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Lyndeborough Central School/Florence Rideout Elementary School

We are in full spring assessment mode at Florence Rideout Elementary School. Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 are completing **NHSAS**. This assessment is taken online and measures student performance on both English Language Arts, Science and Mathematics. Students are demonstrating excellent test-taking strategies and completing the assessment in a timely fashion.

Kindergarten Parent Orientation was held on Thursday, **May 3rd** at Lyndeborough Central School. The orientation included introductions of several school staff members followed by an informative presentation for parents, conducted by the kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Nicole Dane and Mrs. Vicki MacPherson. This included the daily schedule for the full day program and procedures around transportation and food service were discussed.

Staff Appreciation Week was held the week of **April 30th- May 4th**. The PTO organized an amazing daily breakfast and lunch throughout the week for all staff.

The annual **Celebration of Learning** is planned for Florence Rideout Elementary School on Thursday, **May 17th**. Each classroom will contain artifacts that demonstrate student knowledge of curriculum in writing, technology, math, science and social studies. 5th grade students will present their *Wax Museum* historical figure biography projects in the gymnasium, 4th grade students will be trading their homemade products during the *Economics Fair*, student art will on display in the *Art Show*. The event is coordinated with the annual *PTO Potluck Dinner* and *Basket Raffle*.

Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have been hard at work preparing for our annual **Spring Concert** under the direction of their music teacher, Mrs. Kristi Aparo. This year's concert includes performances by the Florence Rideout Chorus Band and the musical "Pirates!" Students will perform on Wednesday, **May 23rd**. Show starts promptly at 6:00 pm in the FRES Gymnasium.

Several field trips are planned for the month of May: **May 18th**: 5th grade field trip to Sturbridge Village, **May 21st**: 2nd grade field trip to Seacoast Science Center; **May 22nd**: 3rd grade field trip to Squam Lakes Natural Science Center; **May 23rd**: 1st grade field trip to Peabody Mills Environmental Science center and **May 25th**: 4th grade field trip to NH State House & Salmon Fry release.

To show our appreciation for all who support our schools we will be hosting a **"Thanks-a-Bunch!" Brunch** on Wednesday **May 30th**. Invitations for this special event will be sent **May 17th**.

Several events have been planned to assist students with the process of transitioning to their new schools. Kindergarten students will have **Step-up Day** on Thursday, **June 6th**. Students will tour Florence Rideout Elementary School, meet their new teachers, enjoy a snack in the cafeteria and play on the playground. Incoming Kindergarten students are invited to attend Lyndeborough Central School on **Welcome Day**, Friday, **May 25th**. The purpose of this day is for the incoming Kindergarten students to become acquainted with the kindergarten classroom, teachers and expectations. Students will be able to visit the playground, enjoy a snack, and tour the school. The fifth grade students will spend **Step-up Day** on **June 6th** touring Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle/High School and meeting with their teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

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