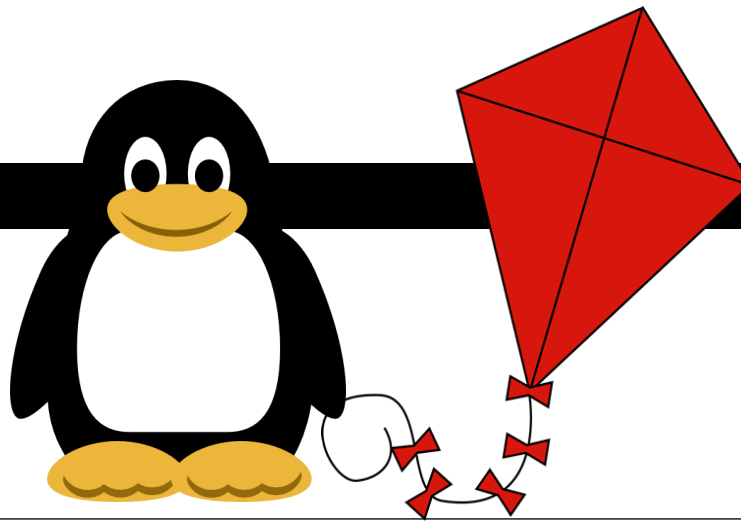


Pollard Pen



March 25, 2016

Important Dates

March 26

PTA Pancake Breakfast
Café 8-10am

March 26

Mascot Olympics
TRHS 6-8pm

March 28

Gr 5 Elementary Band
Rehearsal
PAC 7-9pm

March 29

Band Concert
Grades 5-7
PAC 7-9pm

March 31

2nd Grade Play
PAC 6-8pm

April 4

D.A.R.E Graduation
PAC 6-7pm

April 5

Annual Timberlane
Literacy Festival
PAC 5:30-8pm

April 9

Run of the Savages

April 13

Elementary Concert
Gr 4 Band
Gr 3 Orchestra
PAC 7-8pm

April 14

4th & 5th Grade
Lip Sync Rehearsal
Café 3-5:30 pm

April 18

Volunteer Luncheon

April 19

Lip Sync
PAC 6:30pm

April 22

Dear Pollard Families:

Happy Spring! This year has been such a mild winter but we have had our difficulties due to the cold. We are still waiting on a few parts that will close out the repairs that we had to complete due to the frozen pipe that burst in our main entrance area. The main office is all dried out but the Fire Panel had to be completely replaced, much rewiring and part replacement needed to be done throughout the entire building to get us back to 100%. I want to thank all our parents, staff and especially our students for making the emergency dismissal run so smoothly. The First Baptist Church and Reverend Aaron Goodro were extremely helpful and we could not have done it without them. Plaistow Fire & Police as well as our custodians worked hard to get us back in session and we appreciate all of their hard work and true dedication to the students and staff of Pollard. Our school Safety team has met and we are reflecting on all of our procedures and making changes where we felt we needed to. I do want to pass along that NH Commissioner of Education, Virginia Barry Ph.D., has approved our waiver for the day we missed, Monday, February 15, 2016. Our Online Learning/Blizzard Bag Day on February 16th was also a HUGE success. 96.2% of our students and staff completed their work so this will count as a day of school. Barring any spring snow surprises, it appears that our last day of school will be a half day on Monday, June 13th.

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 2nd. Parents of students entering first grade that did not come to kindergarten at Pollard should call or

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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!

I recently sent 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 things motivate your child but naming a staff member will not help in his/her placement. We will have some teacher movement again this next school year. Please get your placement forms to me by April 8th.

We have many activities planned for the remaining months of our 2015-16 school year and I invite you all to join us. We are excited to be hosting the 4th annual **"Run of the Savages"** in memory of Chief Stephen Savage who lost his battle with cancer in 2014. This 5K Run/Walk community event will be held on April 9th 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 and Field Day! We hope that you can join us for these events!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

I would like to thank everyone that voted for the TRSD school budget on March 8, 2016. Along with many important items, the 2nd Phase of our Playground was also included in the equipment section of Pollard's budget (Total \$13,500). We now need just \$5,500 more to purchase the 3rd and final phase (Phase 3 = \$17,479) of our playground. If anyone has any ideas to get us closer to our final number, please contact either myself or Jacki Freeman, Pollard PTA President. We would love to be able to purchase both phase 2 & 3 in July.

Thank you again!

Michelle Auger,
Principal



WANTED

A gently used wagon
to help in the creation of a rolling library for
students to access during recess.



If you have one available for donation, please
contact Ms. Tozier at 382-7146 x231.

PE News from Ms. Silva, Physical Education Teacher

Grade 5, 4, and 3

These students have just finished a unit in volleyball. We worked on serving, bumping and setting skills and then we played lead up games that pertained to volleyball ball.

Grades K, 1 and 2

These students just finished a unit in basketball skills. They worked on dribbling, passing and shooting skills.



Greetings from the Art Room!



We got exciting news that one of our 3rd graders was chosen to have their artwork printed in the next NH Fire Safety Calendar. The contest is open to 3rd graders all over the state and they only choose 12 winners! Congratulations to Kira Sutka! Kira will be honored at a ceremony in Concord, next month.

