



ATKINSON ACADEMY

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Through the process of learning, we value and build:
Knowledge * Respect * Community

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Wow! It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end, as it seems like I was just welcoming everyone back a short time ago. The students and staff have enjoyed a great school year. Just last week, disco dancing was the rage in the hallways along with mix-up and mismatch days ending with Disney characters roaming the classrooms. Enrichment Day was exciting as the students were able to access various workshops surrounding the theme "From Sea to Shining Sea." Spunky the Clown and a Ventriloquist entertained the students with stories about the United States. A fun day was enjoyed by all thanks to the expert planning of the Enrichment Teacher, Doug Blay.

Last week I traveled to the White Mountain National Forest Headquarters in Campton, NH with Joshua Friel's family. Joshua was recognized as a state winner for the Smokey the Bear, Woodsy Owl poster contest. This was sponsored by the Atkinson Garden Club. His poster along with Jordyn Friel and Kaia Beckerman will be displayed at the Forest Headquarters.

Fifth graders are looking forward to Middle School even though I hear anxiety in their voices; all will be calmed when they spend the day meeting the staff and the other children from the surrounding towns. Kindergarteners going into 1st grade are excited about riding the bus both ways, eating lunch in the cafeteria and having Specials, not to mention the longer day.

Learning has been and continues to be a major priority at the Academy and with that being said, I feel that it should continue during the summer months. You will notice in your child's last shuttle, a book with several activities to complete. Mrs. Feneberg and I chose the books and activities for the children. Please make sure that your child reads the book and completes the activities. This is a good opportunity for you as parents to read the book along with your child during the summer months. When returning to school, each of the teachers will hold classroom book discussions and review the completed activities. Math games are also included as summer activities.

The Atkinson Library will also be sponsoring their summer reading program. Kickoff is June 27th when Toe Jam the Puppet will perform.

Transfers for several of our staff members are taking place to share their expertise with other district schools. James Pelletier will move back to his first school, Pollard, to teach fourth grade. Lee Anne Miller will teach Kindergarten at Sandown North while Ms. Gianforte will become an ASD Autism Teacher at Danville. Heather Cote will be leaving early to fulfill a lifetime dream of a trip to Africa. We want to thank her for filling in for Mrs. Lozowski and wish her the very best in the years to come.

As the year winds down, please check shuttles for lots of upcoming events from Author's Tea, Plays, 5th Grade Celebration and field trips.

Stay safe and have a terrific summer break. The school will be open from 8:00-2:00 Monday through Thursday during the summer if you need to contact us.

Sincerely,

Kathie

IMPORTANT EVENTS:

June 14th - PTA Fisher Cats Game, 7:00pm

June 17th - MMM, 9:00am, Gym

June 18th - Mt. Major Hike, 5th Grade Field Trip, 7:30-2:00pm

June 19th - Author Teas, Grade 2, 9:00-11:00, 1:00-3:00, Classrooms

June 20th - Field Day

June 24th - 5th Grade Celebration, 6:00pm, Gym

June 25th - Pre-K Performance (Gym) and Breakfast (Pre-K classroom)

- Last Day of School for Pre-K and Kindergarten

June 26th - Last Day of School-12:00 Dismissal