



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

This school year, 2012-2013, has been such a rewarding one for us. The sense of community that we all feel has allowed children and adults alike to take risks and to grow in their learning. Recently, several of us were talking about how fortunate we are to work as partners with our families to support our children. Our families attend events, offer new experiences, share honestly with us, and volunteer to make our school the wonderful place of learning that it is. We are so lucky!

As the year draws to a close, we begin to say "Good-bye" to Mrs. Quigley and Mrs. Daenz, both who have given so much to the Sandown community. They will be sorely missed but now will have time to put their feet up and relax. We're so happy for them!

Mrs. Kamyck will not be back next year, as she is taking a year's leave of

absence to be with her two young children. We will miss her but are happy for her that she can spend that time with her family. We are in the process of hiring for that position right now.

We thank Samantha Borbone for serving as our Volunteer Coordinator again, and speaking of missing people, she will no longer be with us next year. She has moved to Hampstead so now they will get to enjoy her and her warm smile and supportive manner. Alex Haig has offered to be our Coordinator next year and we are so grateful.

In addition to thanking all of you for all you do every day for us and for our children, I would like to specifically thank and welcome our new PTA board. Heidi Chaput will continue as our President; Dan Fournier will now be our Vice-President; Michelle Kontos will continue as Secretary; Michelle Aprahamian will continue as Treasurer. Please consider joining us at meetings next year. We all work so well together to offer activities and supports to the children of Sandown and we would love to have you be with us. Amy Difeo has served as Vic-President and we sincerely appreciate all that she has done and continues to do for the organization. She is always

there to do whatever is needed, and she, too, does it with a smile.

Third Grade Celebration Field day was spectacular, thanks to the Herculean efforts of Mrs. DeCristofaro. The children and staff enjoyed the beautiful weather and all the planned activities. I would like to extend a public "Thank You" to Nancy Stafford, Kim White, Anne Sotirakopoulos, Lisa Paladino, Jess Skelton, and Linda Janvrin who met at the field at 6:30 am in the VERY wet grass to help us set up all the stations. Linda Meehan was up and ready to go along with us. We so appreciate the cookout provided by Ed Mencis and Linda Meehan and all they do for our children and for us as a school community. They help to make the day a very memorable one for the children, one they will always remember with happy thoughts.

I wish you a fun, beautiful summer with your children. Please be sure to share books with your children this summer. Our town library offers a motivating program and your children will see their friends at the library sponsored events.

See you in September!



A Quick Note

We may have one opening in our Pre-school program next year. If you are

interested, please contact Deb Magliozzi or Sharon Hasfjord as soon as possible. We are so excited to welcome these young children to our building next year!



Curriculum News

Title I Summer Program

Title I Summer Camp will be offered this year during the month of July. This year, we will again be offering math and reading support to qualifying students. Qualifications for enrollment have been determined and invitations for participation will be coming home this week.

Camp will run from July 8 to August 1, 8:30 to 11:30 Monday through Thursday. If you think your student may qualify and/or if he/she is currently receiving Title I services, please consider the dates of July 8th through August 1st when making summer plans.

Grade 3 Transition

It's hard to believe that our third graders are almost ready to transition to Sandown Central School. Their time with us goes by so quickly. Move up day to visit Sandown Central School will be June 14. If you have any questions or concerns, I would encourage you to contact your child's teacher, Nancy Stafford, or me.

Proper Playground Attire

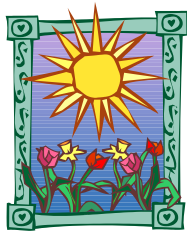
Safe clothing on a playground reduces the potential for injuries. We are asking that you make sure your child wears skid resistant sneakers with

secure backs during recess time. Students wearing slip-on shoes, sandals, clogs, crocs, work boots, flip flops, clothing with strings attached or dangling jewelry, will not be allowed to play on the structures. This is to help avoid unnecessary accidents when playing. We cannot apply sunscreen or insect repellent at school. We recommend that you do this prior to your child leaving for school in the morning.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

*Patrice Liff, Assistant Principal,
Curriculum Coordinator*

Sandown North Elementary



2013 Summer Literacy Fun

It's time to relax, spend quality time with friends and family members, and to play outside, **but please don't stop reading.** Make it part of your family's summer fun. Attached you will find a "Summer Literacy Fun Calendar" for the months of July and August. There are lots of fun literacy activities you can do with your children. Did you know that keeping score at a baseball game involves literacy? Literacy activities involve reading, writing, talking and building background knowledge about our world. The important thing is to do all of this in fun ways!

Research shows that children can lose one to three months of learning during the summer. They

can forget reading skills they worked so hard to acquire during the school year. Then they have to work even harder to catch up in the fall. You can help prevent this summer learning loss by encouraging your children to read and write over the summer. I encourage you to do lots of fun literacy activities with your children, so they can maintain what they've learned this school year. The Sandown Public Library also has a really good reading program that your children can participate in over the summer. Check out their summer calendar at, www.sandownlibrary.us.

Here are some reading tips you can use while reading with your children this summer:

- Read slowly, with expression.
- Try using different voices for different characters.
- Follow words with your finger while reading, so your children can read along with you.
- Talk about books as you read. Ask your children to describe pictures, repeat phrases and predict what might happen next.
- Look at illustrations closely and talk about how they help the story.
- Remember to make reading fun! The more fun children have reading aloud, the more they will love

books and want to read.

I hope you find plenty of time to read and write over the summer!!



**Diane Chauvette
Literacy Specialist**



**Sandown North Book
Exchange Program**

I want to say, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" Lots and lots of books were donated to our Book Exchange Program again this year, allowing students to bring plenty of books home to enjoy with family members! This program is truly successful because of all your support!! Again, thank you!
Diane Chauvette
Literacy Specialist

Technology News, June 2013

All student technology accounts will stay online and will be ready for student use this summer. Please encourage your child to make use of the excellent learning resources available online. It would be great if they could work toward completing any of their unfinished grade level learning.com tutorials. Also any progress made on XtraMath,

ScootPad, or MobyMax would be well worth their time. All of these programs and many more educational, fun and interesting sites are available through their learning.com accounts.

Students can log into the following sites using their Timberlane username and password:

www.learning.com (the district is Timberlane)

www.MobyMax.com (the school is Sandown)

www.scootpad.com (these are new accounts set up at the students 2013-2014 grade level)

If you would like log-in instructions for XtraMath or students old ScootPad accounts please send me an e-mail.

Thanks,
Justin Bentley-Melle



Thank you parents and guardians! We collected \$1,343.90 for Box Tops.

Alex Haig, Parent Volunteer



