

June

Sandown North News



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

The year is drawing to a close, but we still do have one solid month of teaching time left. Our children are expected to be actively engaged in their learning during the month of June. When June comes, they and their friends in other communities usually only have a couple of weeks of school left but this year, their friends may be getting out of school for summer vacation but they will still be in school. Teachers will be planning activities that will keep the children moving and learning. We're all hoping the summer heat holds off until July.

This summer there will be a change. I will not be posting the class lists on the door at the end of August. Instead, you will receive two letters by mail in mid-August. Along with my letter, your child's classroom teacher will enclose a letter to you telling you of your child's placement and introducing herself/himself.



We plan to have an Eat and Greet Ice Cream night on August 26th from 6 – 7:30PM as a celebration of

the new school year. You will have an opportunity to meet the teacher with your child and to visit the classroom before we all get together for ice cream. Seeing your child's classroom and meeting the teacher before late September or October will hopefully help you and your child to feel more comfortable and to begin the connection between home and school right away. Your support and involvement is critical to your child's success and our partnership with you is so important. We are so fortunate to have incredible family support and hope that this early open house will become a new tradition.



As we look towards next year, I would like to thank some individuals who have done so much for us this year. Tracy Kripp-Burns has been our Parent Volunteer Coordinator and has encouraged and supported parents in their involvement in our school. At this time last year, I shared with you that Christine Augusta was the out-going PTA President. As you know, she was an Interim President all year this year. We so appreciate her willingness to take the lead again. The PTA continues to think thoughtfully about ways in which they can help support the education of our children and ways in which they can bring families to the school in a fun way. They welcome your input and involvement. As we look towards next

year, we hope that many families...old and new....will get involved with PTA. With increased numbers of people doing the work, we will be able to accomplish so much. Thanks in advance for considering ways in which you can work with us.



On Friday (tomorrow) your children will be treated to a very special Star Quest celebration. I don't think you will have to ask questions about it; I do believe they will come home so excited that the talk will flow. The children have been working all year to be **Safe, Trustworthy, Always Respectful, and Responsible**. Having a common set of expectations and using the same vocabulary has made it so much easier for us all to understand and communicate. As I work with children, they can readily explain to me what the issue is and we can work together to come to resolution. The feedback from parents and families on our surveys, the Parent Input form sent home a few weeks ago, as well as in my personal conversations, has been overwhelmingly positive towards the Star Quest (PBIS) work we have been doing. We will continue to teach, model, and acknowledge desired behaviors in a systematic way throughout the school. This behavior is regularly reinforced and recognized in a myriad number of ways. Monday Morning Meeting is a natural place to be able to do that and the children report that being recognized in that way makes them feel very proud. Having such a positive climate directly impacts learning. We can nudge children forward, supporting them as they take risks in their learning, when they feel safe in their environment.

In closing, I want to wish you a wonderful summer break with your children. Please continue to read.....read.....read.....read.

Practicing math facts and playing math games will also help the children hold onto their math skills. Research clearly shows that children must practice newly learned skills so that they do not regress in their achievement. The town of Sandown offers an exceptional library program every year; hopefully your child will be able to participate in some way.


We hope to be able to welcome you all back to school on August 26th at our Eat and Greet Ice Cream celebration.



Enjoy the summer!

From the Assistant Principal



Welcome ! The end of the school year is quickly approaching, and families are looking forward to

slower days, swimming pools, and beach trips. While our children enjoy relaxing times, we parents tend to wonder how to keep their academic skills in shape between June and September. Our staff would like to tell you about three “summer items” that will be included in the final Sandown Express of the year, and one summer adventure that is not to be missed.



Everyday Mathematics

Packets: Each grade level will be receiving an Everyday mathematics packet that includes directions for games, game cards, making an EDM card deck out of a regular deck of cards, and a suggested “math related” reading list. Our philosophy is that students learn best while playing games. The children are familiar with all the games in the packets because they have played them during the school year. Providing an opportunity for your child to play math games throughout the summer will reinforce skills learned throughout this past year.

Everyday Mathematics Math

Journals: During the school year, students complete math journals as part of our every day programming. Due to the nature of the curriculum, not every math box will be completed. We will be sending home the unfinished journals. We would like to encourage you to have your child finish any blank boxes. This will also help reinforce skills.

Summer Reading List: Read, read, read! That is our summer mantra! The district librarians spend time every

year compiling a summer reading list for your use. Please read to your child, with your child, and ask your child to read to you. Make a game of it. How many books can you read over the summer?

Sandown Town Library: The Sandown Public Library always offers a summer program for school aged children. This year’s theme is: 'Summertime...and the READING is easy!' For specifics, contact the library at 887-3428.



Have a wonderful summer!

*Patrice Liff,
Assistant Principal*

**SANDOWN NORTH
YEARBOOK**

We are now accepting orders for the Sandown North K-3 Yearbook! These professionally published 52 page, full color memorabilia are available for \$6 per book! Please make checks out to Sandown North. Write “yearbook” in the check’s memo area. They will be sent home with your child by June 18th! Please let us know if it is not OK for your child to collect signatures in his or her yearbook.

I would like to order _____ yearbooks.

Attn. Justin Melle

I have enclosed a check for (\$6.00 x _____ yearbooks) = \$_____

Student's Name _____

Student's Teacher _____

Sandown North Wellness Day



One of the highlights of the month of May was our Wellness Day. Students each were able to attend three health related classes held at our school. Our staff collaborated to offer classes in; Food Games, New Food Pyramid, Healthy Food Choices, Bones and Calcium, Growing and Cooking Vegetables, Yoga, Walking and Running, Stretch and Dance, Playground Aerobics, Musical Healthy Food Game, Skeletal System, Healthy Heart Game, Guided Imagery, Relaxation and Body Engine awareness, Watercolor painting with music, Sign Language, Television habits and Bike Safety. Stoneyfield Farm donated yogurt and the Sandown North kitchen donated pretzels for our snack time! Granite State Dairy sponsored The Julie and Brownie Show for a musical conclusion to our healthy day. Thank You to The Sandown North staff, The Wellness committee, the kitchen staff, Stoneyfield Farm and Granite State Dairy for a great day!



**Don't forget. . .use
sunscreen!**

Sandown North Elementary

June, 2009



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Monday Morning Meeting 9:10 am | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Amazing Hero Art Show | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Monday Morning Meeting 1 st gr. Plays 9:10 am | 9 TRMS Jazz Band 1:30pm | 10 | 11 | 12 Flag Day Celebration 9 AM  | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Monday Morning Meeting 9:10 am | 16 3 rd Grade Move Up Day Gr.1 Field Trip | 17 | 18 | 19 Kindergarten Program 10:15 – AM 2:15 – PM Field Trip Gr.3 | 20 |
| 21  | 22 Monday Morning Meeting 9:10 am | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Last Day of School  12:00 Dismissal | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |