

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – JANUARY 22, 2015

Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson finished up our STAR Assessments on Friday. Very pleased with the results which indicated great growth over the original benchmarks in September. Kudos to my staff that has worked extremely hard since September to improve our scores.
- Parents enjoyed a terrific concert on Monday night featuring strings, band and our chorus.

Danville Elementary

- Danville students have joined the Fischer Cats Literacy Challenge! Fungo, the mascot kicked off the challenge with a school wide assembly. Students are rewarded for extra-curricular reading with tickets to a baseball game in the spring for completing the reading challenge.
- All students completed mid-year STAR testing in the areas of ELA and Math. Student growth profiles show students have made progress toward end of year expectation.

Pollard School

- Pollard Schools students preK-5 are finishing up their **STAR mid-year assessments** this week. Grade level PLC's will be using this data to assist with revisiting small groups for Tiered instruction in both reading and math.
- Last night (Wednesday 1/21) Pollard students participated in our annual **Winter Concert**. Band, Chorus and string students all participated at the PAC.
- Friday, 1/23 4th and 5th grade representatives from each homeroom will participate in our **annual Spelling Bee** (part of the Scripps National Spelling Bee program) at 9AM at Penguin Place, our café. We will be sending our spelling champions to the next level of competition as designated by our local spelling bee sponsors, which is usually held in Concord, NH in early March. Participating students include:

Anna Alberti	Aidan Helie	Owen Ouellette
Callum Belfiore	Ava Hollow	Aliyah Samoisette
Jacob Cruz	Summer Jones	Julia Schieber
Maddie Dufresne	Sophia Keogh	Amy Sinibaldi
Connor Dunn	Evan LeBlanc	Annika Smith
Jacqueline Fuller	Josiah Lopez	Kathleen Smith
Emma Gagne	Ashley McFadden	Brady Sola
Mikayla Geary	Kendall Morrill	Lexi Wagnitz

Sandown Central

- We will be holding our all school Spelling Bee on January 23rd from 8:45-9:30 in the gymnasium.
- Our Invention Celebration will be held on February 17th from 1:00 to 3:00 in the gymnasium.

Sandown North

- Fungo from the Fisher Cats Baseball team visited us on January 12th. Students were excited to learn of an opportunity to qualify for two free baseball tickets. He encouraged all our students to read to expand their imaginations. To further add to the excitement for reading, students can join the Fisher Cats on the field for the National Anthem at the Reading Challenge game of their choice.

- Our third grade string students performed at a Winter Concert with Sandown Central students. Under the directorship of Mrs. Alison Yankowskas, our students have demonstrated exceptional beginning skills and a commitment to task. They understand the importance of practicing and have been willing to show what they are learning at Monday Morning Meeting to students, staff members, families, and community members. We are proud of them!
- Staff has been working together to learn more about the Smarter Balanced assessment. We have been exploring the tools and resources on-line and having the discussions that lead to a deeper understanding, thus impacting instruction.
- The mid-year STAR assessment has been administered. The Target team is looking at the data to celebrate successes and determine if small group or individual supports are needed for a particular child. The data gives us the information we need for next steps.
- On the Professional Development day, the 20th, our classroom teachers and interventionists learned more about guided reading. They now feel much more confident about their decisions in grouping their students based on similarity in instructional need. The importance of the groups being dynamic, not static, was highlighted. The information gleaned from the STAR assessment coupled with on-going assessments, including Running Records, will enable staff to target the strategic actions needed for growth. The teaching/learning was specific and direct and will serve as the foundation for Professional Learning Community work.
- Last week our 3rd graders got to see a very special presentation performed by some talented 7th and 8th graders at Hampstead Middle School. The students from Hampstead are members of the Anti-Bullying Committee (ABC). For the past few years this group has come to Sandown North to perform skits and show videos they have written about bullying. This group of students work hard before and after school and some weekends putting the performance together and their hard work and dedication to this important topic shows. Our 3rd graders at Sandown North listened respectfully and watched the skits and videos which showed the different types of bullying and the importance of being an Upstander - someone who doesn't stand by and watch the bullying but stands up to the bully by helping the victim or telling an adult. The students clearly heard and understood the message that together, we can stop bullying. We look forward to having ABC back next year.

Middle School

- Congratulations to Liz Carstensen, Madison Comeau, Maggie Doyle, Kelsey Grenier, Kiara Phair, Sam Sawyer-Standley, and Alana Smith for their recognition in the Scholastic Art Awards of NH. Their work will be part of a regional exhibition at the Stockbridge Theater at Pinkerton Academy from January 20, 2015 through February 8, 2015. The awards ceremony at Stockbridge Theater will be held February 8 at noon. Kelsey and Sam received a gold key award. These two works will move on to be adjudicated at a national level. We will find out if they receive a national award in March. Good luck! We want to thank all students who submitted entries to the program. We appreciate all the effort and enthusiasm you put into your work!
- TRMS Drama Club will be putting on the play Shrek 2 on January 31st at 2:00 and 7:00. Student auditions took place in early November and rehearsals have been held weekly. The cast is making final preparations for the big show. Mrs. Mulhall and Mrs. Howard are the directors.

