

POLLARD OPEN



June 5, 2015



Dear Pollard Families:

It seems like just last month that I welcomed our new kindergarten students to Pollard School! Our last day of school this year will be Wednesday, **June 17th** and we will be dismissing at **noon**. Our AM kindergarten children will go home at 11:10, as usual and PM Kindergarten students that have signed up for our Move up Day will also leave at this time as well. I am sure I speak for everyone when I say that we will miss our 5th grade class. They are moving on to the middle school where I am sure they will find great success! For now, our teachers will be planning activities that will keep the children moving and learning. Unfortunately, summer weather is already here (depending upon the day) and I thank all the parents that have sent their children in with water bottles and light clothing during those hot days.

Teacher assignments will be mailed home the week of August 10th. A letter from me will let you know who your child's classroom teacher will be and that teacher will also enclose a letter to you and your child that will introduce herself and give some basic classroom information. Remember you are not responsible for purchasing any classroom supplies, just your child's backpack and lunch box. If you need assistance with either of these items please give me a call or email me to let me know. We have partnered with some local businesses and they have provided us with some wonderful backpacks. We want every child to feel comfortable and ready to go on the first day of school (August 26th!), please let us know how we can help.

What you do today makes a difference tomorrow

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Important Dates

June 8th

Rain Date for Field Day

June 9

Grade 2 Picnic @ Smith Field

June 10

5th Grade Move-Up Day
To the Middle School

June 10

2nd Grade Picnic Rain Date

June 12

Wellness Day

June 15

5th Grade Celebration
5pm

June 16

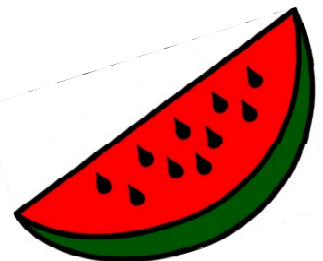
Elementary Instrument Trials
6pm @ the PAC

June 17

Last Day of School
Early dismissal @ 12:00
(No Lunch)

June 17

Elementary Instrument Trials



6pm @ the PAC

Last year's Open House night was a great success and we will again invite all of our Pollard students and their families to come "Meet the Teachers" on Tuesday, August 25th from 5:00-7:30 PM (see schedule on back). You will have an opportunity to meet the teacher with your child and to visit the classroom. Our hope is that seeing your child's classroom and meeting the teacher before starting school on August 26th will make both you and your child more comfortable and to begin the home / school connection right away.

I would like to thank the PTA Board for all of the time and effort they put into helping to make Pollard School a great place to learn! Jackie Freeman -President, Erica Stack -Vice President, Kate Sherman-DeRoche-Treasurer, Kim Brackett -Secretary and Kelly Fox-Box Tops Coordinator. We appreciate all that you do!

I also would like to congratulate everyone for a great job with the Eddie's (..NH Excellence in Education Awards). We came in second place... everyone should be proud!

I do hope that I see all of you at the Plaistow Old Home Day on Saturday, June 20th. There are a few events/fundraisers that will be taking place that day that will be donating all proceeds to our Pollard Playground Fund. We thank you all in advance for supporting our playground. We are still waiting to hear the fate of our Playground equipment but most of it has been deemed unsafe and the large equipment will most likely need to be taken down over the summer. Our goal is to get the new equipment up before the end of the 2015-16 school year.

I hope you all have a great summer. We will see you August 25th for the open house!

Michelle Auger

From the desk of Mrs. Vance, Our Assistant Principal

Dear Pollard Parents,

I cannot believe how quickly this school year has gone by. As our mindset moves into summer thoughts and plans I wanted to share a list of books that might be of interest for you to add to your summer reading list. These books come from a list I researched from a parenting website. I am extremely interested in your feedback on these titles. I invite you to email me over the summer your thoughts or opinions of these titles. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

Best Regards,
Mrs. Vance

Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs by Ellen Galinsky
NurtureShock: New Thinking About Children by Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman

Smart Parenting for Smart Kids: Nurturing Your Child's True Potential by Eileen Kennedy Moore, PhD Mark S Lowenthal, PsyD

Playful Learning: Develop Your Child's Sense of Joy and Wonder by Mariah Bruehl

Einstein Never Used Flashcards: How Our Children Really learn – and Why They Need to Play More and Memorize Less by Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, Ph.D. & Roberta Michnick Golinkoff, Ph.D.

Brain Rules for Baby: How to Raise a Smart and Happy Child from Zero to Five by John Medina

No Regrets Parenting: Turning Long Days and Short Years into Cherished Moments with Your Kids by Harley Robart, M.D.

Different Learners: Identifying, Preventing, and Treating Your Child's Learning Problems by Jane M. Healy, Ph.D.

