

## SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – MARCH 5, 2015

### Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson students are settling back into school after February vacation. Our librarian, Jen Toth, introduced I Like to Read Week to the students at Monday Morning Meeting. Many activities will be taking place during the week related to reading and writing. I will be calling homes at night to ask if I can catch a student reading – shutting off the TV to READ. A special lunch with the principal will be served on Friday to all the students caught.
- Very proud of our fifth grade student, Kaitlyn Bedard who had the privilege of singing the National Anthem at the Timberlane Owls Senior Hockey Night! It was awesome. Thanks to Mrs. Farrell, our volunteer chorus director, for working with her to perfect her performance.

### Danville Elementary

- A small group of Danville fifth graders have been meeting twice a week during their lunch and recess times to learn how to produce a news show. Many thanks to Mr. Zanello, Mrs. Kisiel, and Mrs. Murphy who are working with our students. The students are highly motivated and are taking on this new interest with great enthusiasm. Their first news show was produced and is available by viewing it through Vimeo, located on the Danville School website. The debut was done very well and students are already generating other stories that will be of interest to Danville families.
- Mr. Ard led another successful Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser after school in February. He kicked the event off with a visit from the Newmarket Hot Shots. They taught our students some moves they never knew were possible! It was especially meaningful to have same aged peers demonstrate their skill. Kudos to Newmarket for teaching their students to be wonderful role models and allowing them to visit our school. The generosity from the community in helping to make this fundraiser successful is much appreciated.

### Pollard School

- Pollard's Invention Celebration is Wednesday 3/4 (winners will be chosen to move on to the state level competition) at this evenings event.

- Pollard School is having their BOOK FAIR next week! We will hold our annual book fair at Pollard School March 9-13, 2015. All students will visit the book fair with their class. We will be open for family and community shopping on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> until 8:00PM. The book fair will



feature picture books, chapter books, novels and informational books. Students are excited about Chasing Lincoln's Killer, a book filled with primary source materials, Ranger in Time, a "starter novel", and the "I Survived" series by Lauren Tarshis.

- Pollard School celebrated World Read Aloud day with three virtual author visits. Mrs. Hazelton and Mrs. Vengren's classes have been reading the book Ava and Pip. They visited with author Carol Weston and found out why she wrote a book filled with so many palindromes. Ms. MacDonald and Mrs. Winter's class have been reading How to Outrun A Crocodile When Your Shoes Are Untied. They met author Jess Keating virtually and learned how she knew so much information about obscure animals. Mrs. Kennedy's class has been reading Somebody on This Bus is Going to be Famous. They connected virtually with author J.B. Cheaney and found out how she kept track of all of the characters in her story.



- Pollard PTA will be hosting 2 “Kids Painting Nights” on Thursday and Friday (3/5 & 3/6). All proceeds will be going toward our new playground. This has become quite the popular event, especially since Mrs. Jessica Hood (one of our Kindergarten teachers) is the artist in charge! Pictures will be posted online after the event.
- AN UPDATE on the Great Amaryllis Race

- **Best Fed Bulb** - This is the award for the longest leaf - leaves are very important because they produce food for the bulb and new plant during photosynthesis. Congratulations to the following **Best Fed Bulb** winner:

As of March 2, 2015, Penguin, from Ms. Ferrante’s class, has a leaf that is 32 inches long!!

- **Late Bloomer** - Sometimes you get an outlier that just takes its time to bloom. We make the award to the class for their patience and optimism.
  - Congratulations to the following **Late Bloomer** winner:

As of March 2, 2015, Super Bob, from Mrs. McMeniman’s class, has not blossomed!! What color do you think Super Bob will be?



#### Sandown Central

- We have had the opportunity to have Michael Alberici “Sound in focus” Science Residency at Sandown Central from Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>. He has conducted classroom workshops on sound and energy. He held an all school assembly... demonstrating an air cannon showing sound waves... the first of its kind. Classroom: Having students gain a better understanding of listening. To demonstrate and discuss common positive and negative listening traits that affects our listening ability. Lots of great learning connected to our Science curriculum!

