



SANDOWN NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March/April 2018

From the Desk of Jo-Ann Georgian, Principal

This New England weather has hit us with all sorts of challenges this month. March has come in with rain and snow, with warm weather and freezing cold weather. Hopefully, spring really is just around the corner; the children are looking forward to consistently warmer weather.

As we look at our phone alerts, watch TV, and read the newspapers, we see stories of school shootings, a sad and frightening thought for all of us. The safety of our students and staff members is of paramount importance to me. I am a member of the District Safety Committee and we also have a Safety Committee at school. In addition, an Emergency Response Team and a Crisis Team also have roles and responsibilities. We meet regularly and look at our practices and provide staff members with needed information.

At Sandown North, we practice drills on a scheduled basis but do not notify staff of the date and time so that we can see where there may be confusions or glitches with a drill. We ask for feedback and what individuals noticed, and then debrief after the drill. The purpose is not to criticize, but to learn from the practice and to make any needed changes or tweaks to the plans.

The most complex drill we have is the offsite evacuation because we do need to leave the building. We do not announce the date or time to staff or to family members so that the experience is authentic. We think about our students with physical or emotional needs and how to help them feel comfortable getting to the site and while we are there. As you know, we have traveled to Chester in the past as our go-to site. They have been most accommodating and have worked closely with us, but there would be fewer variables if we could stay in town. We have contacted Zorvino's Vineyards and they have so nicely agreed to let us use their building as our off-site location.

I completely understand parents' worry about school safety and want you to be assured that we take it very seriously. We work closely with Chief Gordon and Chief Tapley so that we all have a clear understanding of what is expected. I have submitted my Basic Emergency Operation Plan to the state with Dr. Metzler's approval, outlining our plans in the event of an emergency. There is comfort in being prepared and practiced. As part of the district safety plan, we have worked together at all levels, elementary, middle, and high school, so that the drills are familiar, regardless of which school child attends in our district. Student Safety is always on our minds.

Important Dates March 2018

- 5 – Monday Morning Meeting
- 8 - School Board Mtg, 7:30 pm, SAU Building
- 13 – No School, Professional Development Day. District Voting
- 15 – PTA meeting, Conference Room, 6pm-7pm
- 16 – Trimester Ends
- 19 – Monday Morning Meeting
- 20- Spring Picture Day
- 23 – Report Cards
- 26 – Monday Morning Meeting, chorus performance
- 29 – Chorus Concert, 7pm, PAC

Important Dates April 2018

- 2 – Monday Morning Meeting
- 5 – School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, SAU Building
- 9 – Monday Morning Meeting
- 13 – Father Daughter Dance, 6-8 Sandown North Gym
- 20 – Progress Reports
- 16 – Progress Reports
- 19 – Monday Morning Meeting
- 19 – School Board Meeting, 7:30, SAU Building
- 23 – 27 Spring Break
- 30 – Monday Morning Meeting

From the Assistant Principal:

This has certainly been an interesting year weather wise! Thank you for supporting your children as they complete their Blizzard Bags. I am hopeful we are done with Blizzard Bags for this school year. If you have any feedback and suggestions regarding the Blizzard Bags, please feel free to email me or call. Although we have been using Blizzard Bags for the past four years, there is always room for improvement. Due to the number of days out of school, the district is extending trimester 2 for an additional two days. Rather than the trimester ending on March 16th, it will end March 20th. Report cards will now be available online March 27th. Additional information regarding accessing the report card will be sent via School Messenger.

In today's Express there is a flyer regarding our next Timberlane Parent Advisory Forum (TPAF), which will be held on Monday, April 2, 2018. The topic will be bullying. Attorney Allen Kropp, who specializes in bullying, discrimination and civil rights issues will be the featured speaker. The forum will meet in the Timberlane Middle School Library from 6pm-8pm. If you are unable to attend, you may watch it online at livestream.com/TRSD/TPAF.

Last week a letter was sent home, from Christi Michaud, TRSD Director of Data, Assessment and Accountability, regarding the NH State Assessment System (NH SAS). Grades 3, 4 & 5 participate. In all three grades, students are assessed in math and English language Arts. This year, grade 5 will also be assessed in science. Below is the testing schedule:

| NHSAS | Grade 5 | Grade 4 | Grade 3 |
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| Science (grade 5 only) | Week of April 16th | --- | --- |
| ELA & Math | Week of May 7 th | Week of May 14 th | Week of May 20 th |
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I will be sending home more information as the date gets closer. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Nancy Stafford, Assistant Principal

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I'm impressed by the enthusiasm our students bring to their learning. In technology class students are asked to choose their pursuits based on their interests and goals. Students take control of their learning by using digital resources to learn how to code, navigate software, or render 3D models. Some students practice typing, math, language arts, or Spanish. Others engage peers on Sandown North virtual interest groups or indulge curiosities on science and social studies focus sites. Students document their progress and pursuits on their digital learning portfolios. It is my intent to provide activities and encouragement to help students see themselves as empowered learners. Please take time to look at the resources available in your child's Google Classrooms and checkout the artifacts in his or her portfolio. They will enjoy sharing their activities with you.

