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**Principal's Report: 11/14/2017**

**Florence Rideout Elementary School/Lyndeborough Central School**

The success of our students comes from the team of parent, teacher and student working together to achieve the goals we want to reach. We will be hosting our annual fall parent conferences November 13<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition to sharing progress towards grade level competencies with our new Learning Profiles, parents and teachers will review individual student reports from our new STAR 360 Assessment and the statewide Smarter Balanced Assessment.

Our grade level Professional Learning Teams continue to meet weekly. The focus of these meetings is curriculum, assessment and instruction. Professional Learning Teams have continued to move our elementary schools to implementing a competency based education system. Dr. Julie Heon has led teams in the process of unit development and the beginning of high quality authentic performance assessments that will provide evidence of student competency. Our Professional Learning Teams meet to review data from multiple sources and discuss how it can be used to improve instruction and student outcomes. These meetings led by RTI Coordinator Michelle Locke, lead to group ownership and responsibility, improved data literacy, and ultimately enhance student growth and achievement.

Staff have continued to expand their understanding and practice of our Balanced Literacy and Reader's Workshop model. They have had the opportunity to participate in several coaching sessions with Tammy Cargill and Stephanie Maze-Tsu. During these sessions the coaches model a lesson, observe classroom teachers instruct and then provide teachers with feedback. The support provided through this model has been very effective in moving this initiative forward.

Many other events that are scheduled for the month of November include the annual PTO Scholastic Book Fair and "All For Books" Campaign and the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot Food Drive on November 17<sup>th</sup> to support the Wilton Open Cupboard Pantry. These events organized by many dedicated staff and parents promote a culture of support and caring within our school.

Finally, I would like to congratulate 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, Brycen Kushner and Cianne Peckens who have been selected as our Students of the Month for November.

Respectfully,

Tim O'Connell, Principal