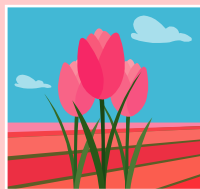
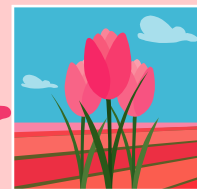


SANDOWN NORTH



APRIL and MAY



NEWSLETTER

2014



*From the desk of
Jo Ann H. Georgian, Principal*



April signals a new beginning of sorts for us; our kindergarten students for the 2014-2015 school year visit our school. Next week we will be meeting new parents, having a chance to talk to some "old" parents, and most importantly, will meet our new students at kindergarten screening. The members of our screening team are Carol White (Learning Disabilities Specialist), Amanda Bresnahan and Marianne Perkins (Title I Tutors), Diane Chauvette (Literacy Consultant), Kristin Clifford (Occupational Therapist), Patrice Liff

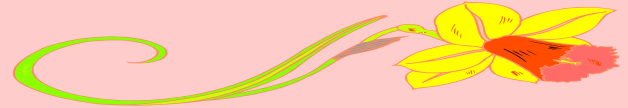
(Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator), Nancy Stafford (School Counselor), Mary Beth Sharp (School Nurse), and Lee Anne Miller and Judy Tubbs (Kindergarten teachers). If you know of someone who has not yet registered his/her child for kindergarten but does plan on attending our school, please let us know. It is so helpful to have a chance to see each child before s/he arrives with us in the fall.

As we look towards next year, our committees do the same. Each year we create a theme to engage and motivate all the students. This year we have had fun with The Wizard of Oz and have more surprises planned for the remainder of the year and are excited about the possibilities for next year. As we roll-out the teaching of an expected

behavior, we teach it at a Monday Morning Meeting with the hosts' help and then teachers do additional teaching in their classrooms. Specialists and Para-educators also need to teach what that behavior will look like in their setting. Next year, we will be offering tips for home that will reinforce the skill and will offer more practice for your child. We will tweet to tell you that new tips can be found on our website when we are teaching a new behavior. The tips will be there simply as a tool for you to use as you would like. We would welcome any suggestions that have worked for your family so that we can pass them on to other parents. Not only our children, but our staff as well, work hard every day to be STARS and we so appreciate your support.



With PTA support last week, we were able to host a Father/Daughter Dance. It was so much fun to see the smile on the girls' faces as they walked in with a significant male adult. Their smiles were matched by an even bigger one on the men's faces. Our girls took the lead in making the evening such fun! Thanks to PTA and especially to Pamela Pitman for a special night to remember!



April has brought a couple of changes in staffing. Mrs. McDonough has given birth to a beautiful baby girl, Myla Elizabeth and will be out of school for a couple of months. Julia O'Leary has been hired to work with her students in first grade until her return. Ms. O'Leary graduated from Colby-Sawyer College with a degree in Child Development and a New Hampshire state certification in Early Elementary Education. Julia has shared her belief that "teachers must be invested not only in the academic success and well-being of their students, but at this young age, working on their social and emotional growth is an equally important part of their schooling." Ms. O'Leary and Mrs. McDonough had an opportunity to work together for a day and have been in communication to make the transition as smooth as possible. Ms. O'Leary will be hosting a mini Open House in the near future, giving you a chance to drop in and meet her.



Mrs. Gloria Caron has been out on a medical leave for a few months and will be returning to school next week. We have been so fortunate to have Mrs. Brigitte Chauvette, a certified special

educator, work with our students in her absence. Mrs. Caron and Mrs. Chauvette will work together next week to ease that transition as well.



On April 21st, please encourage your child to dress as a runner in support of the Boston Marathon. We have young students and will not be revisiting the tragic bombing that occurred last year, but rather as a sign of support for all the runners who show such perseverance, determination, and commitment to complete the race, we will run/walk around the building at recess time.

One child,
One teacher,
One book,
One pen
Can change the world.

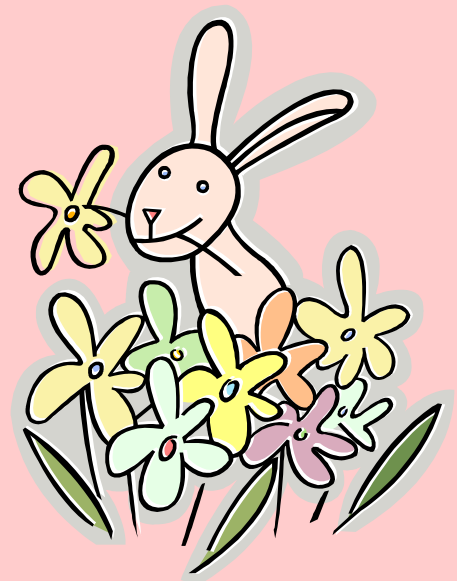
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FROM THE ART ROOM...

All of the students are working very hard in the art room and preparing for our annual student Art Show. The Art Show will be on Monday May 19th 6-7pm at North School. Every student will have 1-3 pieces of artwork on display to share with family and friends. Our talented third graders will be playing their recorders that evening as well. Hope to see all of you on May 19th!

Mrs. Lenihan



Happy Spring!