

Sandown North

News



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*From the desk of
Jo-Ann K. Georgian,
Principal*

Spring is finally here! The warmth of the sunshine rejuvenates us all. Our children are talking about spring sports and outdoor activities of all kinds. Some of our third graders have asked about Third Grade Celebration. It will be held on May 27th, on the fields at Playmates Learning Center. Mrs. DeCristofaro will be sending home information soon, but I know that many of you like to join us that day so perhaps advance notice will allow you to clear your calendar.

Weekly, as you know, we celebrate children's learning. We are lucky to have so many parents attend

Monday Morning Meeting, with some of you earning the title of "regulars". One of our goals is to help the children develop

appropriate audience behaviors. We have decided to play their grade specific music as they enter so that we can create a soothing environment.

Keeping audience noise to a minimum, (if at all) allows us to begin the program as soon as the last class enters. We can then transition from one child or group of children to the next without interruption, allowing for the best use of time. Moving through Monday Morning Meeting quickly and enjoyably results in children's being able to return to class earlier, with little loss of time. We all learn a lot at our celebration but having to stop to remind the children of proper behavior wastes time and interrupts the schedule.

We, as staff, try our best not to engage in our conversations, once the children have entered unless absolutely necessary. Sound carries in the gym and even a little noise is amplified. We appreciate your cooperation in working with us to create a fun, yet peaceful environment.

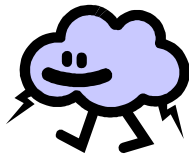
It has been brought to my attention that some of our children are not practicing what they know about bus safety rules lately. Perhaps it is time to review the rules with your child (See attached list.) Read them and

talk about them with your child to be sure s/he understands them. The bus drivers have a huge responsibility – to bring your children home safely. The children are expected to follow the rules so that can occur. Thanks for taking the time to talk about bus safety with your child.

It was nice to see so many of you at the Pancake Breakfast! Thanks to PTA for sponsoring it and especially to Sally Morris for arranging the event.

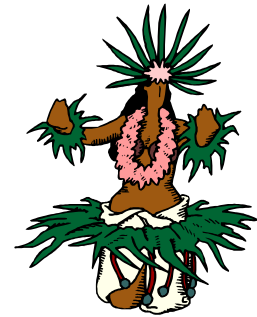


Curriculum Corner



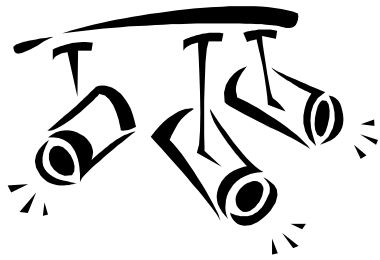
March has been a busy month for visitors to our school. Early in the month, Tim Kelley, meteorologist for NECN, spoke to our second and third grade students. He spoke about the kinds of things he does in his daily work. He shared some map reading skills and the importance of integrating math with interpreting data to make predictions. He is quite animated when presenting to a live audience. The children saw him demonstrate letting a balloon go with his bare feet while he was demonstrating the force of wind! The

second grade science curriculum includes learning about weather, the seasons, the water cycle and how they relate to each other. Third graders review weather in their science curriculum as they study the earth's materials and resources. The students presented Mr. Kelley with a signed copy of *The North Star*, by Peter Reynolds. It was exciting to hear him mention the visit to our school on his evening broadcast after the visit.



Some classes had a visit from Ms. Hiilani Shibata, Education Program Director, from the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, Hawaii. She taught the children the names of some body parts in Hawaiian, and then put them to music, for the children to act out. It was similar to our song, *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*. The instrument she used was an antique ukulele a.k.a. "jumping flea", made from the same kind of wood used to make canoes. Ms. Shibata told the children a folktale of how the rat got its long tail. The flower she wore in her hair inspired her to tell about the fragrant flowers and fruit trees unique to Hawaii. This presentation was especially meaningful for Mrs. Daenz, as she reminisced about her native land. Hiilani was brought to Timberlane through the Teaching US History Grant, written by a member

of our High School staff. The majority of her time has been spent at the High School. We thought it was a wonderful sharing experience for our children to learn about another state in our union.



Spotlight on the Classrooms

Mrs. Hill's class is learning about their five senses. Aside from learning the factual information about their senses and the importance of all, they combined their creative talents with their writing skills and designed their own candies. They learned about procedural writing by writing the recipe for making the candy. They built non-edible prototypes of their candy. The class read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to complement this unit of study and to help make connections for comprehension purposes.

Ms. Allen's class has been carefully monitoring the growth of their amaryllis bulb they planted. It has grown rapidly which has been perfect for learning about measuring, a math skill young children are exposed to from early on. The best tool for learning is something authentic. Ms. Allen was happy to see it blossomed in her favorite

color, orange! Second graders study plant growth as one of their science studies. They drew perspective models of the plant and wrote about the rapid development of the plant.

All of our classrooms have many exciting things happening on a daily basis. We are so happy to share the joy of learning every day with all the children. The children make our school a great place to be!

Notes From The Nurse



Tips For Staying Healthy:

- ✓ Exercise daily
- ✓ Make good food choices
- ✓ Wash hands frequently
- ✓ Drink 6-8 glasses of water daily
- ✓ Water bottles
 - Disposable-use for 1 week only
 - Reusable-wash regularly
- ✓ Change toothbrush as needed and after illness
- ✓ SMILE OFTEN AND LAUGH DAILY



DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 1 - Bingo for Books at
Sandown Central 6:30 pm

April 4,8,11,12,13 - Pre-School
Screening

April 4,11,18 - Monday Morning
Meeting at 8:50 am

April 5 - Professional Development
Day - NO SCHOOL

April 6, 13, 20 - Spanish Club
7:45 am

April 6 - First Grade Field Trip
Capitol Center, Concord, NH

April 7, 14, 21 - Computer Club
3:15 pm

April 9 - Invention Convention
Penacook, NH

April 11 - Second Grade Field Trip
Adams Memorial
Opera House

April 12, 13, 14 - Book Fair

April 16 - Health fest 9am-12 pm
Hampstead Middle School

April 20 - School Wide
Enrichment Day



EARTH DAY

🌸 April 25-29 - Spring Vacation