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**Principal's Report: 9/11/2018**  
**Lyndeborough Central School/Florence Rideout Elementary School**

Our first day with students was Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Students poured into our buildings ready to learn, eager to greet their teacher and meet new friends. The first few days of school are always very busy as students and staff spent time practicing procedures and learning expectations.

I am very excited to begin our full-day Kindergarten program at Lyndeborough Central School. The full-day kindergarten instructional schedule includes additional academic time for both literacy and math. A regular intervention and extension block has been included when W.I.N. program staff will provide remedial support as well as enrichment opportunities in both math and literacy. More time can now be devoted to science and social studies curriculum. Students are also able to participate in physical education, art and music programs. Small group exploratory centers and recess time round out the day. Our mission has always been to develop the social, emotional, and academic skills needed for all kindergarten students' future success in school. Having a comprehensive full-day kindergarten program will allow us to not just develop, but to strengthen and secure these skills for more of our students.

One of major focuses for elementary teaching staff this year will be the adoption of a new approach to teaching writing called "Writer's Workshop." The Writer's Workshop model will be central to our balanced literacy instructional program. Writers workshop includes time of active teaching through whole class focus lessons and conferring with individual students. Extended amounts of time are devoted for students to engage in authentic writing.

During the 2018-19 school year we will begin to shift our focus onto our math instruction. On August 28<sup>th</sup> elementary school staff had the opportunity to work closely Ann Mordecai consultant from Demonstrated Success. We spent some time examining math standards, analyzing last year's student assessment data and discussing math fact automaticity. We will use this information to plan shifts to our instruction and math program in the future. We will continue this work throughout the school year during our professional learning days.

The importance of safety is my focus and priority with students and staff the first few weeks of school. We conduct several emergency drills in coordination with Police and Fire Departments. These include building evacuations, lock-down, and off-site evacuations. Time is also spent discussing how to get to home and school safely. I conduct several bus safety review with representatives from Steve's School Bus with our students.

Forging a strong relationship between school and home is beneficial to student performance and academic growth. We begin this process immediately and will be hosting *Open Houses* on **September 12<sup>th</sup>** at Florence Rideout Elementary School and **September 13<sup>th</sup>** at Lyndeborough Central School from 6:30-7:30 pm. Teachers will provide two consecutive half-hour presentations for parents highlighting classroom expectations, curriculum, and advice on how parents can support their child's learning at home.

On **September 5<sup>th</sup>** the first issue of the FRES/LCS "Fox Flyer" school newsletter was disseminated to all families. This monthly publication will contain an overview of upcoming events, classroom updates, and other important information for students and parents.

The WLC Class of 2019 paid a special visit to the FRES first grade class of 2030. Special t-shirts were presented by the senior class to these students provided by Superintendent Lane. This event is so important for our young learners. They can begin to understand the importance of education and the incredible journey that they have just begun.

Enrollment on the first day is as follows:

	<i><b>TOTAL</b></i>	<i><b>Student/Teacher Ratio</b></i>
<i><b>Kindergarten</b></i>	<i><b>53</b></i>	<i><b>17.6:1</b></i>
<i><b>First Grade</b></i>	<i><b>43</b></i>	<i><b>14.3:1</b></i>
<i><b>Second Grade</b></i>	<i><b>44</b></i>	<i><b>14.6:1</b></i>
<i><b>Third Grade</b></i>	<i><b>42</b></i>	<i><b>21:1</b></i>
<i><b>Fourth Grade</b></i>	<i><b>44</b></i>	<i><b>22:1</b></i>
<i><b>Fifth Grade</b></i>	<i><b>41</b></i>	<i><b>20.5:1</b></i>

Upcoming events for September:

9/6 – FRES/LCS PTO Meeting 6:30 FRES Library

9/12 - Open House FRES 6:30-7:30

9/13 - Open House LCS 6:30-7:30

9/14 - CARES Kick-off Assembly 2:00-2:30

9/18 - Bus Safety Day

9/20 - Picture Day FRES and LCS

9/26 - PTO Parenting Workshop with Bonnie Harris 7:00 pm FRES gymnasium