



### March 27, 2015

Dear Pollard Families: It may say spring on the calendar but looking outside the window I feel like it is still January!

One of the highlights for me this month was this past Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Pollard School was visited by a selection committee for the **Excellence in Education Awards, also known as the "ED"ies.** We had recently found out that we are finalist for this Excellence award. I was so very proud of everyone. The committee was impressed with all that we do here and the school looked marvelous! A big thank you to the staff, students and parents that were interviewed, the committee had such great things to say about you all. We will be finding out if we won sometime in April and I promise to let everyone know as soon as I know. Keep your fingers crossed for us!

Incoming Kindergarten registration has already begun and I want to remind everyone with children that will be entering Kindergarten in the fall that they should call our main office to begin the registration process. For those that have already begun the registration process, we will be sending out invitations to our Kindergarten Screening soon. We plan on having all incoming kindergarteners the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>. Parents of students entering first grade that did not come to kindergarten here should call or come to the school to register your child as soon as possible. At this time you can make an appointment to meet with the guidance counselor. We look forward to meeting all of our new students!

Along with this Pollard Pen, I will also be sending home a letter and form for parents to fill out as we get closer to placing students in classes for next year. As the letter indicates, PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST A SPECIFIC TEACHER. We want to know what types of teachers motivate your child but

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#### Important Dates

March 27 PTA Silent Auction 5:00pm

April 4 PTA Pancake Breakfast 7:00am Café

<u>April 16</u> TRSD Family Literacy Night @the PAC 5-7pm

<u>April 17</u> PTA -Dancing with your Star Gr.3-5 6-8pm

<u>April 20</u> Volunteer Luncheon 11:00 - 1:15

April 24 Early Release 1:00

<u>April 24</u> DARE Graduation 5pm @ the PAC

April 27 - May 1 Spring Break

<u>May 4 - 8</u> 2015 - 2016 Kindergarten Screening



naming a staff member will not help in his/her placement and some teachers will be moving to different grade levels next year. Please get your placement forms to me by April 17th.

We have many activities planned for the remaining months of our 2014-15 school year and I invite you all to join us. We are excited to be hosting The 3rd annual "Run of the Savages" in memory of Chief Stephen Savage who lost his battle with cancer this past summer. This 5K Run/ Walk community event will be held on April 11th and is being organized to put a positive spin on a deadly disease by focusing on something greater than the disease: a fun community event and a cause for a cure. Please consider joining us in the "Run of the Savages" to help battle cancer. All proceeds of this race will be donated to The Jimmy Fund, Dana Farber Cancer Institute. We also will be hosting our annual Thank You Volunteer Luncheon, Wellness Day, Field Day, and Enrichment Day! We hope that you can join us for these events!

Michelle Auger Principal

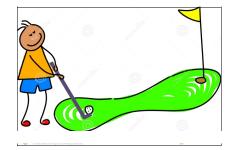


## **From The Gymnasium** Ms. Silva Physical Education Teacher

This winter has been super cold. During this cold month of March students in grades three thru five have been participating in volleying skills. These skills include the bump, set and serving, along with many lead up games to follow.

The kindergarten, first and second grade have been working on over hand throwing and some catching skills. They have been playing many lead up games that go along with these skill. The end of March we will all be playing miniature golf.

Hopefully soon we will be doing outdoor activities!!





# OCCASSIONAL NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

Pollard School families are invited to attend the Timberlane Regional School District's first annual **Family Literacy Night** on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Timberlane will celebrate National Library Week in style presenting Steve Blunt, Marty Kelley and Friends in concert, followed by an author meet and greet. The event will be held from 5:00-7:00PM at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center. Watch your child's Pollard Express for further information.

Pollard School will hit a literary home run on April 16<sup>th</sup> when we host author/ illustrator Matt Tavares. Matt has written and illustrated three picture books and four biographies about baseball and baseball players. I am so excited that our students will have the opportunity to meet Matt and hear him talk about his writing and illustrating processes. Students will have the opportunity to get a book personally autographed. Book order forms will be sent home prior to the author visit.

A very big THANK YOU to our entire Pollard School community for the tremendous support given our recent book fair. I was happy to see that Kate Messner's new chapter book, <u>Ranger in Time</u>, was a best seller. Any and all Minecraft titles were also hot sellers. I am glad so many children have new books to help them read their way into spring.

Pollard School celebrated World Read Aloud Day on March 4<sup>th</sup> with three virtual author visits. Mrs. Hazleton and Mrs. Vengren's classes met with author Carol Weston, whose novel <u>Ava and Pip</u> is filled with palindromes. Ms. MacDonald and Mrs. Winter's classes connected via Skype with Jess Keating. Jess is the author of <u>How to Outrun a Crocodile When Your Shoes are Untied</u>. The students have also had a lot of fun following her #creaturefeature online to learn some amazing animal facts. Mrs. Kennedy's class connected virtually with J. B. Cheaney. Her novel <u>Somebody on This Bus is Going to be Famous</u> is a character populated mystery.

As March moves into April ask your child if they have had a chance to "Read with A Peep"

#### Hello Pollard Families,

As you all know we are participating in the Get Brighter Timberlane Fundraiser through Uno's. We have just wrapped up our 3rd week and Pollard continues to be in the lead! The money raised from this fundraiser will be used toward the Pollard Playground. The winning school will also receive an Epson Brightlink Projector including installation and training from CCS New England/Epson and UNO. The second place school will receive an iPAD from Align Credit Union and the third place school will receive an iPAD mini from Align Credit Union. Please consider heading to Uno's, presenting the coupon, and supporting the Pollard Playground Committee! The coupon is also available on the Pollard Playground Committee Facebook Page and the fundraiser goes until April 17th.

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Thank you in advance for supporting the Pollard Playground Committee.

