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## Principal's Report 3/6/18

During the next few month's students will be taking the New Hampshire Statewide Assessments. These assessments are taken by all students in third through fifth grade throughout the state. The assessments measure a student's understanding of academic content and skills in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science (5<sup>th</sup> grade). The testing will occur in stages in April and May. During the week of February 12<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> students participated in the New Hampshire Statewide Interim Assessment. Results from this assessment will be analyzed by teaching staff in March to guide further instruction.

The second session of our school wide enrichment program, Odyssey begins the week of March 5<sup>th</sup>. This session several enrichment clusters or courses were created with an emphasis around STEAM. This program has students engaged in a variety learning activities in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Courses for the spring session include Water Rockets, WeDo Lego Robotics, and Adventure Course Design.

The 2018 Artist in Residence Program will feature Ms. Shana Brautigam. Ms. Brautigam is a professional potter and teaching artist specializing in in hand-built wood fired pottery. The week long residence will focus on students in third grade. Students will create a hand built rattle sculpted into an animal that will be wood fired on school grounds. The portable kiln uses wood and sawdust for fuel. Firing the clay with wood creates a range of beautiful earth tones and unique surface effects. Students in other grades will also complete a smaller project and learn about the wood firing process with Mrs. Brautigam. Thank you to the FRES/LCS PTO for providing support for this program.

Students and staff will celebrate Read Across America Week, March 19<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. This week is sponsored by the NEA and coincides with famed children's author Dr. Seuss. Several events are planned that promote literacy including DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) periods throughout the week, pocket-poem recital, Book Bingo, classroom doorway decorating. Guest readers from the community have been invited to read to students on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The third reporting quarter comes to an end on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Learning Profiles will be sent home with students on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Our second quarterly C.A.R.E.S. "Walk of the Stars" student recognition assembly will be held on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Several students will receive recognition for demonstrating our Habits of Learning: Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self Control.

Congratulations to our Students of the Month for March, Kindergarteners Saige Peckens in Mrs. MacPherson class and Matthew Caragher from Mrs. Dane's class. We are very proud of their accomplishments!

Sincerely,

Tim O'Connell  
Principal