

## SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – FEBRUARY 19, 2015

### Atkinson Academy

- Tuesday, Atkinson hosted the local police, fire and sheriff's departments in Rockingham County along with Homeland Security representatives to prepare for the Active Shooting Exercise in April. Brian and I found it very informative. It was nice to meet all the local department reps that would be assisting Atkinson in something were to happen.
- A TIGER assembly sponsored by the PTA was enjoyed by all students on Feb.11<sup>th</sup>. This is a troupe from UNH that perform with a message to the students about bullying. An all school wide enrichment day will be held on Thursday.
- All students and staff are looking forward to vacation week.

### Danville Elementary

- Danville fifth grade students are finishing their study of the earth in science classes. In small teams, they built a replica of a volcano and later tested the model watching one of the world's most spectacular natural events, a volcano eruption! Although it was exciting to learn about and create, they are glad they don't live near a hot spot!
- Danville staff and students are grateful for the opportunity to have Blizzard Bag/Online Learning Days to help keep the continuity of learning through this unusual winter. The organization of the work this year has been successful and meaningful.

### Pollard School

- Incoming kindergarten Parent Info night was held Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. We have 50 students officially registered but a great deal on our list that we are still waiting to hear back from.
- Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> Pollard will be hosting our Invention Celebration from 6-7:30 in our Café. All students participated K-5 participated in a Light bulb lab lesson with our Enrichment teacher and SSR teacher. Students brainstormed ideas for inventions and completed some paperwork. All students have the option of actually creating their invention (complete with a model) for the March 4th celebration and judges will choose winners for each grade level.
- The Great Amaryllis Race Update

In early January, each Pollard School classroom planted two amaryllis bulbs to raise, and thus, Pollard School's Great Amaryllis Race was underway! The students have been expanding on their science skills as they observe the growing process. They have formed hypotheses to questions about their plants and will develop conclusions from their observations. They have also worked on their math skills as they predict, collect, record, and graph data about the growth of their amaryllises. Make sure to stop by the hallway outside the library to see our Amaryllis Race wall on information and graphs!

As we compare data across the grade levels, amaryllis plants will be awarded certificates for their accomplishments, including: *Most Amazing Amaryllis Name*, *First Blooming Bud*, *Star Power* (tallest plant), *Best Fed Bulb* (longest leaf), *Most Bountiful Blooms*, and *Late Bloomer*! Some plants have already blossomed and some have just started to grow. Some stems and leaves are over 2 feet in length and some have no stems or leaves at all. The growing process has been a lesson on patience and optimism!

Mrs. Vengren's 4<sup>th</sup> grade's amaryllis, named Sunny, wins the "First Blooming Bud" award. Sunny is an Apple Blossom amaryllis. Mrs. LaRosa's kindergarten's amaryllis, named Snowflake Ice, is the lead competitor for the "Most Bountiful Blooms" award. Snowflake Ice produced 6 blossoms on one stem!

Classroom amaryllis names in the running for student favorites include, *Donald, Elsa, Olaf, Jeff, and Ziodberg!*

Classrooms have tried numerous ways to encourage their plants, such as using a grow light for one of plant to compare its effect, reading to the plants daily, and having kind and supportive growing conversations with the plants. In many community learning spaces around Pollard School, you will find cheerleader amaryllises. While not in the race, they are growing, blossoming, and creating additional opportunities for comparisons.

A big thank you to the families, staff, and Walmart for donating amaryllis kits! We live in a wonderfully supportive community! The race will continue until the last blossom blooms!



#### Sandown Central

- Our Invention Celebration is February 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 in the gymnasium.
- We had a very successful Jump Rope and Hoops for heart on February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Sandown North

- One of our staff members, Michelle Carey, organized a random Acts of Kindness Day.. In lieu of money donations, we participated in making Forget Me Notes, beautiful cards in which we wrote notes. The intended recipients were individuals who may not normally receive a Valentine note. They were distributed in nursing homes and to individuals who receive Meals on Wheels. What a nice feeling to know we brightened someone's day!
- The PTA Mother/Son Dance was held on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Our younger students were happy to be with their friends and their mothers on a Friday night. After each event, our PTA Board members reflect on what worked and what might need to be changed so each time a happening occurs, it is well-planned and safe. We are so lucky to have our families and parents who do so much for our students.
- The annual Jump Rope for Heart event, coordinated by our Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Decristofaro, was held on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Seventy-five jumpers raised monies for the American Heart Association. Eighteen parent volunteers who assisted to make the event a memorable one may have had as much fun as the students!
- Kindergarten Parent Information night was held on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Parents visited the Kindergarten classrooms and then joined us in the cafeteria for a presentation and a question and answer discussion. Parents of young learners are excited for the beginning of their child's formal education, but nervous about the new experience. Hopefully, we were able to allay their fears and communicate that this is a true partnership. We are always available to talk and to work together.

- Ms. Low's first grade class performed an interpretative dance to classical music at Monday Morning Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Yankowskas, the music teacher, led the students in the beautiful interpretation. Several parents were in attendance in the audience.
- At the Annual PTA Holiday Auction, one of the items that participants could bid on was Student Principal of the Day. Parents of Ella Hill, a first grader, won the bid and Ella was Principal on February 17<sup>th</sup>. She was a part of Monday Morning Meeting, delivered mail, manned the phones, delivered chocolate "hugs" purchased by her parents for each child in the building, had a special snack of Goldfish that she selected with her classmates, assisted in a Physical education class, had lunch in the office with friends, created a poster with reminders about Healthy Heart Day, and MORE! When she was walking in the hall with Mrs. Georgian, a second grade student told her she was lucky to be able to do it and have so much fun. Ella responded: "You might think it's all fun to be a Principal, but it's not. You never get a break!" 😊
- Students and staff had SO MUCH fun today at our "Healthy Heart Day." We would like to say **THANK YOU** to Stoneyfield Yogurt in Londonderry for donating the yogurt tubes for our special afternoon snack... We had some fun school-wide activities including hourly "Stop, Drop, and Wiggle" led by our own Mrs. Carey via the intercom and large group yoga in the gym. We also had small group, grade specific activities including snow shoeing on the playground, taking a tour of the skeletal system, learning how our skull protects the brain, "Just Dance" fun, jumping rope, small group yoga to picture books, and talking about the importance of drinking water then decorating water bottles.
- We are enjoying the snow on the playground!!