High School

- **January 21-23** - Mid Term Testing Days
- **January 23** - Quarter 2 ends / 1st Semester ends

- **January 27** - TRHS will host the NH State Library Association winter meeting. They will have 2 guest speakers; Gary Patton his book - *Outtastatahs: Newcomers' Adventures in New Hampshire* and Katharine Britton and her book - *Little Island*. 2:30pm-6:00pm HS library
- **January 23** - Concert to Fight Hunger – sponsored by Mealey's Meals 7:00pm PAC
- **January 28** - TRHS will host the Tri-State Math League Meet - 4:00 pm in the cafeteria and 200 hallway classrooms.
- **February 2** - PTSA sponsored by "Coffee with the Principal" open question forum 6:30pm high school library
- **February 7** - Project Hope - Dance-A-Thon 4:00 pm high school cafeteria
- **February 11** - Academic/Trivia Bowl sponsored by National Honor Society to raise funds for the high school food pantry

Athletics

- This week, Jan 18 -25 has been designated as "Officials vs Cancer" week. Schools are asked to participate by making the following announcement before the start of basketball games this week. Your participation is appreciated. The NH Basketball Officials Association and IAABO thank you for your support.

ANNOUNCEMENT

*January 18 through 25, 2015 has been designated by the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Incorporated, as "Officials' vs. Cancer." Please notice our officials are wearing a "Pink" whistle & lanyard rather than the standard black whistle & lanyard. These colors represent the cause of fighting cancer. Cancer touches many of us and our officials are promoting the need for all of us to continue to raise funds for this very worthy cause. This week, officials throughout **New Hampshire** and the United States are donating part or the entire game fee to support this cause. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause.*

Performing Arts

- Congratulations to the following Timberlane Musicians who participated in the NHBDA/NHMEA Chamber All State Festival, which was held at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center, on January 10th 2015. Students with the highest scoring audition results, from the New Hampshire All State auditions (held back in November), were chosen to be a part of these elite ensembles.

Quinn Averill - Tenor Sax
 Michael Cantone - Guitar
 Amy Clark - Violin
 Sarah Cronin - Violin
 Brian Desjardins - Alto Sax
 Hannah Donnelly - Flute
 Tyler Donovan - Bass
 Christopher Durkee - Guitar
 Laura Erickson - Bass Clarinet
 Tim Garofano - Guitar
 Josh Grambow - Cello
 Ronald Hammond - Guitar
 Nolan Hennessey - Trombone
 Mya Hollins - French Horn
 Andrew Howard – Tuba

Brendan Kelley - Guitar
 Natalie Livingston - Alto Voice
 Benjamin Longchamp - Tuba
 Brian Lundgren - Guitar
 Daniel Main - Percussion III
 Brendan Mcguirk - Trumpet
 Margaret Miller - Oboe
 Shaye Pagel - Guitar
 Rachel Paradis - Guitar
 Matthew Perry - Percussion I
 Siobhan Sheehan - Guitar
 Angela Simmons - Bass Viol
 Anna Steenson - French Horn
 Harrison Szczapa - Percussion I
 Seth Thornhill – Guitar

- TRI-M Music Honor Society Inductions took place on Wednesday, January 14th. Chapter 2453 of the TRI-M Music Honor Society signifies Timberlane's recognition of the importance of the arts in the development of a comprehensive educational program. TRI-M provides a means of recognizing the efforts and achievements of music students who volunteer their time and share their musical talent with others. Students are selected for membership in the society on the basis of musicianship, scholarship, character, cooperation, leadership, and service to their school and community. Congratulations to the new inductees: Joshua Barrows, Julia Bruedle, Alyson Caruso, Nicholas Comeau, Sebastian Constantineau, Brian Desjardins, Hannah Donnelly, Renee Gallant, Nolan Hennessey, Mya Hollins, Bradley LaMonica, Allison LaPorte, Natalie Livingston, Benjamin Longchamp, Theresa Machemer, Nolan McGurn, Aimee O'Meara, Jaryd Nimmo, Preston Peek, Matthew Perry, Joy Steenson, Hanna Tingley, Madeline Torosian.
- Atkinson, Danville, Pollard and Sandown musicians performed in their winter concerts at the PAC. We would like to thank all the students and teachers for all their hard work in preparing for these wonderful performances. A special thanks to all those who were in attendance and for your continued support of the Timberlane music program and our fine young musicians.
- New, this past month, is the capability to live stream events held in the PAC auditorium. You can view online the elementary winter concerts, and any future concerts live, by connecting to our Livestream account: <http://new.livestream.com/trsd>
- Rehearsals are in full force in preparation for this year's Middle School Musical production of SHREK, JR. Performances will take place, at the Timberlane Regional Performing Arts Center, on Saturday-January 31st at 1:00pm & 7:00pm.
- On January 6th & 8th, music students auditioned for placement in the Great American Songbook Concert, which will take at the PAC, on Tuesday February 17th at 7:00pm. The concert will highlight some of the most important and most influential American [popular songs](#) of the 20th century.
- Auditions for Sweeney Todd took place last week and the cast for this year's high school musical has been set. Production dates for Sweeney Todd are May 7, 8, 9, 2015.
- UPCOMING PAC EVENTS - The PAC has some exciting events coming up this year.

An Afternoon of Jazz, featuring the Soggy Po Boys, on January 25th.

Timberlane Guitar Festival Concert, featuring performances by Gene Bertoncini and the Backbay Guitar Trio on February 8th at 7pm

Timberlane Concert Band Festival, featuring the Rockingham Wind Symphony and performances by area community bands, on February 15th. This multi-band event takes place from 1-6pm

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