

Principal's Report 9/13/2016 - **Lyndeborough Central School/Florence Rideout Elementary School**

- We are off to a great start to the 2016-17 school year! We had a successful first day of school on **Thursday, September 1st**. Students were very excited about the many changes to the building and had lots of questions about their new school. Enrollment on the first day at the Early Learning Center and Florence Rideout was as follows:

Preschool 3's	6
Preschool 4's	10
Kindergarten	38 Extended Kindergarten = 20
First Grade	48
Second Grade	42
Third Grade	40
Fourth Grade	52
Fifth Grade	37

- On **Thursday, August 27th**, I led staff in day in a day of professional development including a review of competency based education as it pertains to elementary schools. Grade level professional learning teams will begin the development of performance assessments and time was spent sharing and reviewing our new competency based "Student Learning Profile" report card. Time was also spent reviewing student NWEA data to develop Professional Learning Team Student Learning objectives.
- Florence Rideout and Lyndeborough Central staff convened the afternoon of **Monday, September 29th** for building based staff meeting to review protocols, expectations and goals for the 2016-17 school year. On **Tuesday, August 30th** staff were busy preparing classrooms and convened for a luncheon provided by the FRES/LCS PTO.
- We have several new staff joining us this year, we are fortunate to have **Ms. Meredith Raboin** will guiding students through the use of technology as our new technology integrator and computer teacher. **Ms. Kimberly Meyer** supporting students as new Special Educator at Florence Rideout. Numerous staff have new roles and or school assignments **Ms. Erin Tierney** (5th Grade) and **Ms. Sandy Reid** (Special Education) round out the 4th grade team grade team. Supporting students in the RISE ABA program we welcome several new staff including **Ms. Amber Casavant** BCBA and ABA Therapists, **Ms. Jessica Post**, **Ms. Jamie Arsenault** and Speech Language Pathologist **Ms. Kim Kershlis** We welcome all of our new staff and know that their contributions to our students will be many!
- **Meet & Greets** were held the afternoon of **August 31st** at Lyndeborough Central School from 1-2 pm and at Florence Rideout Elementary School form 2-3 pm. Both events were very well attended by families. These events help our younger student feel less anxious and more easily adjust to their new school and classrooms.
- On **Tuesday, September 6th** the first issue of the FRES "Fox Flyer" was disseminated to all parents and students. This monthly publication will contain an overview of upcoming events, classroom updates, and other important information for students and parents. A special "Kit's Korner" section will update families regarding the Early Learning Center It is our hope that we can eventually go paperless and email the "Fox Flyer" home to parents and community members.

- Our first fire drills were held on *September 2nd* at both FRES and LCS. Members of each building's crisis team reviewed procedures prior to the drill. Students and staff were commended for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

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