

## **SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE TRSB – MARCH 20, 2014**

### Atkinson Academy

- Another successful lip sync was held on March 6th for 2nd and 3rd graders.
- Atkinson kicked off Dr. Suess's birthday celebration with Read Across America week. Activities were held all week with a culmination of the book fair. The principal made calls nightly trying to catch students reading who then enjoyed a treat with the Principal.
- Atkinson 1st through 4th grade enjoyed author David Rottenberg's visit on Monday. He has written "Gwendolyn, the Graceful Pig." He read the book and Dance Envisions from Kingston danced to the story. The students were able to ask questions and have their books signed by the author. It was enjoyed by all.
- A great turnout for JumpRope For Heart that was held on Tuesday. We jump roped, danced and hula hooped the afternoon away.

### Danville Elementary

- Students in grades 2 & 3 are working on research projects with their classroom teacher and the media generalist on science research. They are learning about habitats and are writing research reports. The culminating activity is to create a bulletin board outside of the library of animals that live in various habitats.
- The Danville Destination Imagination had a tremendous showing at the convention last Saturday in Kingston. The students' pride themselves on their problem solving skills!

### Pollard School

- On Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Over 68 Pollard School 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a Combined Choral Concert at the PAC under the direction of our Awesome music teacher, Gretchen Bird. The children had a great time and it was wonderful to have them sing so beautifully with Sandown and Atkinson.
- Pollard School's Student Council is proud to announce that Pollard raised \$1591.00 to help blood cancer research using the Pennies for Patients fundraiser.
- Pollard School had our annual Book Fair this past week organized by Pat Collins (Media Specialist) and Sue Tozier (Literacy Specialist). The book fair was opened during the day all week as well as 2 evenings and it was a great success.
- On Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> Pollard hosted our first Title One Pajama Literacy Night! Student were able to put their pajamas on and come read together in our Library.
- Tonight, (March 20<sup>th</sup>) Pollard's Sunshine Sub Committee organized a "We are all artists!" an after school painting class for staff. We have 50 staff members signed up to each paint a pre-chosen painting and of course socialize. This is one of our activities to meet our Action Goal on staff climate and one of our most popular!

### Sandown Central

- A parent on the PTA, Laura Mclaughlin, and Alison Lenihan have been meeting weekly brainstorming ideas and plans for a future mural for our school. The goal was to brighten up the walls to our school and to incorporate the students at Sandown Central for a

community project. The plan is to have an eagle showcasing our core values along with a larger mural design which has not been decided on.

- This current school year our goal is to work on just the eagle part of the mural. We hope to have all students at Sandown Central be a part of this project and any staff members who are interested as well. We will be working on the mural during art class time in May and June.
- In the next few weeks we will be drawing the eagle on the wall.

#### Sandown North

- No report submitted.

#### Middle School

- TRMS will team up with the Jimmy Fund from March 31-April 4 to shut out cancer.
- We will have a wear red day on the 4<sup>th</sup> and collect donations.
- Spring sports tryouts begin Monday.

#### High School

- **March 13-** Last Thursday, as part of the EDies visitation, we had about forty students take part in an exhibition of competency based projects and assessments that they had completed for classes. Students set up demonstrations covering nearly every course and topic ranging from newton's law as demonstrated through sports, how tide patterns can be broken down into parabolic equations, to a tourist guide outlining a trip through Madrid.
- For a full hour, the 9 visiting members of the EDies team as well as other teachers and administrators visited the displays asking questions of students and listening to presentations on the impact these assignments had on their learning. We are very proud of this fantastic display of academic performance and thank every student and staff member that contributed!



- **March 25- Junior Parent Night 6:30-8:30 Cafeteria** - Guidance Junior Parent Info night for parents of the Class of 2015 are invited to review the post-secondary planning process, including college selections, college applications, visitations, deadlines and financial aid.
- **March 29** - TRHS students have reached the rank of Eagle Scout; Nicholas J. Unger, Patrick Radford, Avtar Dhaliwal, Amirk Dhaliwal all are with Troop 18 - Plaistow, NH. The ceremony will commence at 1:00 at St Luke the Evangelist Holy Angels Parish Center, located at 8 Atkinson Depot Road Plaistow NH.
- **Postponed New Date - April 10** - We are excited to be hosting our first career day from 8:00 am -10:00 am. This day will involve over 30 professionals speaking to sophomores about their careers and career paths. Our Staff is encouraging the sophomores to sign up for appropriate career interests through Naviance.
- **April 3** - District CPR & First Aid 3; 00-6:30 HS library

#### Athletics

- Winter sports awards to be presented at board meeting in near future.

#### Performing Arts

- No report submitted.