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Principal's Report 12/11/2018

On November 16th, students participated in the 8th annual Turkey Trot and Food Drive. Both were a huge success! Florence Rideout students and staff collected 943 canned goods and non-perishable items to support the Wilton Open Cupboard Pantry! We are very fortunate to have supportive families and community members that support this food drive and organization.

Students at Florence Rideout Elementary School participated in *Hour of Code* activities the week of December 3rd, under the direction of our technology teacher, Ms. Stephanie Loiselle. The *Hour of Code* started as a one-hour introduction to computer science designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities but expanding to all sorts of community efforts.

On December 6th, members of the Universal Design Team conducted walkthroughs in classrooms at Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle High School and Florence Rideout Elementary School. These walkthroughs focused on observing lessons that have identified potential barriers to student learning and incorporate strategies that eliminate or circumvent these barriers to address the diverse needs of students. The lessons incorporated strategies that account for student variability in terms of engagement, expression and assessment. Our district is truly fortunate to be on the forefront of this statewide initiative.

We continued our focus on improving math instruction and collaboration with Ann Mordecai, consultant from *Demonstrated Success*, during the Early Release Day on December 10th. Staff analyzed data from our new monthly fact fluency assessment, NHSAS Modular assessments, and STAR 360 math benchmarks. Using the information gleaned from this analysis we will determine the effectiveness of our instructional practices in the areas of math fact automaticity and word problem solving strategies and propose "next steps".

This year our first, second, and third grade students will perform "*40 Winks*" on December 18th at 6:30pm -7:30 pm under the direction of our music teacher Mrs. Claudette Barker.

On December 22nd the Wilton Community Center will be putting out a luminara display along Main Street. A luminara is simply a candle in a white paper bag, but the effect is magical. Again this year FRES students, under the direction of our art teacher Mr. Greg Lamers will be decorating for their individual luminara. Please look for our student's artwork displayed and illuminated downtown!

I will host the annual waffle staff holiday breakfast with help from Kristi Legere and Deb Roske on Friday, December 14th.

The staff at FRES and LCS recognizes the importance of giving back to our communities. The staff has collected paper goods throughout the month of November and December to support the Wilton Community Christmas Store. A "Giving Tree" has been established containing wish list items and necessities for local families and children in need. Mrs. Kim Sheridan our school nurse coordinated this event with staff.

The Full-day Kindergarten program at LCS has already yielded positive results in terms of student foundational literacy and reading skills as measured by the STAR 360 Early Literacy assessment.

STAR 360 Early Literacy Benchmark Assessment	Total Instructional Hours	Average Scaled Score	% above Proficient
January 2017	250-260	511	31%
November 2018	280-290	542	74%

It appears that the increase in the instructional hours coupled with the implementation of the W.I.N. intervention program has already made a significant impact on our Kindergarten students progress towards becoming ready to read.

We are very proud of, Evan Kimball and Sydney Beam, 3rd grade students from FRES, who both were named the Students of the Month for December. Congratulations!

Sincerely,
Timothy O'Connell