

Pollard Pen



March 23, 2018

Important Dates

March 26

Title One Night @
5:30pm—Cafe

March 27

All District Band Concert
5-7th Grade 7pm @ the
PAC

March 29

District Chorus Concert-
7pm-PAC

March 31

PTA Pancake Breakfast
@ 8am-Penguin Place

April 5

Run of the Savages T-
Shirt Pick-Up @ 5pm

April 7

Run of the Savages 5K

April 10

Dental Screenings

April 11

1st Year Band/Orchestra
Concert 7pm @the PAC

April 12

2nd Grade Play
7pm @the PAC

April 17

D.A.R.E Graduation-PAC
ASD Parent Support
Group 6pm—Pollard
Café

April 20

Progress Reports

April 23-27

Spring
Break



Dear Pollard Families:

Happy Spring! What a crazy winter (and now spring) with 5 snow days and 5 Online Learning/Blizzard Bag Days! This warm weather, then cold weather and then when we think we are safe, more snow...it's been hard to keep up! I appreciate all of the effort staff, parents, guardians and students gave to getting blizzard bag work in on time. Pollard made our goal for all five days. Our new last day of school (as of 3/21/18) will be Friday, June 22, 2018 (which is an early release of 12 noon).

Incoming Kindergarten registration has begun and I want to remind everyone with children that will be entering Kindergarten in the fall that they should call our main office to begin the registration process. For those that have already begun the registration process, we will be sending out invitations to our Kindergarten Screening soon. We plan to have all incoming kindergarteners screened starting May 1st. Parents of students entering first grade that did not come to kindergarten at Pollard should call or come to the school to register your child as soon as possible. At this time you can make an appointment to meet with the guidance counselor. We are also taking names for our 4 day Preschool program, but unfortunately we have filled our allotted spaces so any students signing up will be going on our waiting list. Remember, we do have a district TLC program for 3- and 4 year olds at Sandown Central, so that could be an option. We look forward to meeting all of our new students!

I am also sending home a letter and form for parents to fill out as we get closer to placing students in classes for next year. As the letter indicates, **PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST A SPECIFIC**

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TEACHER. We want to know what types of things motivate your child but naming a staff member will not help in his/her placement. It is important to note that all children are different and certain teachers may be a better match for some students but not so much for others. Please trust that your child's current teacher, specialists, our school counselor and administration all have a hand in placement and we want the best for everyone. We will definitely have some teacher movement again this next school year. Please get your placement forms to me by April 13th.

We have many activities planned for the remaining months of our 2017-18 school year and I invite you all to join us. We are excited to be hosting the 6th annual "Run of the Savages" in memory of Chief Stephen Savage who lost his battle with cancer in 2014. This 5K Run/Walk community event will be held on April 7th and is being organized to put a positive spin on a deadly disease by focusing on something greater than the disease: a fun community event and a cause for a cure. Please consider joining us in the "Run of the Savages" to help battle cancer. All proceeds of this race will be donated to The Jimmy Fund, Dana Farber Cancer Institute. We also will be hosting our annual Thank You Volunteer Luncheon, Wellness Day and Field Day as well as our end of year concerts! We hope that you can join us for these events!

Thank you again!
Michelle Auger, Principal



Mr. Shawley's Corner:



Grades PreK-5 participated in a school wide assembly, presented by Pollard's Universal Team, focused on how to be a responsible student. The team performed a skit that focused on Pollard's Three Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, and Safety. The students and staff enjoyed watching the performance and listening to its message.

I would like to thank the students of Pollard for being great audience members during this assembly. It was nice to hear the students join in singing the closing song "Thank you for Being a Friend" written by Andrew Gold (Golden Girls Theme Song re-recorded by Cynthia Fee)



REMINDERS:

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. Students will receive a late slip to bring to their teacher.



BINGO FOR BOOKS

On February 2nd, the PTA, held a great evening for our students. Students and their families enjoyed an evening of fun playing Bingo. Everyone loved participating in this event which also helps to encourage reading. The teachers and parents who chaperoned had just as much fun as the students. During the event, children played many different variations of bingo, and enjoyed interacting with their peers and family.

Thank you to the PTA for providing our students with this opportunity.

During the next few months our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be taking the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS) assessment for English Language Arts/Reading, Mathematics, and Science. The NH SAS is a measure of the New Hampshire College and Career Readiness Standards. This assessment is computer-adaptive and untimed.

State assessments are an important measure of how your child is doing toward reaching an understanding of educational standards. They help measure if your child is on track to graduate high school college-and-career ready and gives teachers valuable information about what needs to be instructed.

To ensure that your child does their best we strive to make sure we create positive testing environments. During testing it is important that your child is well rested, drinks plenty of water and has a good breakfast. For additional information about the NH SAS and sample practice tests you are invited to go to <http://nh.portal.airast.org>.