Simplicity Parenting: Using the Extraordinary Power of Less to Raise Calmer, Happier, and More Secure Kids by Kim John Payne and Lisa M. Ross

Fun On the Run by Cynthia L. Copeland

Attention 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade Parents

Is your child interested in learning to play a band or string instrument during the 2015-2016 school year? If so, please bring him or her to the Timberlane PAC on EITHER Tuesday or Wednesday, June 16th or 17th from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM or Saturday June 20th from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM.

Instruments being offered to *current 2nd graders* are violin, viola and cello. (Sorry no piano or guitar.)

Instruments being offered to *current 3rd & 4th grader* are Oboe, Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Percussion, Violin, Viola or Cello.

At the end of May/beginning of June your children will be introduced to all the instruments offered. Please talk with your child and get them ready for a wonderful experience.

Then on the 16th, 17th, or 20th of June your child will have a chance to try the instruments listed above. Please plan on staying for the entire 2 hours. There will be an informational meeting in the auditorium. Then your child will have the rest of the time to try up to 3 instruments. You will also be able to rent an instrument or use one that is in good working condition that you may already have.

Look for further information & dates in the school mail envelope the end of May or contact Mrs. Kathleen Giacobbe at Kathleen.giacobbe@timberlane.net or call her in the Music Department office at 603-382-6541 x 3982.



Find Time for Family

Kids rely on their families for love, guidance, and a sense of belonging. Without these things, it's hard to do well in school or in life. Now that summer is fast approaching, and your child has more free time, you may find you have time to do some of these things:

Eat meals together. Extend your time together by preparing and cleaning up as a family too. Turn off the television during meals so conversations can take place!

Take trips. Go to a concert, local museum or sports event. Ask your children, "What would you like to do?"

Play together. Choose games that everyone can enjoy, such as charades, board games or 20 questions. Let your children pick what to play.

Plan family nights. Decide together what to do, or take turns choosing. You might order pizza, bake cookies or see a movie. Sometimes invite another family to join you.

Do something silly. Some of the best family memories are the funniest ones. You might make breakfast for dinner, or dress in the craziest outfits you can find.

Relax. Some parents find that right after work they need a little down time. Take a little time to unwind before you dive into your family time. Happy parents make happy children!

Enjoy your summer!

Marcia Blutstein



NEWS FROM THE TIMBERLANE LEARNING CENTER (TLC)

The TLC preschool staff is pleased to announce that two of their fellow teachers have been recognized for their dedication to the teaching profession and for their exceptional contributions to the education of young children. On May 12th, Ms. Elizabeth Felder received a certificate of recognition as a nominee for New Hampshire Teacher of the Year Award. Ms. Felder attended a day-long event where she was recognized for her teaching expertise.

On June 1st, 2015 Ms. Stacey Eaton was surprised to learn that she had been selected as one of two recipients of the Exceptional Educator Award from the Northern New England Down Syndrome Congress. Educational Committee Chair, Jeanne F. Dallahi presented Ms. Stacey with a plaque in front of her TLC colleagues.

The TLC team is proud to join both teachers in celebrating their accomplishments. Congratulations to both Ms. 'Liz' Felder and M. 'Stacey' Eaton!



Ms. 'Liz' Felder (rt)
Teacher of the Year Nominee



Ms. 'Stacey' Eaton
Exceptional Educator Award

Curriculum Corner

Pollard School staff and students have diligently worked to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. As part of our Action Plan we have focused on the following goals in math and reading and wanted to share a summary of our achievements with you.

Our Math Goal: *All students will increase mastery in the critical areas of focus based upon the Common Core Standards for their grade level by 5 – 8 % by the end of the 2014 – 2015 school year as measured by pre- and post-assessments.*

Grade Level	Percentage of students who met our end of year goal
Kindergarten	98%
Grade 1	100%
Grade 2	99%
Grade 3	98%
Grade 4	99%
Grade 5	100%

Our Literacy Goal: *All students will increase by 5-8% and/or achieve mastery in the acquired skills critical to literacy development by the end of the 2014 – 2015 school year as measured by our pre- and post-assessments.*

Grade Level	Percentage of students who met our end of year goal
Kindergarten	Letter ID – 99% Letter – Sound ID – 100%
Grade 1	100%
Grade 2	96%
Grade 3	69%
Grade 4	65%
Grade 5	77%

from the library

SUMMER READING 2015

Watch your child's Pollard Express for



A Summer Reading List with recommendations for great picture books, chapter books, novels, nonfiction, and superhero stories!



A Summer Reading Bingo Card full of suggestions for fun ways to read all summer long!



A #hashtag to participate in the #book-a-day reading challenge and an email address to submit a summer reading selfie!