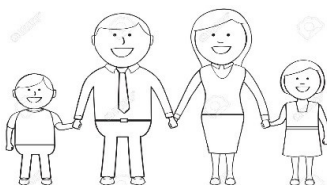
All grade levels are busy working on Arbor Day posters in art class. The theme for the Arbor Day contest this year is "Save the Trees, Save the Planet". Every year, all students at Pollard participate in the poster contest, and 5th graders also create Arbor Day poems for the contest. The contest is sponsored by the Plaistow Conservation Committee. Good luck artists and poets! Our 5th graders are just beginning their historical figure puppets. It is exciting to watch the puppets evolve. 4th graders are beginning to paint their 3-d monochromatic anoles. See if they can explain monochromatic. The 3rd graders are finishing up a unit about line. They have done continuous contour line drawings, blind contour line drawings, and they are finishing up with fabulous contour line drawings of objects in the room using careful observation. Our 2nd graders have learned about Vincent Van Gogh. They did a project called "If Van Gogh visited Boston" combining oil pastel and collage. They are also using oil pastels to create their favorite Van Gogh! The 1st graders are finishing up their dinosaur city collages, and our full day kindergarteners just created rainbow paintings with pots of "real gold paint". Ask them to name the colors in a rainbow.

I am really enjoying working with your little artists. I can't wait to break out the spring projects!

Becky Lightizer



Counselor Corner



Greetings Pollard Families:

Motivating students to learn all that they can in school is too important a job to assign to just one group. Teachers need to teach kids how to learn; parents need to teach kids how to work. Everyone must work together in order for students to be successful. For children, having their parents involved in what is going on at school is a critical ingredient to their success. Parents and teachers must work as partners to enhance every child's motivation and performance. The following expectations for parents and teachers have been reached through numerous studies over the years. I hope you find some of them useful.

- Success is the greatest motivator. Recognize, reinforce, and celebrate the child's successes and progress – even the small victories.
- Compliment children for good decisions.
- Reinforce the child for small gains in a difficult subject area. Reward direction, not perfection.
- Speak positively and supportively about the child's school and teachers. If the child senses a parent's hostility toward the school, it is unlikely that the child will be motivated to succeed there.
- Do not tell a child that a task "will be easy" in order to enhance her motivation. ("Come on, Beverly, let's get started on that map homework. It should be a cinch!") This well-intentioned strategy often backfires. If the child does well on the task, she is not particularly delighted because the assignment was labeled "easy." Conversely, if she has difficulty with the assignment, she has failed at a "simple task." Either way, the child's pride and self-esteem are not enhanced. A more effective approach is to say, "This task is a challenge, but I know you can do it."
- Celebrate risk-taking behavior on the part of children. The willingness to take risks is fundamental to school success and motivation.

Work with your child in an effort to improve his organizational, time management, and scheduling skills. In summary, families that foster student motivation are: warm, loving, consistent, supportive, encouraging, accepting, cooperative, concerned and respectful.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Marcia Blutstein

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From the Musical Notes of Mr. Mainella



Well it's that time of year again. All kinds of musical happenings going on for our elementary students. First of all we have our 5th grade All District Band rehearsal on Monday night March 28th. This will take place at the PAC and begins at 6:30. The band will rehearse on the stage in the main concert hall. While this is going on there will be a meeting for parents with Mr. Schweiss, who is the middle school band director. This is an informational meeting about 6th grade band. Please plan on attending because the information given and questions that are asked are very important in helping you decide on signing your musician up for 6th grade band.

The 5th grade All District Band concert is on the following night, March 29th. Report time for this concert is 6:15. This concert also includes the 6th and 7th grade bands who will perform after the 5th grade. We usually ask that the 5th graders remain for the entire concert because we are also trying to teach the students proper concert etiquette which includes listening to all the groups in a concert. However due to the testing going on the following day in some of our elementary schools, we are leaving it up to parents to decide whether you stay for the entire concert or leave after the 5th grade is done. The entire concert should be over by 8:15ish. Maybe you could stay and at least hear the 6th grade band.

On April 13th we will be having our 4th grade All District Band concert. The report time for students this night is also 6:15. The concert will also take place in the main concert hall at the PAC. Once again because there are other groups performing we ask that the students stay for the entire concert. This concert will also include some of our elementary orchestra players. Your orchestra teacher will be sending home more information regarding this group.

Also just as a heads up, start looking for information regarding the instrument start up dates for elementary students. More information will soon be coming home. The sessions will occur during the first week of June.



Hello from the PTA!

Thank you to all who came out for the auction and family fun night. We hope you had a wonderful time.

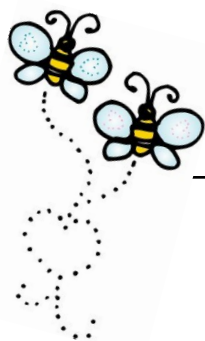
We hope to see you all at the PTA spring pancake breakfast this Saturday March 26th from 8-10am. \$5.00 per person

Spring Box Tops Contest - April 4-22! The class with the most Box Tops wins a party of their choice, and any other class that collects 1000+ will win Hoodsi-es. Thank you friends and families of Pollard - we raised \$1613 in the Fall contest, and congrats to Mrs. LaRosa's class for winning! Look for more info coming home soon in the Pollard Express.

With the year coming to a close before we know it, we will be looking to fill some positions on the PTA board. Watch for details as to when this will be happening.

Happy Spring !
PTA





Thank you for "bee-ing" a volunteer!
All Pollard School Volunteers are invited to
our annual
Volunteer Luncheon
Monday, April 18th
Pollard School Gym
11:00am-1:15pm

There will be food, raffles, entertainment and treats to take home!

Please send in the response card located on the right by April 11th!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide childcare and would appreciate if parents could make other arrangements for younger children.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

_____ Yes, I plan to attend the luncheon on
Monday, April 18, 2014

Your name: _____

Child's name: _____

Please return this form to your child's teacher
by April 11th or call x219 to RSVP
to help provide an accurate count for food and refreshments!