

**SANDOWN NORTH  
ELEMENTARY  
NEWSLETTER  
MARCH 2015**



*From the desk of  
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With the March newsletter, there is always a feeling of hope that spring really is a possibility! The children were disappointed that we did not have snow for the Christmas holiday and vacation, but needless to say, February more than made up for it. Now, when March arrives, we begin to think about the next school year and begin to put preliminary plans in place.



We held our annual kindergarten information night on February 11<sup>th</sup>. We are currently registering students for

not only for kindergarten, but for pre-kindergarten as well. If you have not yet registered your child, please call Deborah Magliozzi or Sharon Hasfjord at 887-8503 to do so. If you know that your neighbors/friends have not done so, please encourage them to contact our school staff as well. It so helpful to have accurate numbers as we plan for the next school year. Once again, we will be offering a Renaissance Kindergarten, a full-day session that will include the arts. Having the students in school all day will give us the opportunity to integrate technology throughout the curriculum, to make it a true tool for learning. We also work to integrate art, music, and physical education into the young students' learning. Spanish is taught a couple of times a week. Research shows us very clearly the benefits of learning another language at an early age. Since there is more time in the day, the curriculum can be taught at a deeper level, with more time

being devoted to mastery of the curriculum. The tuition rate for all day kindergarten is \$4,500 for the year. We will continue to offer half day kindergarten sessions as well, with Spanish being taught, at no cost. I am proud to say that staff works collaboratively together in such a way that a rich curriculum and environment for learning are provided for our half day students. Since time is more limited, children may not have as much time to explore new concepts, but know that they are taught the same skills as the full-day students. The kindergarten staff sends a newsletter home regularly so you will know what is being taught and will be able to reinforce the concepts at home as well. Please, please be sure to register as soon as possible for the session that you feel will be best for your child and your family.

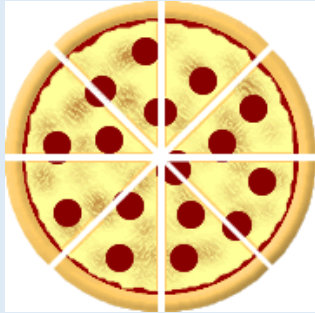
We continue to do our best to support our students in the areas in which they may need additional instruction or support. As you know, staff and students alike work to be STARS: Safe, Trustworthy, Always respectful, and Responsible. Sometimes, a child may be part of small

group instruction to set goals and work to success. Sometimes, a child may be selected as a role model for a small group of children, to be a leader and to share strategies that work for him or her. We all have our strengths and we all have our challenges, as do our young students. In your communications with your children's teacher, be sure to let him/her know of any concerns you may have and if you feel that your child may benefit from additional supports.

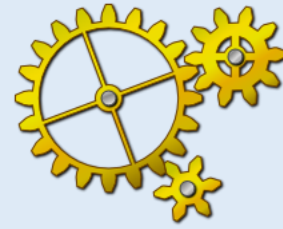
Several Monday Morning Meetings have been cancelled due to inclement weather and delayed openings or missed days of school. We are going to assume that the weather will be fine Monday and we will be back on track. You are always invited to join us to celebrate our students' learning.



## UNO PIZZARIA AND GRILL FUNDRAISER



Uno Pizzeria and Grill in Haverhill has teamed up with the Timberlane School District. The fundraiser will run from March 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 17, 2015. Each student at Sandown North will be given tickets and a flyer regarding the program. During the time period, guests of Uno's who present their fundraising ticket with their order will automatically give 20% of the total bill to our school through Uno's donation. Tickets are being sent home in this week's Express and are also available on the Sandown North website, [www.sandownnorth.com](http://www.sandownnorth.com) , and UNO Haverhill Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/unohaverhill](http://www.facebook.com/unohaverhill). Tickets may be printed or viewed on your smartphone. We thank you for considering Uno's in Haverhill when thinking of eating out or getting take out!



## March Enrichment News

Congratulations to all the inventors who participated in the Sandown North Invention convention. It was exciting to see so many innovative ideas come to life. It is always impressive to see students take action on their inspiration, work independently to solve problems, and complete a creative project. They all deserve to be proud of their accomplishments.

We are excited to be represented at the NH Invention Convention by the inventors of The Sick Pack and The Heated Shovel and Car Tarp Kit. Arabelle, Parker and Alex are sure to impress the attendees with their presentations.

It's never too early to start preparing for next February's Invention Convention! I look forward to seeing many new ideas in 2016.



## **Music News—Winter 2015**

We welcome Ms. Stephanie Jones, a senior music education major at UNH, to Sandown North as she interns with me this semester. Ms. Jones has been showing our children how to be tuneful, beautiful, and artful—and respectful—musicians.

Third grade music students are excited about playing recorders! Many classes have learned a couple of tunes already and are eagerly trying new pieces on their own at home. Please encourage them to share what they learned with you.

Our third grade strings had a fabulous performance at the Sandown Winter Concert in January! There were definitely some “butterflies” on concert evening, but all the students were well-prepared and very respectful. Thank you to the families, friends, and staff that came out to support our young musicians. By the way, the performances at the PAC are now live streamed. Those who are unable to attend the

concert may click on this link to watch the performance:

<http://new.livestream.com/trsd>

In one of this winter's rare Monday—rescheduled to a Tuesday--Morning Meetings, Mrs. Low's class demonstrated expressive movement to classical music--one of the components of their music curriculum. Eric Satie's “Gymnopedie #1” is gentle and calm, and the class' movements showed this. Great job!