## Sandown North

- Staff has been focusing on growth, as measured by STAR, and learning more about the growth report. The staff meeting on Monday was focused on understanding the report and applying what was learned to the individual classroom report. Specialists worked closely with classroom teachers as it is important for them to have the knowledge that relates to students and to school goals.
- When visiting classrooms, it has become obvious that staff members are working to meet not only the learning challenges of students, but also to engage them in their learning through their strengths. A respect of individual differences is apparent in the feel of the classroom environment.
- Sandown North is participating in the Timberlane Regional School District SAU #55 and UNO Pizzeria & Grill “GET BRIGHTER TIMBERLANE” fundraising program. The program was kicked off this week with information being posted on the website and information sent home to parents. We thank Nancy Stafford, School Counselor, for working with the Universal Team to coordinate this fundraiser.
- Sandown North is excited to announce the members of its 2015 SPARKS team. Team members Alex Garone, Anthony Lafond, Alyssa Hoyt, Gabby Inserra, Joseph Gannon, Matthew Conte, Parker Landry, and Simone Faucher will share our school spirit of curiosity, creativity, collaboration, and courage as they prepare to present at the district wide SPARKS celebration. This group will be led by three dynamic Sandown North Alumni: Sammy-Jo Hamilton, Danielle St. Pierre and Megan Linehan. Our coaches will receive the attending support of Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Bonin.
- SPARKS is an extracurricular research and presentation program for students in grades 3-5. SPARKS promotes critical thinking, problem-solving and teamwork skills through investigative group challenges that require reading, discussion, planning, and production. Our theme for 2015 is “What makes a hero?” Team members will work together to create a live presentation that will be evaluated based on content, collaboration, and originality. SPARKS teams are allowed to meet for up to ten hours during the season. During that time students will create a presentation that lasts no more than ten minutes from stage call to the final bow. Presentation time includes unpacking, set-up, performance, pack-up, and interview questions. The content, performance, and time challenges add up to an exciting completion day! A competition and celebration will be held at Danville Elementary at 6 PM on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Middle School

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are studying invertebrates and gained an understanding of the components of a Coral Reef ecosystem from the presentation of the Coral Reef.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders have successfully completed course selections for their high school classes.
- We have 8 students that have received recognition in the Scholastic Art Awards of N.H. Their artwork is part of a regional exhibition at the Stockbridge Theater at Pinkerton Academy.

## High School

- **March 1** - Rebecca Carlson and Christa Powers are the coaches for this event; 2 teams of 5 students each competed in the Moody Mega Math Challenge on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. This scholarship competition sponsored by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics is open to juniors and seniors only. We had enough interest to support 3 teams, but the organizers only allow 2 per school. All seniors that were interested were given a spot, and we drew names for the remaining spots for the juniors. Those juniors who didn't make a team are guaranteed a spot for next year. Christa Powers and I are the coaches.

We downloaded the day's challenge, an open-ended real world problem. Students had 14 hours to research and to offer a solution using mathematical modeling. Their solution was presented as an uploaded pdf

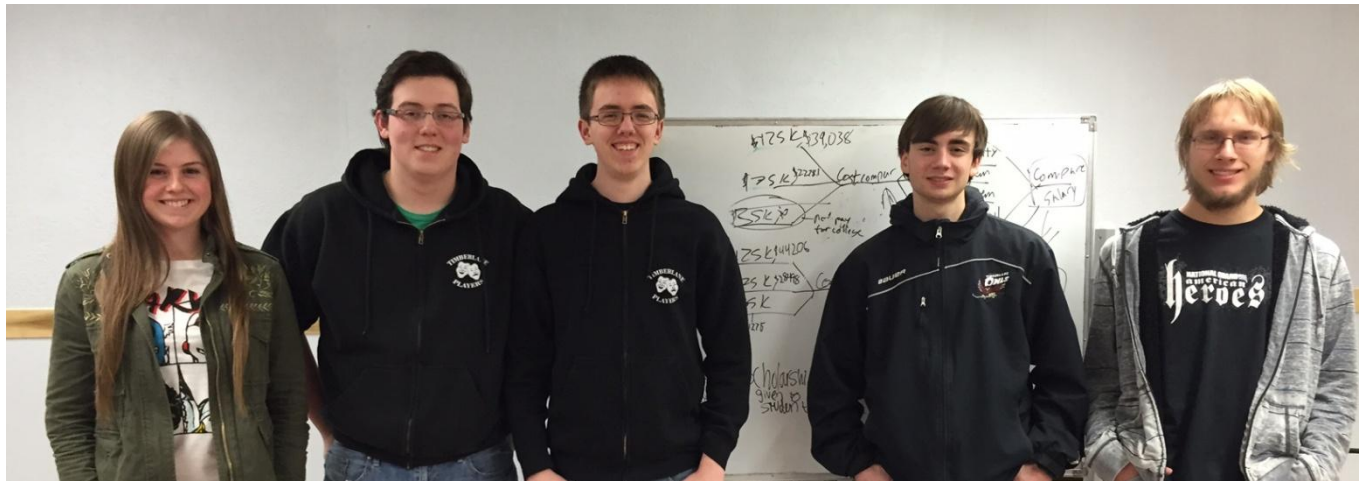
report (approx. 20 pages in length) which includes an executive summary, introduction, analysis of the problem and model, and conclusion. We had until 9 pm to upload our solutions.

