

Principal's Report 4/5/2016 - Lyndeborough Central School/Florence Rideout School

- Kindergarten registration for the 2016-17 school year is underway. The registration period began on **March 17th** and will continue until **April 22nd**. As of April 1st, we have a total of 31 Kindergarten students registered and 18 students participating in the Extended Day Program.
- Throughout the month of April, third, fourth and fifth grade students at both Florence Rideout will engage in the new *Smarter Balanced Assessment*. This assessment replaces the NECAP test and will more closely measures a student's understanding of academic content and skills in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. This assessment is mandated by the state of New Hampshire. The purpose of the Smarter Balanced assessment is to determine if students and schools are meeting the state's expectations for mathematics, reading, and writing. It will provide a better picture of where students are succeeding and where they need help.
- Physical Education teacher **Mr. Fritz Shenk** has planned his annual Jump Rope for Heart event at Florence Rideout Elementary School. Throughout the month of April, students will be jumping rope to raise awareness for the American Heart Association. This year's goal is \$7,500.
- On **April 4th**, students and staff participated in World Autism Awareness Day. This year's theme "Light it Up Blue" students and staff raised awareness by wearing blue.
- The Florence Rideout Garden Committee has been very active this spring as we prepare our school yard garden. Classes have planted seeds in late February and many have begun to sprout. In many classes, students have been maintaining very active vermicomposting or "worm" bins creating nutrient rich compost. Fifth grade students worked with Volunteer **Mr. Mike Roske** and our custodian **Mr. Dan Lasala** to construct two greenhouses that will contain our school yard vegetable garden. All students will work to fill our greenhouses with soil on **Monday, April 4th**. The School yard Garden project has made great progress thanks to the generosity of the Whole Kids Foundation and the dedicated Florence Rideout Garden committee, **Mrs. Deb Roske**, **Mrs. Diana Zoltko**, and **Mrs. Becky Hawkes**.
- The arts are alive in April at Florence Rideout! We are thrilled to host **Mrs. Lizz Van Saun** from Kast Hill Studios as our Artist in Residence at Florence Rideout Elementary School. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will learn about mosaics and have an opportunity to work first hand with Mrs. Van Saun and our Art teacher **Mrs. Amanda Luter** as they create several colored glass mosaics for display in our school. Mrs. Van Saun will be working with our students during the week of **April 4th -8th**.
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- The Florence Rideout Theater Club has been rehearsing for their production of "*Circus, Circus*". This is a must see event! An afternoon performance on Friday, **April 8th** at 1:30 is open to the greater community. Many thanks to our dedicated theater club parents and

other volunteers who have devoted their time and efforts to provide this opportunity for our students! It is going to be the "Greatest Show on Earth"!

- Florence Rideout Chorus students under the direction of our Music teacher, Ms. Kristina Levick have been preparing and rehearsing for the annual Music festival in Bedford, NH on Saturday, **April 16th**.
- Several field trips are planned for the month of April. On **April 14th** the 5th grade will be travelling to the Boston Museum of Science. The 4th grade field trip to Tsongas Industrial History Center is scheduled for **April 20th**.
- Progress Reports will be distributed to all students on **April 15th**.
- Congratulations to Evan Kimball Mrs. Dane's Kindergarten class and Isabella Jaffe who have been named April's Students of the Month

Respectfully submitted,



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