

FLORENCE RIDEOUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

18 TREMONT STREET

WILTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03086

(603) 654-6714 Main

(603) 654-3490 Fax

Timothy O'Connell, Principal

Jo Anne Dufour, School Counselor

Florence Rideout Elementary School and Lyndeborough Central School

Principal's Report 2/6/2019

Student reports from our most recent Star 360 Assessment were sent home with parents along with 2nd qtr. learning profiles on **Friday January 25th 2019**. We continue to use the individual student data to monitor progress and the effectiveness of our instruction. Grade level IMPACT meetings is time 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 relative weaknesses. School-wide results are included in the curriculum coordinators report.

Staff engaged in multiple learning opportunities on our **Friday February 1st** professional development day. The morning was spent at WLC. Staff began the day with breakfast and a Cigna employee wellness seminar on effective communication. The rest of morning staff engaged in cross district content area conversations. Our focus of these session revolved around the key question(s), "What are grade level/course student's strengths/struggles in this core subject area?" In the afternoon, elementary school staff worked with math consultant Ann Mordecai from Demonstrated Success. Grade level teams reviewed student performance data and adjusted their action plans, learned about integrating authentic and engaging math projects, and explored mathematical practices.

The FRES/LCS PTO continues to actively support our students and school. On **Friday, February 15th** a family formal dance is planned in the FRES gymnasium. This will be a fun-filled evening including music, dancing, and games.

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, Mr. Fritz Shenk, will have students jumping rope and collecting pledges. Funds raised are donated to the American Heart Association and are used for research, heart education and training programs.

Please join me in congratulating our music teacher, Mrs. Claudette Barker. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Department of NH has announced Mrs. Barker as the state winner of this year's Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Mrs. Barker was selected from entries submitted to VFW Posts across NH. Merrimack VFW Post 8641 and its Auxiliary in Merrimack NH sponsored Claudette. She will now compete for the VFW Teacher of the Year award.

Our third annual Scripps Spelling Bee was held on **Wednesday, January 23th** at Florence Rideout Elementary School. We are proud of all of our participants, Cole Legere, Natalie Bergstrom, Eila O'Toole, Logan Pixley, Jackson Galzarano, Madelyn Hall, Korey Begley and Logan Blais. Our School champion, Logan Blais will represent Florence Rideout Elementary School at the state Spelling Bee in Concord on **February 23rd**. We wish him the best of luck!

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-20 school year will begin on **Wednesday, March 20th** 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.

We are very proud of first grade students, Colby Kenney, Avery Niquette and Sylvie Staplefeld. They have been named the February Students of the Month!

Sincerely,

Tim O'Connell
Principal