Students will be notified by March 25 if they are among the top 6 teams. Below are pictures of our two teams who competed in the Moody's Mega Math Challenge and their solution papers.

Becca Carlson reported: Christa and I were very proud of the hard work that both teams put into their solutions. Both teams were here from 7am until at least 5pm answering the question "What is higher education really worth?" Students used modeling to show the cost, return, and value of a college education and considered whether selecting a STEM field impacted the results. It was a great experience for the kids. They made new friends and lots of memories. This was also a great experience for them to see how relevant mathematics is providing solutions to questions posed well beyond the pages of their textbooks. It was a great day!



*Team one: Michaela Alonzo, Michele Condon, Alexa Tautz, Maddie Healey, and Lily Hevesh*



*Team two: Caryn Ojemann, Conor West Geary, Brian O'Connor, Thor Johnson, and Jared Spang*

- **March 7** - Kids Night Out student council babysitting in the café and gym 3:00pm-9:00 pm.
- **March 9** - PTSA Meeting 6:30 pm room 106
- **March 10** - Quarter 3 Progress reports close (rescheduled date from March 6)
- **March 13** - Reschedule - TRHS Project Hope Dance-A-Thon 5:00pm - 10:00pm Cafeteria
- **March 18** - Timberlane Heath Fair 3:00pm - 5:30pm high school cafeteria. The fair is open to the whole community. (Snow date March 19)

- **March 19** - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30pm - 7:00pm

#### Performing Arts

- **UPCOMING MUSIC/DRAMA EVENTS**

March 5, 6, 7 HS One Act Plays  
March 9 Orchestra Concert – Grades 6-12  
March 11 HS/MS Jazz Night  
March 12 Chorus Concert – Grades 5-7  
March 17 Band Concert – Grades 8-12  
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March 26 HS Milkmen – Improv Comedy Show  
March 31 Band Concert – Grades 5-7

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

Irish Tenor, Ronan Tynan, will be performing at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center, on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, from 1-6pm.

# POLLARD SCHOOL INVENTION CELEBRATION WINNERS 2015

## Kindergarten:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kenny Goodman with "The Automatic Dog Feeder"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Logan Sharpe with "The Mailbox Light"

## First Grade:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Emerson Aprile with "The Bird Bath"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Libby Wagnitz with "The Sleepy Switch"

## Second Grade:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Riley Bixby with "The Screener"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Zachary Farnell with "Lego-Saraus Rex"

## Third Grade:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jacob Raymond with "The Shoe Swith-a-Roo"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Juliana Bouraphael with "Navigational Shopping Cart"

Rube Goldberg: Jack Mottran with "Got Salt?"

## Fourth Grade:

1<sup>st</sup>Place: Maggie O'connor with "The Bus Tracker"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Frankie Maragioglio with "the Clean Machine"

Rube Goldberg 1<sup>st</sup>: Carmella Defina Mackenzie Flanagan with "Fast Food Feeder"

Rube Goldberg 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marcello Popa with "Lighter Upper"

## Fifth Grade:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Nik Guide with "The Vaco"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jacob Lambert with "The Un-Gas Guzzler"

Rube Goldberg: 1<sup>st</sup> Matthew Fairhurst with "Candle Fan"

Rube Goldberg: 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lexi Wagnitz with "Red-iculously Awesome Toothpaste Squirter"

## SCHOOL REPORT ADDENDUM – MARCH 5, 2015

### Athletics

- The Winter Athletic Season is winding down. Congratulations and thank you to all coaches and student-athletes for representing our School and Community so well.
- The Wrestling Team won the Meet of Champions last weekend and have several wrestlers competing in the New England Championships this weekend.
- The Girls Basketball Team qualified for the NHIAA State Tournament. They lost last night at Milford, but had a great season!
- The Ski Team completed their season at the State Meet @ Gunstock. Two Skiers, Austin and Travis Hall qualified for the Ski Meet of Champions!
- The Track and Swim Championships took place at UNH. We had several personal best times in both sports.
- The Boys Track Team broke 2 School Records this season: 1500 Meters (Liam Kimball) and 4X800 Relay. Also, several athletes qualified for New England Championships at the Reggie Lewis Center.
- Tonight is Senior Night for the Boys Basketball Team as they play their last game. Thank you to all those Seniors for their efforts over the last 4 years.
- Our Hockey Team completed their season last weekend. They had a very good season with many close games. Thank you to the coaches and also Seniors, Goalie Chris Leondires and Forward Tim McLaughlin.
- We had two swimmers medal at the State Meet:

Erin Burgos	500 Free
Michelle Fredericks	50 Free