Our testing weeks at Pollard are:

Week of April 16th Fifth Grade Science

Week of May 7th Fifth Grade ELA/Reading/Math

Week of May 14th Fourth Grade ELA/Reading/Math

Week of May 21st Third Grade ELA/Reading/Math

If you have any questions about this testing please don't hesitate to contact me.

Together in Learning,

Doug Blay

Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator





GERMS, GERMS everywhere!

DID YOU KNOW....

- that germs can travel 100 mph when you cough or sneeze, that's faster than a car on the highway!

- germs love moist places, like your nose, eyes and mouth. Eewwww!

- that it is not good to share food or drink when you are sick because it will spread the germs and make other people sick.

- that you shouldn't put your hands near your eyes, nose or mouth. If you do you should wash your hands!

- that you should wash your hands before you eat.

- that you should get 9-11 hours of sleep to stay healthy.

- that you should cough or sneeze into the bend in your arm in order to catch the germs and stop the spread of illness.

- that washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds will stop the spread of germs. That is the time it takes to sing your "A, B, C's".

You can watch a cute video that was put together last year by Mrs. Bellmore's then 2nd grade class on TRSD.TV at:

<https://vimeo.com/207367508>.





On Friday, January 12th, Pollard School held its annual **National Spelling Bee Competition!** Congratulations to the following competitors, who were the top spellers in their classroom contests:

GRADE 4

Sam	Acosta
Gabriella	Bourque
Lila	Fitzgerald
Dylan	Kudym
Kyle	Lindblad
Kaden	Linehan
Matthew	McFadden
Joseph	Raymond
Gabby	Sierra
Owen	Stevens
Luke	Swanney
Libby	Wagnitz
Ashley	Whittaker

GRADE 5

Matthew	Cartwright
Joseph	Cruz
Nia	Diamantakis
Elizabeth	Fellows
Lindsay	Fuller
Braden	Masera
Jack	Murphy
Kira	Sutka
Ella	Watts

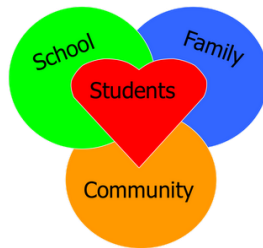
A special congratulations to the top 3 spellers of the school contest:

First Place: Elizabeth Fellows
 Second Place: Nia Diamantakis
 Third Place: Jack Murphy

The winning word was *despondency*.

Pollard's winner, Elizabeth Fellows, represented Pollard School at the NH State Spelling Bee in Concord on February 24th! Congratulations, Elizabeth!





Counselor Corner

Hello Pollard Families;

I hope you have all fared well this winter with all of our storms! I know all of us are hoping for an early spring.

Please find below some information on helping your child become a good problem solver. This is a lifelong skill that is important to start learning early. Enjoy!

Marcia Blutstein, School Counselor

My Problem Solving Plan

What's the problem?
What am I feeling?
What would happen if...?
What are the solutions?
Which one will I try?

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

STEP 1

What am I Feeling?
Am I curious, calm, angry,
disappointed, or anything else?

STEP 2

What's the problem?
The problem I'm facing is...

STEP 3

What are the Solutions?
How can I solve this problem?
(list as many solutions as you
can think of)

STEP 4

What would happen if...?
What would happen if I tried each of
these solutions?

STEP 5

I will choose one or more solutions to try.
If the solution doesn't work, I will try again
with another solution from Step 3. I will keep
trying until the problem is solved.
Which one will I try?

Greetings from the music room!

It has been a busy start to spring for Pollard's little musicians! Our 4th and 5th graders have been learning how to sight read music using their acquired music literacy skills. 3rd graders have been enjoying learning recorder and are working towards earning belts in Recorder Karate. 2nd graders are working hard preparing for their play on April 12th at the PAC. The younger children have been exploring musical concepts through movement, songs, games, and stories. We hope to see you at the district chorus concert that is taking place on Thursday, March 29th, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the PAC! Pollard is also proud to have four 5th grade chorus members attending the 2018 N.H. Elementary Honors Choir Festival in Concord next month.

Musically Yours,

AnnMarie Pinard
Pollard School Music Specialist

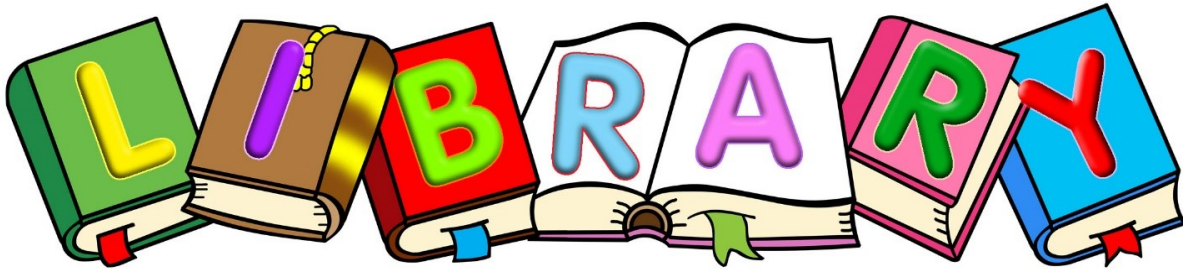


Happy spring from the art room!

