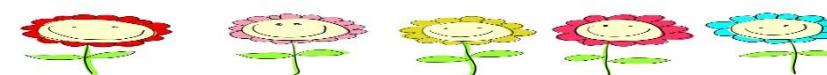


APRIL 2016 SANDOWN NORTH CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 STRINGFEST @Goffstown 9 am – 4 pm
4 Gr 3 SMARTER BALANCED TESTING	5 Gr 3 SMARTER BALANCED TESTING DISTRICT LITERACY DAY LITERACY EVENT @ PAC	6 Gr 3 SMARTER BALANCED TESTING	7 Gr 3 SMARTER BALANCED TESTING DENTAL TREATMENT DAY	8 Gr 3 SMARTER BALANCED TESTING PTA FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE 6:30 – 8:30 pm @SN GYM
11 Gr 5 SMARTER BALANCED TESTING 1st YEAR STRINGS REHEARSAL @ PAC 7 PM	12 Gr 5 SMARTER BALANCED TESTING	13 Gr 5 SMARTER BALANCED TESTING BEGINNER BAND/STRINGS CONCERT @ PAC 7 PM	14 Gr 5 SMARTER BALANCED TESTING	15 Gr 5 SMARTER BALANCED TESTING
18 Gr 5 SMARTER BALANCED TESTING Book Fair Community Forum: Communication 6:00 PM @ SAU	19 Gr 5 SMARTER BALANCED TESTING Book Fair	20 Book Fair	21 Book Fair	22 EARLY RELEASE 1 PM Book Fair
25 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	26 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	27 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	28 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	29 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL

SANDOWN NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE DESK OF JO-ANN GEORGIAN, PRINCIPAL

Happy Spring!

I want to thank you for working so closely with us in so many ways. When we work together and wrap around our students, they thrive. Many of you have been sending in notes to change dismissal plans for your child and it helps them to feel safer. Children are so much calmer when they know what to expect at the end of the day. I would like to also remind you that it is really important to remember to call in when your child will be late to school or absent altogether. If we don't hear from you, we call the people whom you've listed as emergency contacts. Sometimes a grandparent gets concerned and worried because we are reporting that their grandchild is not in school and we can't reach the parents. If we cannot reach anyone listed on your sheet, we notify our police and they will go to your home to do a well-check. We so appreciate their assistance. I'm sure you can understand that we do not want to send our police out needlessly, especially if it is just that you forgot. So, please, please remember that if your child is going to be out, you need to call the attendance line at 887-8503 and then follow the directions. Thanks so much!!!

As you know, many groups use the building at night. I have been looking at ways to make it easier for the nighttime custodians to do their jobs, with the least number of interruptions, while at the same time, not making it too difficult for our community groups. Beginning after vacation, on May 2nd, we are going to have all groups enter the gym through the rear of the building. You will have immediate access to the gym. We have bathrooms right there in the gym so that won't be a problem. You will then not need to go into the halls and use the other bathrooms in the building. For those people who will be using the cafeteria, you can also enter that way and enter the cafeteria through a door in the movable wall. It may take us a little bit to get comfortable with the change, but, after talking to staff members, it makes sense to me. We are hoping this new plan will

not inconvenience you and that there will be minimal interruptions for those who are working at night. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Geskus Photography will be arriving on Tuesday for picture day!

Greetings from Geskus Photography

Your child's picture day is on Tuesday! Your school has been provided with extra sales flyers with your scheduled picture date. For additional information or assistance you can reach our customer service department at 1-800-948-1120 ext. 1.

Don't forget to bring your smiles!



Curriculum Notes:

I would like to remind our 5th grade parents that your children will be taking the NH Smarter Balanced Assessment beginning the week of April 11th. Our 3rd and 4th grade students recently completed the assessment. These students did a wonderful job persevering through the testing. I would also like to thank our parents for making sure your children arrived to school on time and had a healthy snack with them. The other classrooms in the building have been so respectful making sure that they are quiet during testing times both in their classrooms as well as the hallways. Our staff and students involved with the testing appreciate the courteous behavior. Even though it has been grades 3-5 involved with the testing, this truly has been a school wide effort and I would like to recognize and thank our entire staff for their assistance, flexibility and support.

Nancy Stafford, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator



In the Library

Thank you to everyone who attended our Second Annual Timberlane Family Literacy Night! It was a fabulous turn out and we appreciate everyone who showed up to support the library, meet the authors, and purchase books.

The book fair is coming! During the week of April 18th – 22nd, Scholastic book fair will be in the library. Please watch your child's Express for the specific day and time when his/her class will be attending. The fair will be open all week during school hours, as well we during Arts Night on Tuesday, April 19th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

Hope to see you at the fair!



Sandown North Technology News

I am looking forward to our arts night on April 19th. It is always exciting to see and hear our students' creative work. Please stop into the technology lab (room 105) while you are touring our hallway galleries. Your child will be happy to sign in to a computer to show you our computer related creations and activities.

Thank You,

Mr. Melle



Music News April 2016

Congratulations to our chorus, fifth grade band, and honors music ensembles (band, strings, chorus) on their excellent March concerts! They persevered in their home practice and rehearsals to prepare for their respective performances with students from Pollard, Danville, and Atkinson.

Additionally, eight Sandown North students participated in the New Hampshire String Teachers Association (NHASTA) Stringfest 2016 on Saturday, April 2 at Mountain View Middle School in Goffstown. Upcoming April concerts are:

- 1st year instrumental concert (band and strings): Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 PM at the PAC
- Dress rehearsal for strings on Monday, April 11 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at the PAC ; students may come in their pajamas for the rehearsal.
- Chorus performance at Sandown North Arts Night: Tuesday, April 19 from 6:45 - 7:00 PM at Sandown North

We welcome Miss AnnMarie Pinard, music intern from University of New Hampshire, to Sandown North! She is a senior Music Education major and an accomplished violinist; Prior to her arrival at our school, Miss Pinard worked with music educators at the middle and high schools. Our students are enjoying the energy and passion for music that she brings to each class.

The music department will be sending out flyers this week about signups for instrument study. Students currently in grades 2, 3, and 4 may elect to play a stringed instrument (violin, viola, cello); those in grades 3 and 4 may also consider a band instrument. Please look for the notice in this week's express for details.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Musically yours,

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