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Kindergarten Parent Orientation was held on *Thursday, May 2nd* at the Lyndeborough Central School. The orientation included an informative presentation for parents and an overview of the curriculum and daily schedule conducted by the kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Nicole Dane, Ms. Taylor McArdle and Mrs. Vicki MacPherson. We discussed daily procedures, transportation protocols, medical information, and our kindergarten screening process. Other staff members included RTI Coordinator Mrs. Michelle Locke, Food Service Manager Mrs. Deb Roske, School Counselor, Mrs. Joann Dufour, and School Nurse Mrs. Laura Gifford.

Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 are completing *NHSAS Mathematics assessment* the week of *May 6th-10th*. This assessment is taken online and measures how well our students are meeting learning expectations in relation to state standards. Students are demonstrating excellent test-taking strategies and completing the assessment in a timely fashion.

Staff Appreciation Week was held the week of *May 6th- May 10th*. The PTO organized an amazing daily breakfast and lunch throughout the week for all staff.

The annual *Celebration of Learning* is planned for Florence Rideout Elementary School on *Thursday, May 22nd*. Each classroom will contain projects and artifacts that demonstrate student knowledge of curriculum in writing, technology, math, science and social studies. 5th grade students will present the *Hallway of History* Colonial America Timeline, 4th grade students will be trading their homemade products during the *Economics Fair* and all students will have art on display in the *Art Show*. The event is coordinated with the annual *PTO Potluck Dinner* and *Spring Basket Raffle*.

Our 4th and 5th grade students have been hard at work preparing for our annual *Spring Concert* under the direction of their music teacher, Mrs. Claudette Barker. This year's concert includes performances by the Florence Rideout Chorus and the 4th and 5th grade musical "*Juke Box Time Machine!*" Students will perform on *Thursday, May 30th*. Show starts promptly at 6:00 pm in the FRES Gymnasium.

Several field trips are planned for the month of May: *May 10th*: 3rd grade field trip to Squam Lakes Natural Science Center; *May 23rd*: 2nd grade field trip to Seacoast Science Center; *May*

29th: 1st grade field trip to Peabody Mills Environmental Science Center and May 31st: 4th grade field trip to NH State House.

To show our appreciation for all who support our schools we will be hosting a “*Thanks-a-Bunch!*” Brunch on Friday, May 17th. Invitations for this special event will be delivered on May 8th.

Our literacy partnership with our local libraries continues to grow. All students in grades, 1 and 2 will be visiting the *Gregg Free Library* on May 20th and 21st to receive their library card, listen to a story, and check out books. Mr. Chance Joyner Youth Librarian, is scheduled to speak to students on Tuesday, June 6th about the *Summer Reading Programs* at the Gregg Free Library. A special interactive performance is planned that afternoon to kick-off the summer reading program and to encourage our students to participate.

Several events have been planned to assist students with the process of transitioning to their new schools. Kindergarten students will have *Kindergarten Step-up Day* on Tuesday, June 4th. Students will tour Florence Rideout Elementary School, meet their new teachers, enjoy a snack in the cafeteria and play on the playground. Incoming Kindergarten students are invited to attend Lyndeborough Central School on *Welcome Day*, Friday, May 24th. The purpose of this day is for the incoming Kindergarten students to become acquainted with the kindergarten classroom, teachers and expectations. Students will be able to visit the playground, enjoy a snack, and tour the school. The fifth grade students will spend *Middle School Step-up Day* on Wednesday, June 5th touring Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle/High School and meeting with their teachers.

A highlight of every school year is the annual end of year *Field Day* events. These are planned for Friday, June 7th at Florence Rideout Elementary School and Tuesday, June 11th at Lyndeborough Central School. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers and community member for supporting these fun events. A very special thank you to Kara Bausha, Stephanie Caragher, Stephania Richards and Nicole Dane who planned and organized these events for our students and staff to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy O’Connell- Principal