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Principal's Report 6/6/2017 - Lyndeborough Central School/Florence Rideout School

- The Wilton Gregg Fee Library Youth Librarian **Stephanie Loiselle** and Lyndeborough J.A. Tarbell librarian **Brenda Cassidy** promoted their respective Summer Reading programs to students at both Lyndeborough Central School and Florence Rideout Elementary School. The **Summer Reading Kick-off** event is planned for **Tuesday, June 6th** at Florence Rideout which includes entertainment by story teller/magician **Bob Riordan**.
- This spring we way a bitter sweet farewell to several teachers and staff. **Jacqui Andreassen, Brenda Songer, Gail Lammers** and **Pam Griffin** plan to retire after over a combined 100 years of service to the staff, student and parents of the Wilton and Lyndeborough communities! Staff held a **Retirement Celebration** on **Thursday, June 1st** to thank them for their dedication and commitment to our students during their time Florence Rideout Elementary School and Lyndeborough Central School. We wish them the very best as they start a more relaxed chapter of their lives
- Annual end-of-year **Field Day** events are planned for both Florence Rideout Elementary School and Lyndeborough Central School on **Friday, June 9th** and **June 14th** respectively. This year's theme "*Passport to the World*" includes fun games and activities from around the globe planned by PTO parent volunteers **Jessica Murphy** and **Susan Ciatto** and kindergarten teachers **Nicole Dane** and **Vicki Macpherson** at LCS. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring these fun events.
- The annual **Talent Show** organized by **Giselle Dailey, Trish Polson, and Stacy Salisbury** featuring our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students is planned for **Friday, June 9th**. The ever popular event provides an opportunity for our students to display their many talents and entertain classmates, staff and parents. The staff act is not to be missed!
- We continue to collaborate with the Town of Wilton on the Safe Routes to School Project. Data was collected throughout the spring including traffic counts throughout the downtown area as well as student/parent surveys. Information gathered will help inform the committee how to best use funds to support safe and healthy travel to our schools.
- Several events have been planned to assist students with the process of transitioning to their new schools. Kindergarten students entering 1st grade will have **FRES Step-up Day on Thursday, June 1st**. Students will tour Florence Rideout Elementary School, meet some of their new teachers, enjoy a snack in the cafeteria and play on the playground. The fifth grade students will spend **Middle School Step-up Day on Wednesday, June 7th** touring Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle/High School and meeting with their teachers. A **Recognition Ceremony** for fifth grade students at Florence Rideout Elementary School will be held the on **June 15th**

- Marks close on Wednesday, **June 14th**. Learning Profiles will be distributed on the last day of school Friday, **June 16th**. Students will receive their 2017-18 classroom assignment with their report card.
- Our staff will be very busy throughout the summer months. We are fortunate to have members of TLA (Teachers and Learners Alliance) support us with our transition to a balanced literacy model and Reader's Workshop using our new Lucy Calkins's Units of Study. We will begin this work this summer as staff will convene on **Monday, June 19th** and **Wednesday, June, 21st** to begin planning their launch units and prepare their classroom libraries with our trainer **Stephanie Maze-Hsu**. Our work will continue in August and throughout the 2017-18 school year.
- Early screening provides the Kindergarten teachers and staff with valuable information about each student's individual development and learning skills. This year Kindergarten teachers **Vicki Macpherson** and **Nicole Dane** will be screening each incoming kindergarten student the week of **June 20 -22nd**. Screening results will be used to help teachers determine the best possible programming options for each child including possible enrollment in our RTI Summer Academy.
- We continue our initiative to become a Responsive School and adopt the Responsive Classroom tenets within our school. This approach to teaching emphasizes academic, social, and emotional growth in a strong school community. *Beginning July 11th classroom teachers **Sandy Reid, Erin Tierney, Rebecca Hawkes, Samantha Dignan** and school counselor **Joanne Dufour** will attend a week long course in Concord to receive training to become certified Responsive Classroom teachers. **Bridgette Fuller** and **Julie Lemire** will attend the advanced course.* At Florence Rideout Elementary School, we believe that *how* children learn is as important as *what* they learn, and that academic success is inextricably tied to building social-emotional competencies.
- Technology educator **Meredith Raboin** will be offering a **LEGO WeDo Robotic Camp** for Florence Rideout students. Students will learn basic programming and simple engineering concepts as they build their own robots using the LEGO WeDo Kits. The two summer sessions will begin **July 17th - July 28th**.
- 17 students will be participating in our RTI Summer Academy which will begin **July 11th** and run through **August 14th**. Kindergarten Teacher **Vicki Macpherson**, Reading Specialist **Tammy Cargill** and Title One Tutor **Kim Swanson** will provide small group remedial reading and math instruction for students entering Kindergarten through grade 3. Selected students who were invited to attend the RTI Summer Academy will continue with their instruction to help promote academic growth, build confidence with their reading and math skills, and prevent summer regression.

Respectfully submitted,

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