

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – JANUARY 8, 2015

Atkinson Academy

- Atkinson students enjoyed a restful holiday vacation.
- All students are busy the next two weeks taking the STAR testing either within the classroom or in the computer lab.

Danville Elementary

- The spirit of giving warmed everyone's heart this season as students and staff made donations and contributions to local charities. We are very fortunate to live in a community where we continually model respect for all.
- Danville students returned to school from the holiday vacation well rested and prepared to learn. All students will take the STAR assessment to measure growth in the areas of mathematics and language arts beginning this week.

Pollard School

- Starting this past Monday, January 5th, Pollard School classrooms began participating in an exciting event - ***The Great Amaryllis Race!*** Before the break parents, staff and Walmart donated the amaryllis plans we needed to successfully complete the race. Each classroom was given two amaryllis bulbs to raise into plants, which takes 6-8 weeks and some offices and other staff received one to join in the fun. Besides teaching students to use their green thumbs, *The Great Amaryllis Race* will allow students to expand on their science and math skills as they observe the growing process and predict, collect, record, and graph data about the growth of their amaryllises. Having two bulbs per classroom will offer immediate opportunities to compare data. We will also be comparing data from across all grade levels and will be awarding certificates to grade level amaryllises. Certificate categories will include: *Most Amazing Amaryllis Name*, *First Blooming Bud*, *Star Power* (tallest plant), *Best Fed Bulb* (longest leaf), *Most Bountiful Blooms*, *Late Bloomer*, and others! This is a great way to give Pollard School students some outdoor learning inside during New Hampshire's coldest months!



Sandown Central

- We held our elementary Honors Band Concert on December 16th at the PAC. Outstanding Performance!
- On January 13th the Band, Chorus, and Strings will perform the Sandown Winter Concert that will be held at the PAC at 7:00PM. Be sure to attend this outstanding performance as well!
- 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

- On December 22nd, the whole school came together to sing Holiday songs. Mrs. Yankowskas projected the lyrics to each song on our screen as she accompanied us on the piano. The students erupted in happy screams when Frosty made an appearance as they were singing his song! A staff member who joined us for the first time this year this year said she was thrilled to be a part of such an event. It really made her smile and feel the spirit of the holidays to see the students so happy.
- On the 8th, our staff book group will meet to discuss the book they have been reading. We meet monthly with one person being responsible for bringing 3-4 possible choices for the next month. Reading connects us to other readers in powerful ways. The reactions and responses to the piece of literature carry us to a higher level of learning. It is no different for our children. Connecting with others through the world of books is a powerful learning tool for adults as well as children.

Middle School

- On December 20th, the 8th Grade Cornell Team hosted their “Scrooge-a-Palooza celebration. This is a culminating event following the 8th grade reading of “The Christmas Carol”, and their attendance at the play. The event included sponsorship by several team parents who supported the event by cooking and setting up. Students and staff wore period costumes, read speeches, and song songs in character.
- On Thursday, January 8th, TRMS is having their spelling bee. Each team will send a representative to the event and a winner will be crowned. The winner will participate in the state bee.
- This week and next, TRMS students will be taking their second STAR assessment. Students and staff are very comfortable using this tool and look forward to assessing student progress.

High School

- **January 6-15** - STAR testing all 9th and 10th graders will be tested in Math and English over a 2 week period.
- **January 7-9** – Alumni Visits from the Class of 2014 will be here at the high school Wednesday – Friday. They will be in the lobby outside the cafeteria during lunches to speak to students who are interested to hear about their first year college experiences. Each day a different group of students will be here, in total over 30 different students attending 20 different colleges will be here to answer question about the transition from high school to college.
- **January 12** – PTSA monthly meeting 6:30 room 106
- **January 14** - Tri- M Induction 7:00 pm at the PAC
- **January 20** – Professional Development Day
- **January 21-23** - Mid Term Testing Days (tentative)
- **January 23** - Quarter 2 ends / 1nd Semester ends (tentative)

Performing Arts

- **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