We are thrilled to finally have a whole week of art! The kindergarten students just finished big stuffed "wild things" and this week we are sponge painting spring bunnies. Maybe if we concentrate on spring projects, spring will come? Speaking of spring, grades one through five are beginning their Arbor Day posters for the annual contest sponsored by the Plaistow Arbor Day Committee. First graders just learned how to weave using paper strips to see if they know the over under pattern. Second graders are working on fairy tale illustrations. This technique is called "picturing writing". They will create a detailed illustration first and then write their story. The details are typically incredible! Third graders just finished the NH Fire Safety Calendar contest. We were sad to hear that no art from Pollard School was chosen this year, but the students have learned many important fire safety facts and their artwork was excellent. Fourth graders learned how to use one point perspective to draw in 3-d. They are enjoying drawing cities and lettering in 3-d. The fifth graders reviewed one point perspective and then drew houses using two point perspective. It was very challenging, but they did a great job! Wishing you a great spring!

Becky Lightizer

A Page From the



Many thanks to the Pollard School community for supporting our recent book fair. The fair was very successful despite having to reschedule class visits more than once and losing one of our parent nights. Bestsellers at the fair included **Trayaaurus and the Enchanted Crystal** by DanTDM, who has a large following on YouTube, and **A Wrinkle in Time**. It is nice to see the Newbery Medal winning book finding a new generation of readers thanks to the movie currently playing on the big screen.

All grade levels have been busy doing research. Fifth grade students used a digital game board to learn about Presidents. They are now completing infographics to show what they have learned and to learn how to successfully use tools in Google Draw. Fourth grade is studying the regions of the United States. Students will be using digital game boards to research states and read their way across America. Third grade classes have used the alphabet as a structure to research facts about New Hampshire. They have created Google Slide Shows to share their new knowledge. Grade 2 has been learning about insects. Students are using PebbleGo to do their research and will share their learning via SeeSaw. First grade has just started their unit on the Sun, Moon, and Stars. In the library we will read fiction and nonfiction and use PebbleGo to research information.

In my TBR pile: **The Wild Robot Escapes**, the sequel to a popular book read last fall for the Global Read Aloud; **I'm Just No Good at Rhyming**, a middle grade book of humorous poetry with a plot; and **Ditch That Textbook**, a professional book written by Matt Miller, who I have learned a lot from on Twitter! I am excited to be able to share these book and ideas with our students real soon.

Patricia Collins, Library Media Specialist



From Ms. Silva, In the Gym

The past four weeks have been very exciting in New England. Winter just doesn't seem to want to go away, but we have been super busy in the gym working on hockey skills with the third, fourth and fifth graders. We worked on dribbling, passes, shooting, and face-offs. We also included a fun filled hockey game at the end. Every class room enjoyed it so much that some classes chose to play another game the following week for game week.

The kindergarten, first, and second grade worked on over hand throwing and catching. We played a multitude of games that worked on over hand throwing and catching skills.

The week we came back from vacation I added a little spice into physical education classes. I introduced Winter Olympics games. We had five different stations and the students got to

experience the bob sled, pair figure skating, ski jumping, cross country skiing, and curling.

Students had a blast experiencing some of the Winter Olympic activities!



PTA has been busy this year getting things ready for springtime and our most favorite time of year, Staff Appreciation week!! We love to celebrate our staff and all that they do for our children throughout the year. Please be on the look out for a sign up genius for the many great things we do throughout that week in May. We will need your help!

PTA has also decided to take a year off from our annual Silent Auction and Family Fun Night. We feel we need some additional time to rejuvenate the evening with some fun new ideas. Keep a look out for the principal/assistant principal of the day raffles and the ride to school raffles as we will continue those. We will also be holding a spring raffle - each day a ticket will be drawn for some great family- friendly gifts! Stay tuned!

Great job on our last Boxtop contest! Here is a message from our Boxtop coordinator. Keep collecting for our Spring Box Top contest, April 2-20! This time the entire grade with the most Box Tops will earn a reward... extra recess and popsicles! Each Box top is worth 10 cents. All money earned goes to the Pollard PTA for assemblies, playground equipment, agenda books, kindergarten & cross country t-shirts, and fun events like Popcorn Day, Pancake breakfasts, etc. Thank you for supporting Pollard School!

We hope to see you at our upcoming Pancake Breakfast on March 31st.