



SANDOWN NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

May 2018

From the Desk of Jo-Ann Georgian, Principal

We are back from spring vacation and ready for a longer than usual home stretch. Spring brings a renewed sense of possibilities and an energy which we all welcome. For children, however, it can mean the end of school. We have almost two months of school left and lots of learning to do. Please help your child realize that although the weather is getting warmer and warmer, we still have much left to accomplish. We will certainly appreciate it. We know that once you open your pools, we're really be up against it ☺, but what stories they will be able to write from their experiences!!

With the end of the year approaching, it is time to work with TLC at Sandown Central as well as Timberlane Middle School to ease transitions for our students. Visits for our kindergarten students to our school and for our fifth graders to the Middle School are being planned. In addition, school staffs at those schools meet with us to share information about our learners so that the receiving staff is prepared to offer students the same level of supports. If your child is expressing anxiety about the move, please let his/her teacher know. We want to be aware so that we can meet the needs of your child. Although the thought of moving to a new school often comes with feelings of trepidation, especially for the older child, we hear pretty quickly that our new sixth graders are doing just fine.

A fun activity for our fifth graders is fast approaching. We will have our Fifth Grade Celebration Day at Sandlots fields again this year. We all enjoy playing and eating together that day. Linda and Ed Mencis are our hosts and we so appreciate all that they do for us. They offered to have us go there MANY years ago, knowing that, at the time, we did not have a field. Although we do now, they continue to welcome us, making it a special day with lots of room for our students. We are so fortunate that Linda and Ed are part of our school community. Every year, the parents who have volunteered talk about the great experience it was for them, so if you are free, we would love to see you there, enjoying the day with us.

Our PTA has been active this year once again, offering our students and families so many events to participate in together. The most recent event was the Mad Hatter's Ball which was a huge success. I urge you to get involved with the PTA next year, giving you an opportunity to meet lots of really nice people while having fun at the same time!

Important Dates May 2018

- 3 – School Board Meeting, SAU, 7:30pm
- 7 – Monday Morning Meeting
- 8 – First grade field trip, Stockbridge Theater
- 8 – Fourth and fifth grade Orchestra Rehearsal at PAC, 7 pm-8:30 pm
- 9 – Grades Four through Eight Orchestra Concert, PAC, 7pm
- 14 – Monday Morning Meeting
- 16 – First grade open house, 6pm-7pm
- 17 – School Board Meeting, SAU, 7:30pm
- 21 – Arts Night and Chorus Performance, 6pm-8pm
- 21 – Monday Morning Meeting
- 22- Fifth grade field day
- 23 – Extreme Science All School Assembly, 8:45am-10:30am
- 24 – Second grade field trip , Capital Center of the Arts, Concord
- 25 – Memorial Day Sing-A-Long, All school, 8:30am-9:30am
- 25 – Early Release
- 28 – No School, Memorial Day observed
- 29 – Incoming 6th grade parent night, at PAC, 6pm-7:30pm
- 31 – Instrumental trials, at PAC, 5pm-7pm

*Just a
quick
reminder!*

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE:

Parents dropping off students in the morning are reminded to be vigilant of students and cars arriving and departing. The safety of the students is our greatest concern. We would also remind families driving their children to school that the NH State requires kids under 18 to wear a seatbelt. Students that are not in their classrooms by 8:30am are considered late and need to be signed in at 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. Pick Up Patrol can also be used for change in dismissal plans. When your child has a change in dismissal plans, please remember we need to have the bus number and the address to which your child is going.

We verify all absences.

It is important to keep your contact information up to date in case of an emergency. Please remember to let the office know of any changes in our contact information or that your emergency contacts.

Thank you for helping us with this important information.





From the Assistant Principal

During the month of May our students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will be taking the NH SAS. **It is important that your child is present and arrives to school on time. Testing will take place first thing in the morning.** Once testing has begun, students arriving late will not be able to join their class until after the test session is over and will make up the test at a different time. Your cooperation and support is much appreciated.

Grade levels will be testing during the following weeks:

Grade 5 **Week of May 7th**

Grade 4 **Week of May 14th**

Grade 3 **Week of May 21st**

Make up days are built in to the schedule.

The following tips may help you prepare your child for the assessment:

- Explain the purpose of the test. Remind your child that this is not a test that a student can fail. It is an opportunity for students to show what they have learned in school.
- Be sure that your child gets plenty of sleep and has a nourishing breakfast and lunch.
- Send your child with a healthy snack and water bottle.
- Be sure your child is at school on time as we don't want students rushing and worrying about being late.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's classroom teacher, Mrs. Georgian or Mrs. Stafford.