#### Middle School

- Our school spelling bee champion this year is Maggie Smith! Maggie will be competing in Concord, NH at the State Bee on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Good luck.
- Both TRMS Girls and Boys "B" Basketball Teams completed successful seasons by capturing Runner-Up trophies in their league tournament. This success is a significant improvement over recent years. Congratulations to the players and coaches.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Graders recently completed their NAEP test at TRMS. NAEP is given every other year and is considered the nations report card.
- Wild Life Encounters organization presented their in-school curriculum enrichment to TRMS 7<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. These live animal presentations were delivered by highly skilled & passionate educators and presenters. Wild Life Encounters teach students about injured, exploited, abandoned and captive-bred animals through their presentations.

#### High School

- Every year the Community Caregivers of Greater Derry organization has a Potter's Bowl fundraiser where students and professional potters create and donate bowls. Tickets are sold for the event and those who choose to attend select a bowl and can have endless bowls of soup that are donated from various local restaurants. Timberlane High School's National Art Honor Society participated for the first time this year donating a total of 8 bowls. The following students participated in the event: Sarah Heckman, Rebecca Sands, Giselle Pimentel, Lauren Nathan, Kailey Ross, Teaghan Rooney, Elizabeth Mura, and Olivia Heffernan. Based on the fact that all of the students' bowls were selected for purchase by the attendees, it appears that their work was of good quality and in demand.
- **February 20** - District Nurses CPR/First Aid training library 2:00 - 3:00
- **February 20** - Tri M Movie night 5:30pm PAC

## Athletics

- Today was the NHADA/NHIAA Annual Scholar Athlete Awards Ceremony at the Capitol Center for the Performing Arts in Concord. Timberlane student athletes joined other Division 1 schools to be honored by the Governor. It was a magnificent event, and a great honor.

## Performing Arts

- Congratulations to the following Timberlane Musicians who participated in the New Hampshire Music Educators Jazz All State Festival, which was held at Pinkerton Academy, on February 5, 6 & 7, 2015. Students auditioned for these elite ensembles, back in October, and those with the highest scoring audition results, were selected to participate in the three day festival.

Quinn Averill, Tenor Saxophone  
Ryan Blomquist, Tenor Voice  
Brendan Bourque, Trombone  
Amy Clark, Alto Voice  
Candace DeLeon, Soprano Voice

Tyler Donovan, Bass Viol  
Benjamin Flyzik, Trombone  
Nolan Hennessey, Trombone  
Amanda Kenerson, Alto Voice  
Billy Lavoie, Tenor Voice

Daniel Main, Drumset  
Colin McCarthy, Tenor Voice  
Brendan McGuirk, Trumpet  
Annie Steenson, Soprano Voice  
Harrison Szczapa, Vibraphone

- The Great American Songbook Concert took place, Tuesday evening (February 17<sup>th</sup>), at the PAC. The concert highlighted some of the most important and most influential American [popular songs](#) of the 20th century. Thank you to all who came out to support our talented musicians.
- Sweeney Todd Cast and PIT rehearsals are in full force in preparation for this year's high school musical. Production dates for Sweeney Todd are May 7, 8, 9, 2015.
- Two of our PAC events, the Timberlane Guitar Festival and the Timberlane Concert Band Festival, had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. We are in the process of rescheduling both events and as soon as we have our dates confirmed, we will let you know.

- **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

### Great American Songbook Concert

Directed by Kenneth Clark

Accompanied by Charlie Jennison - piano, Tyler Donovan - bass,  
Harrison Szczapa - drums, Quinn Averill - tenor saxophone,  
Nolan Hennessey - trombone, Anthony DiBartolomeo - alto saxophone

**If I Were A Bell** by Frank Loesser  
Great American Songbook Jazz Combo

**It's De-Lovely** by Cole Porter  
Tony Gentile, Kassandra Stavropoulos

**A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square**  
by Eric Maschwitz & Manning Sherwin  
Natalie Livingston

**You're The Top** by Cole Porter  
Amanda Kenerson, Colin McCarthy

**Stormy Weather** by Harold Arlen and Ted Koehler  
Margaret Cross

**Anything Goes** by Cole Porter  
Michaela Kosta

**Cactus Tree** by Joni Mitchell  
Arranged by Liam Wade and Ann Moss  
Mezzo: Amanda Kenerson  
Violins: Amy Clark, Aurora Sidor  
Viola: Siobhan Sheehan  
Cello: Joshua Grambow

**Summertime** George & Ira Gershwin  
Annie Steenson

**I Get a Kick Out of You** by Cole Porter  
Arranged by Dave Wolpe  
Amy Clark

**In a Sentimental Mood** by Duke Ellington  
Candace DeLeon

**You Make Me Feel So Young** by Josef Myrow & Mack Gordon  
Colin McCarthy

March 12 Chorus Concert – Grades 5-7  
March 17 Band Concert – Grades 8-12  
March 18 Chorus Concert – Grades 8-12  
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.