Thank You,

Mr. Melle



PTA NEWS

Thank you to all that helped make the Mother and Son Dance a great success!

March 24th we will be having our annual Pancake Breakfast. If you are interested in helping please contact Heidi Chaput or sign up on the sign up genius. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cod4badaa2daoff2-pancake>

More information will be sent home in your child's express.

Coming up on April 13th will be the Father and Daughter Dance (this year we are calling it the Ladies Choice Dance). Again, keep an eye out for more information to be sent home in early March. If you are interested in helping please contact Lucinda Quinney. Lucinda.Quinney@timberlane.net

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for March 14th at 6pm at Sandown Central School.



March Music News

In all general music classes, students continue their “tuneful, beatful, and artful” journey as they “Sail to Success.” Every week, each child has opportunities for solo and small group singing in class. The students are enjoying singing and listening to sea chanteys from various cultures. Sailors often had specific songs to accompany tasks on board a ship, such as hauling the sails or anchor. We look forward to having folk singer David Coffin visit Sandown North in April to present his “Life at Sea” assembly for students and staff.

Upcoming March and April concerts:

- Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 PM, PAC: Grades 5--7 Band Concert
- Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 PM, PAC: Grade 4-7 Choral Concert
- Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00 PM, PAC: Honors Band, Chorus, and Orchestra Concert
- Saturday, April 7 from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM: Stringfest (for those who already registered for this event): Mountain View Middle School, Goffstown
- Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 PM, PAC: Elementary Beginning Band and Strings Concert
 - Monday, April 9: **beginning strings only** dress rehearsal from 7:00-8:00 PM at the PAC

Please feel free to contact me or Mr. Mainella if you have any questions about your child’s progress in music class or lessons.

Musically yours,

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From the front office

Please remember to notify the office if your child will be tardy or absent by calling the office at 603-887-8503 or using the online Pick Up Patrol program.



Hello!

I hope everyone had a wonderful February Vacation and is looking forward to spring after all the snow we have had! Spring is a wonderful time for families to get outside together and explore after the long winter months. A couple of fun outside learning opportunities for the whole family in New Hampshire include:

- Charmingfare Farms in Candia, NH
- America’s Stonehenge in Salem, NH
- Explore Franconia Notch State Park in Franconia, NH
- Mount Washington Observatory Weather Discovery Center in North Conway, NH
- Benson Park in Hudson, NH
- Ordiorne Point State Park in Rye, NH
- Monkey Trunks Zipline Park in Laconia, NH

For the spring months, most classrooms are finishing up the Emotion Management unit and moving into the Problem Solving unit for Second Step lessons. I have updated the boxes to the right to reflect the specific lessons I will be working on with each grade over the next 3-4 months. Homelinks will continue to be sent home after I have completed a lesson. These are

not homework, just extra practice for you and

Problem Solving Unit 4:

Students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

Strategy to try at Home:

Joyful Memory: Closing your eyes, remember a time when you felt filled with joy. Where were you? Who were you with? What sounds, tastes, colors, and smells do you remember? What sensations did your body feel?

Suggested Books: *Flying High 2* by Julian Edelman, *The Magician’s Hat* by Malcolm Mitchell, *So Few of Me* by Peter Reynolds

Second Step Website:

www.secondstep.org

Activation Codes:

- First Grade: SSP1 FAMI LY71
- Second Grade: SSP2 FAMI LY72
- Third Grade: SSP3 FAMI LY73
- Fourth Grade: SSP4 FAMI LY74
- Fifth Grade: SSP5 FAMI LY75

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| Grade 1 | <p>PROBLEM SOLVING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 17: Solving Problems Part 1 • Lesson 18: Solving Problems Part 2 • Lesson 19: Fair Ways to Play • Lesson 20: Inviting others to join in |
| Grade 2 | <p>PROBLEM SOLVING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 17: Solving Problems Part 1 • Lesson 18: Solving Problems Part 2 • Lesson 19: Taking responsibility • Lesson 20/21: Responding playground exclusion and playing fairly on the playground |
| Grade 3 | <p>PROBLEM SOLVING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 17: Solving problems part 1 • Lesson 18: Solving problems part 2 • Lesson 19: Solving Classroom Problems • Lesson 20: Solving peer exclusion |
| Grade 4 | <p>EMOTION MANAGEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 14: Avoiding Jumping to Conclusions <p>PROBLEM SOLVING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 16/17: Solving Problems Part and Solving Problem Part 2 • Lesson 18: Making a Plan • Lesson 20: Taking Responsibility for your actions |
| Grade 5 | <p>EMOTION MANAGEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 15: Avoiding assumptions <p>PROBLEM SOLVING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 16/17: Solving problems part 1 and 2 • Lesson 20: Dealing with Gossip • Lesson 21: Dealing with Peer Pressure |

your children to work on together.

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