Mrs. Stafford, Assistant Principal

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LIBRARY

Did you know that exciting things have been happening in our library? Just prior to leaving for spring break, our first and second graders enjoyed a visit by self-published author, John Miller, a college student with autism who spreads the message, "Have a good and kind heart," through the reading of his book, [Adventures in Handom](#). Third, fourth, and fifth graders were treated to a visit with Jennifer Richard Jacobsen, author of many books including those highlighted in her presentations, [Andy Shane](#) and [Small as an Elephant](#). JR Jacobsen shared her passion for writing, teaching her audiences that it's the job of a writer to create a movie in the mind of the reader. She also discussed how she works through the writing process, noting that, "Writing is about choices, choices, choices." Students left the presentations smiling and eager to return to their classrooms to write, write, write!

The literacy fun will continue with the transformation of our library into the Scholastic Book Fair from May 31 to June 12! All classes will visit the fair during the school day, so be on the lookout for more information in the Sandown Expresses mid-May. To keep the excitement coming, the library will be hosting a special event on June 11th, dinner and a movie. Families will be invited to bring their own picnic style dinner to enjoy while viewing a special movie! This evening event will be a great opportunity for families to come browse and perhaps purchase some awesome summer reading titles while supporting our school.

We hope you will, "Paws to read every day!"



Technology & Learning

I want to help students access technology to empower learning. Please let me know if you have any suggestions to help further this goal while serving the mission of our school.

Sandown North Technology expectations include:

1. Content must be school appropriate: Non-violent, dress code compliant, school friendly activities.
2. Class assignments take priority.
3. Independent choice learning time starts with working toward a specific skill goal on a course in one of the following websites: Learning.com, Code.org, Typing Club, Kahn Academy, MobyMax, or DuoLingo. Students select their learning goal activities from this list but teachers may assign specific goals from these or other sites (Achieve 3000, Matific, etc.) as they deem appropriate.
4. After skill goal work is done, students can select interest activities from educator curated resources such as Destiny or Google Classroom. Activities should be on the LIST: Students should be Learning, Interested, Solving, and Thinking.
5. Digital communication should only take place within school designated groupings such as homerooms and Sandown North Google Class interest groups. All communication must be respectful, on topic, and supportive. Digital communication should not distract from instructional or work time. The acronym CAT reminds us to be Courteous, Appropriate and Trustworthy in our online activities. We should remember to be LIST CATs.

Mr. Melle



Be sure to have your child check the lost and found. We have several hats, gloves, and mittens looking for their forever homes. You can also find sweatshirts, t-shirts, shoes and lunch boxes in there too! The lost and found is located outside the library.



I would like to say a BIG thank you to Heidi Chaput for her hard work putting together the Pancake Breakfast, it was a great success. Also, thank you to all that volunteered their time. Without volunteers we would not be able to do what we do.

This month we had the Ladies Choice Dance, it was a great success! The girls loved creating their own hats. Thank you to Cliff West for the music and Stasio's Photography for capturing such great memories. Thank you to all who baked or donated food and to all of those who helped!

Coming in May is the Teacher Appreciation and we need your help! If you are interested in helping please contact Norine Gerhard ngerhard2013@gmail.com or 603-965-6470.

Thank you again for all the parent and teacher volunteers.

Nurse Notes



May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Enjoy the beautiful outdoors but remember these tips:

- Dress in long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.
- Wear light colors to make ticks easier to see. Pants should be tucked inside of socks.
- Limit time outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitos are most active.
- Check your clothes and skin frequently for ticks. Do a final full-body check at the end of the day.
- Remember that mosquitos grow in water. Drain any standing water from gutter, wheelbarrows, wading pools, etc.
- Do away with ticks by removing leaf litter and tall grass at the edges of lawns, gardens, and stone walls.
- Remove ticks immediately! You will want to grasp the tick close to the skin and pull upward with a steady, even pressure. After removing the tick thoroughly clean the area with alcohol or soap and water. You will want to notify your physician of the bite.
- Don't forget to check your pets!
- Questions? Call the NH Division of Public Health Services @ (603)-271-4496

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Music News--April/May 2018

Ahoy!

During March and April, students in general music have been continuing their study of sea chanteys. Haul Away, Joe seems to be the favorite among all grade levels! We were delighted to have David Coffin from Gloucester, MA present an engaging and interactive assembly, "Life at Sea," for our students and staff. Mr. Coffin sang sea chanteys and had a little help from his limberjack (dancing doll), Sarafina.

Congratulations to our Sandown North students who participated in the NH Stringfest on Saturday, April 7 at Mountain View Middle School, Goffstown: Amber Makus, Gabriella Miller, Isabella Johnson, Taylor Towse, Ashlee Salafia, and Rosalia Aquino.

April concerts included *superb* performances by our students in beginning band and strings, as well as those in the elementary honor ensembles. Upcoming May events are:

- Tuesday, May 8 from 7:00-8:00 PM at the PAC: dress rehearsal for 2nd and 3rd year strings
- Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 PM at the PAC: 4-8 strings concert
- Monday, May 21 at Sandown North: Arts Night from 6:00-7:30 PM
 - Grade 3 recorders perform at 6:00 PM
 - Chorus performs at 7:00 PM

The music department will send out flyers this month about sign-ups 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 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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