

# FLORENCE RIDEOUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Florence Rideout Elementary School and Lyndeborough Central School

### Principal's Report 2/6/2018

Student reports from our most recent Star 360 Assessment were sent home with parents along with 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. learning profiles. We continue to use the individual student data to monitor progress and the effectiveness of our Tier 2 interventions. During our professional Day on **Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, time was devoted to analyze results and formulate student action plans with RTI coordinator Michelle Locke. Teams also analyzed grade level results to identify curriculum standards that are a relative weaknesses. School-wide results are included in the curriculum coordinators report.

The FRES/LCS PTO continues to actively support our students and school. On **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** a family game night/Potluck Dinner was held in the FRES gymnasium. Educational games were enjoyed by families. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students volunteered as game gurus to teach families these new games and promote sales. Funds raised from this event will help offset the cost of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade year book for students and families.

Throughout, January and February classroom teachers have had an opportunity to participate coaching sessions with Reading Specialist Tammy Cargill and Stephanie Maze-Tsu consultant from TLA. During these sessions the coaches observe classroom teachers instruct and then provide teachers with feedback. In addition to these coaching sessions training around next steps with this [program was a primary focus for our professional development day on **Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The implementation of this new program has been successful thus far and staff are becoming more familiar with the format and the new instructional practices and strategies.

February is American Heart Month students in will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. The Jump Rope for Heart is our annual fundraiser for the American Heart Association and it's fight against heart disease and stroke. This event, coordinated by physical education teacher, Fritz Shenk, has Students jumping rope and collect pledges. Funds raised are donated to the American Heart Association and are used for research, heart education and training programs. Students will be motivated to support this with a special visit from the "*Hot Shots*" jump rope troupe on **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

In the spirit of the Winter Olympics, classes at Florence Rideout will be competing in our "Go for the Gold" bobsled reading challenge. Each class will race or "read" their bobsled down our stairway bobsled track in an attempt to reach the goal of 5000 minutes by **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Our second annual Scripps Spelling Bee was held on **January 18<sup>th</sup>** at Florence Rideout Elementary School. We are proud of all of our participants and their accomplishments. Anya Zoltko 5<sup>th</sup> grade student and School champion will represent Florence Rideout Elementary School at the state Spelling Bee in Concord on **February 24<sup>th</sup>**. We wish her the best of luck!

Once again it is time to plan our Kindergarten Registration. Kindergarten Registration for the upcoming school year will begin on **Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** with an evening registration event from 5-7 pm at the Lyndeborough Central School. Staff and administration will be on hand to meet students and families and to answer questions. Registration will continue daily from 9-2 pm. Information for parents about registration requirements and process can be found on the district website.

Sincerely,  
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Principal