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Principal's Report 1/9/2018

On **January 11<sup>th</sup>**, I plan to attend a conference for Project Lead the Way at NHTI in Concord. At this conference I hope to learn about PLTW K-12 Curriculum Programs that integrate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Our Math Lab program offered to our third grade students has had strong participation. We are now offering a similar opportunity for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the afternoon on Tuesday and Thursdays beginning **January 4<sup>th</sup>**. During the afternoon Math Lab, students will work with various computer programs and games that offer additional practice with math facts and reinforce various math skills and concepts.

Star 360 will be administered to all students K-5 during the week of **January 16<sup>th</sup>** through the **19<sup>th</sup>**. Students are assessed in both reading and math. The STAR 360 assessment gives us information about each student's instructional level and also measures academic growth throughout the year. Teachers use the information from the STAR 360 test to assess student progress, make adjustments to their instruction, and implement strategies that best meet each student's individual needs. The second reporting period will come to an end on **January 19<sup>th</sup>**. Learning Profiles, as well as Star 360 reports, will be sent home with students on **January 26<sup>th</sup>**.

The second annual Florence Rideout Elementary School Scripps Spelling Bee will be held on **January 18<sup>th</sup>**. The purpose of the Bee is to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabulary and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms will hold a classroom bee to determine a class champion and class runner-up. These students will then compete in the school wide bee to determine a school champion to compete at the New Hampshire State Bee later in the month of February.

Our next staff development day is scheduled for **Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Staff at LCS and FRES will continue their learning around Balanced Literacy and Reader's Workshop. Stephanie Maze-Tsu from Teachers Learners Alliance will be providing staff with strategies around effective student conferencing and reading comprehension.

Mrs. Cathy Hamilton, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher will be taking an extended medical leave. It is anticipated that her medical leave will continue for approximately eight weeks and commence in early February 2018. Ms. Rebecca LaCourse will serve as a long term substitute teacher during her medical leave. Please join me in wishing Mrs. Hamilton and her family the very best in her recovery.

Congratulations to Isabella Jaffe 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student from Mrs. Heather Desmarais class and Owen Pearsall from Mrs. Rebecca Hawkes class. They have been named the "Students of the Month" for January.

Sincerely,  
Tim O'Connell  
Principal