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Principal's Report 4/9/2019**Lyndeborough Central School/Florence Rideout Elementary School**

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-20 school year is underway. The registration period began on **March 20th**. As of April 1st, we have a total of 23 Kindergarten students registered for the 2019-20 school year.

April is Autism Awareness Month. Florence Rideout Elementary School and Lyndeborough Central school are participating in a fundraiser in an effort to support the research and families that have children with Autism. Join the R.I.S.E Program at FRES and LCS in showing your understanding, acceptance, and love of autism by buying a puzzle piece. All puzzle pieces will be displayed in Florence Rideout Elementary School lobby.

During the weeks of **April 9th** through **April 12th**, 3rd, 4th and 5th students at Florence Rideout Elementary School will engage in English Language Arts portion of the new *New Hampshire Statewide Assessment*. This assessment measures a student's understanding of academic content and skills in Reading, Writing, Language conventions and Listening comprehension. The 5th grade students will continue with the Science portion on **April 15th** and **16th**. The purpose of the New Hampshire State wide assessment is to determine if students are meeting the state's expectations and will provide a better picture of where students are succeeding and where they need help.

On Monday **March 25th**, I joined other members from our district UDL (Universal Design for Learning) team at the Grappone Conference in Concord, NH. Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a framework to improve and optimize teaching and learning for all students based on scientific insights into how humans learn. On **April 12**, Neil Alberio from CAST visited Florence Rideout to observe instruction in 2nd grade teacher Heather Desmarais and 5th grade teacher Erin Tierney classrooms. These teachers designed lessons that incorporated several UDL principles. We are very excited to be part of this statewide initiative and continue to develop our understanding of how these principles can impact our instructional practices and ultimately student learning.

Math consultants Ann Mordecai and Lisa Sweet from *Demonstrated Success* will visit all classrooms on **April 15** and **17th** to observe teachers deliver lessons that focused on problem solving and the application of math skills and strategies. Teachers have spent time during Professional Learning teams collaborating and developing lessons that focus on mathematical

practices and problem solving practices. Feedback based on the lesson observations was delivered to grade level teams on **Friday, April 19th**.

3rd, 4th and 5th grade chorus students will be performing the National Anthem at Delta Dental Stadium on **April 6th** for a New Hampshire Fisher Cats Game.

Physical Education teacher, Mr. Fritz Shenk has planned his annual *Jump Rope for Heart* events at Florence Rideout Elementary School. Throughout the month of April, students will be jumping rope to raise awareness for the American Heart Association

Respectfully submitted,

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