

- We will have concluded **Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC)** by Thursday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>**. This assessment was administered to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. This assessment is taken online and measures student performance on both English Language Arts and Mathematics Common Core State Standards. All students did a fantastic job and worked very hard on completing this assessment.
- The **NECAP Science Assessment** will be administered to all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Florence Rideout and during the week of **May 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>**.
- A **Kindergarten Parent Orientation** will be held on Thursday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 in the Multi-purpose room at Lyndeborough Central School. This orientation will include introductions of several school staff members followed by an informative presentation for parents, conducted by the kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Nicole Dane and Mrs. Vicki MacPherson, will depict a typical Kindergarten day. Information regarding the Extended-Day Program will be provided by Mrs. Theresa Waller.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have been hard at work preparing and rehearsing for our annual **Spring Concert** under the direction of their music teacher, Ms. Kristi Levick. This is a must see event! Students will perform on Thursday, **May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Shows start promptly at 6:30 pm in the FRES Gymnasium.
- From **May 16<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>**, all students will complete the spring **NWEA –MAP assessment**. This assessment is given three times a year as a way to determine students' progress in math and reading. This assessment is adaptive so it matches questions with the students' abilities and their results are recorded into a database for future reference.
- Several field trips are planned for the month of May: **May 6<sup>th</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>** grade field trip to Mt. Kearsarge Museum, **May 19<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>** grade field trip to Sturbridge Village, **May 19<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>** grade field trip to NH State House & Salmon Fry release, **May 27<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>** grade field trip to Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, **May 27<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>** grade field trip to Seacoast Science Center.
- A special program titled "**Let Your Star Shine**" will be presented to students by T.I.G.E.R. (Theatre Integrating Guidance, Education and Responsibility) and guidance Counselor Joanne Dufour. The focus of the program, scheduled for Wednesday, **May 18<sup>th</sup>**, is to encourage young people to accept themselves and others by promoting self-esteem.
- Several professional development activities scheduled for the Early Release day on **May 20<sup>th</sup>**, include the elementary school staff continuing their work with Mrs. Dolores Fox on developing competency based reporting.
- Ms. Stephanie Loiselle, Youth Librarian, is scheduled to speak to students on Wednesday, **May 25<sup>th</sup>** about the **Summer Reading Program** at the Gregg Free Library. A special interactive performance by musician, author and illustrator, Keith Munslow 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 **Step-up Day** on Thursday, **May 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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 **Step-up Day** on **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** touring Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle/High School and meeting with their teachers.
- The annual **Celebration of Learning** is planned for Florence Rideout Elementary School on Thursday, **May 26<sup>th</sup>**. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of curriculum by sharing their projects in

writing, technology, math, science and social studies. The event was coordinated with the annual PTO Potluck Dinner.

- **Graduation Ceremonies** are planned for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Florence Rideout on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and on Monday, **June 6<sup>th</sup>**. We are very proud of all our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students!
- A highlight of every school year at Florence Rideout are the annual year-end events which include **Field Day** and **Talent Show**. These events are coordinated by dedicated volunteers including parents Susan Ciatto and Murphy as well as several paraprofessionals, Mrs. Trish Polson, Mrs. Giselle Dailey and Mrs. Stacy Salisbury. Field Day and the Talent Show are scheduled for Friday, **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Respectfully submitted,

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