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Principal's Report 4/4/2017**Lyndeborough Central School/Florence Rideout Elementary School**

- Our third quarterly student recognition assembly the “C.A.R.E.S.” *Olympiad of Character* was held on **Friday, March 31st** in the Florence Rideout Gymnasium. The following students were recognized for demonstrating our Habits of Learning: Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy and Self Control:
 - Cooperation:** Esme Howe, Julianna Creighton, Sam Fish, Chris Mannarino, Destiny Lajoie, Caiden Lambert, Charlotte McCoy, Emma Blais, Madison Clough, Damian Demanche, Ryan Green, Amiyah Wilkins and Cheyenne Robillard.
 - Assertion:** Brittney Rackliff, Lydia Vanderhoof, Evan Crotty, Marc Arsenault, Kendra Shepherd, Jaden Petrin, Savannah Brown, Cole Evans, Olivia Hussey, Sean Witt, Eli Fish, Ella Wibben, Paige Johnson, and Briana Fish
 - Responsibility:** Leah Crawley, Lauren Geary, Francesca Ansaldo, Cole Legere, Daxtin Richard, Eva Roy, Corey Begley, Levi Hyde, Wyatt Carter, Harrison Krug, Mia Gorman, Dawson Miner, Jacob Phillips and Adriana Bausha
 - Empathy:** Carver Nickerson, Sean Bickerton, Jaired Bolduc, Dane Lafleur, Noah Lumibao, Emily Gustafson, Ebben Drew-Mochrie, Kenan Medic, Brycen Kushner, Annabel Hazen, Vinny White, Ashleigh Robbins, Maya Gendron, and Sam Moore
 - Self-Control:** Sydney Beam, McKenna Crouse, Riley Kenney, Eila O’Toole, Emily Freeman, Hannah Degan, Opale Barrick, Madison Labrecque, Logan Blais, Gabby Parker, Wil O’Toole, Abram Peters, Michael Ducharme and Kayla Sours
- *Kindergarten registration* for the 2017-18 school year is underway. The registration period began on **March 16th** and will continue until **April 20th**. As of April 1st, we have a total of 23 Kindergarten students registered and 12 students participating in the Extended Day Program.
- On March 23rd, 5th Grade students shared their knowledge of the scientific process with parents and students at our first Science Fair. This event, coordinated by 5th grade teacher Mr. George Zink, had students share results of their individual investigations such as “What materials affect the strength of a wireless signal?” “Where are most bacteria in my house?”, and “What plastic bag holds the most weight?”
- We are excited to begin the second session of our *Odyssey* program. Students have selected their enrichment clusters which include Clay –Stop Animation, LEGO We-DO Robotics, Water Bottle Rockets and Plaster sculptures among many others. Students and staff are looking

forward to participating in another engaging session where they can continue to explore their talents and passions.

- During the weeks of **April 10th** through **May 12th**, students at Florence Rideout Elementary School will engage in the *Smarter Balanced Assessment*. This assessment is mandated by the State of New Hampshire. The *Smarter Balanced Assessment* is administered to all students in third through fifth grade, and measures a student's understanding of academic content and skills in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. The purpose of the Smarter Balanced assessment is to determine if students are meeting the state's expectations for mathematics, reading, and writing and will provide a better picture of where students are succeeding and where they need help.
- Our fourth grade students are again participating in the *Fit Kids* health education outreach program. This program is provided to local schools through Dr. Chuck Cappetta's office.
- As part of our competency based reporting system, staff will be conducting *Spring Parent Conferences* during the week of **April 3rd - 7th**. This will be an opportunity for classroom teachers to share individual student progress towards proficiency with parents as we approach the end of school year. Learning profiles will be disseminated to parents during these conferences
- Several field trips are planned for the month of April. Fourth grade students will be visiting the *Tsongas Industrial History Museum* on Tuesday, **April 11th**
- 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. Last year students raised \$6,765 and this year's goal is to raise \$7000 for this worthy cause.
- We are very excited to host the annual *New Hampshire Music Educators Association Music Festival* this spring on **Saturday, April 8th** at Florence Rideout Elementary School. The Florence Rideout Elementary School Chorus has participated in this event, held at various schools throughout the state, every year for 16 years. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be performing several songs under the direction of our Music teacher, Ms. Kristina Levick.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy O'Connell