sandown Historical Society presenting.

Sandown North

- Our SPARKS team members joined the teams from the other elementary schools on May 14th at Danville! Our 2015 team members, Alex Garone, Anthony Lafond, Alyssa Hoyt, Gabby Inserra, Joseph Gannon, Matthew Conte, Parker Landry, and Simone Faucher, reported really enjoying the event and watching others perform their skits. On Monday, May 18, they were treated to an ice cream sundae celebration after school, giving them a chance to be together and just have fun!
- Emergency preparedness must be frequently practiced but in a non-threatening way so that young children will know what to do in the event of a true emergency. On May 14th, all children who ride a bus practiced bus evacuation on our property. It's impressive to see how our students assist and encourage each other while completing the drill.
- The PTA sponsored Bingo for Books on Friday, May 16th. Children from pre-school age through fifth grade walked out of North with an armful of books to enjoy through the summer months. We thank Sandown PTA for their continued support of school events.
- Andy Seuss, a NASCAR race car driver and uncle of one of our students, Colton Seuss, was a guest speaker at Monday Morning Meeting on the 18th. Our theme this year has been to "Race to the Top" and Mr. Seuss spoke of the behaviors that have brought him success. He stressed that being willing to work hard and to practice, to communicate well with others, and to work as a member of a team are critically important to race car driving and to life. At the end of the meeting, each child could see the car first hand as it was there in our driveway. The children couldn't wait to see the car and when he started the engine, they were screaming with excitement. We thank Mr. Seuss for the time he gave to the Sandown North school community.
- Our PTA sponsors Box Top for Education by encouraging children to bring in the qualifying labels or tops. Each month there is an incentive and this month Mrs. Bollhorst students had lunch with Mrs. Georgian in the Star Quest café!
- The third grade field/celebration day at Sand Lots Sports was postponed from the 19th to the 26th due to the forecast of inclement weather. We're hoping for sun next Tuesday!

Middle School

- All sixth grade students took a field trip on Tuesday to the IMAX theater in Reading to see a science film on the oceanography.
- Mrs. Lacourse and a strong group of teacher and parent chaperones completed their annual trip to Montreal this past weekend. Students were very excited when they returned and felt that the trip was a great chance to immerse into the French culture of the city.
- 8th grade students are finishing state NECAP testing this week. 7th graders are finishing Smarter Balanced testing.
- Seven TRMS students completed the Math Olympiad competition. A series of five monthly contests made up of 5 problems each from November to March. One student, Adrian Suci scored among the top 10% of the 110,000 participants.
- Ben Mikelson author of Touching Spirit Bear presented via Skype to all seventh graders on Tuesday. All students completed his book and heard in detail about the process of writing from an author they had read.

High School

- May 18 - 28 - Smarter Balance Testing Juniors

- May 22 - Senior Prom 6:00pm Atkinson Country Club
- May 26 - Senior Class Boston Harbor Cruise 4:30pm meet in Café
- May 27 - Stem Night Student Presentations and Science Honor Society Inductions 4:00pm TRHS Library
- June 1 - Senior Athletic Recognition Night 6:30pm Atkinson Country Club
- June 2 - Junior Awards & Senior Scholarship Night 6:30pm PAC Auditorium
- June 3 - New Hampshire Scholars Day 10:30am Northeast Dental Stadium Manchester NH
- June 3 - Last day of regular classes for Seniors
- June 4 - 9 Senior Finals Exams

Athletics

- The spring sports season is rapidly coming the end. Many of our teams are pushing towards the playoffs! All of our teams have represented our school and community very well. We also have our Annual Senior Athletic Recognition Night on Monday June 1st at 6:30pm at the Atkinson CC.

Performing Arts

- **UPCOMING MUSIC/DRAMA EVENTS**

May 25	Memorial Day Parades
May 27	HS Band Concert
May 28	HS Music Awards Night
May 29	HS Drama Awards Night
June 1	HS Chamber Concert
June 5	Milkmen- Improvisational Comedy
June 9	MS Band Concert
June 10	MS Chorus Concert
June 18-20	HS One Act Comedies