

June

Sandown North News

Have a fun summer!



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

Another wonderful year is drawing to an end. It's always bitter-sweet. We recently met our incoming kindergarten students and are looking forward to their becoming part of our school community along with their families. Their older siblings are so proud to be able to show their little brother or sister the lay of the land at our school. However, with that excitement comes sadness that our third graders are moving on to Sandown Central. At their ages, it feels like such a big move for them. Fortunately, they move on together so they get comfortable pretty quickly. Many of our children have expressed concern about the move and we always assure them that with email, they can keep in touch. They can write to any staff member during the summer and I will get the mail to the addressee so children can feel connected. Our "old" children are always welcome to attend

events at our school and to visit with us. Our third graders have been real role models: active learners who worked collaboratively with their peers. They have shown respect for others and have been responsible in completing their tasks. We WILL miss them.



Remember that we are no longer posting class lists on the school door but instead will be sending you the child's class assignment by mid-August. Along with my letter, you will receive one from your child's classroom teacher, telling you of your child's placement and introducing herself/himself.

We plan to have an Eat and Greet Ice Cream night on August 25th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm as a celebration of the beginning of a new school year. You and your child will have a chance to meet your child's teacher and visit the classroom before we all get together for ice cream. Once our children have met their teacher personally and seen their classroom, they should feel more comfortable coming to school on the first day. It gives you a chance to make that first connection with your child's teacher as well. We are so lucky to work so closely with our families and

look forward to continued positive home-school connections.

As this year draws to a close, I would like to thank some people who have done so much for us this year. Tracy Kripp-Burns was our Volunteer Coordinator until circumstances caused her to pass the torch, so to speak, to Samantha Borbone. We appreciate all that both women did to help our parents be involved in our school. I am happy to report that Samantha will continue to be our Volunteer Coordinator next year.



On June 14th, we are having a Flag Day celebration at 9:00 followed by a Parent Appreciation Celebration. We ask you all to join us for some goodies and conversation. It gives us a chance to thank our parents for communicating with us and working so closely with us all year. That's what helps our children be successful. Please join us in the conference room immediately following the Flag Day ceremony.

I would also like to thank Laura McLaughlin and Lisa Poole for being Co-Presidents of our PTA. They welcomed new members to the Board and encourage you to think of getting involved next year. Our PTA supports our children and our staff in many ways, some of which are less obvious than the planned fun events but still very much appreciated. If you are free on the first Wednesday of the month in the evening, we would love to have you join us at our meeting. The more people we have, the more we can accomplish, and the more fun we will have!



On Friday, June 14th, 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. I hope you're able to participate in the summer reading program at the Sandown Public Library. Please continue to practice math facts, play math games, and read....read....read with your children.

We hope to welcome you all back to school on August 25th at our Eat and



Greet Ice Cream celebration!



Enrichment News

What a fun year. We have been inventing, performing, gardening, investigating and experimenting! Student curiosity has led to some very interesting adventures in learning.

Please consider these opportunities for getting involved with these adventures at Sandown North:

*Become a Sandown North Garden Steward: Stop by the school during the summer and help keep the weeds at bay!

If you would like to help with watering contact me (Justin.bentley-melle@timberlane.net) as soon as possible so I can set you up with a hose hook up. If you would like to help the students as they work in our gardens please contact me.

*Become a Destination Imagination Coach, Appraiser, or Volunteer! This exciting creative challenge group offers a great afterschool problem solving, team building experience. If we can recruit two coaches this spring our team can be up and running as the DI season kicks off in the fall. Please check www.nh-di.org for more information on this amazing program.

News from Everyday Mathematics

Kathy Fowler
Elementary Math Coach



Do-Anytime Activities

These are suggestions for activities to do at home with your child to reinforce the skills and concepts that are being taught at school. They are located on the Everyday Math website for parents at the following link: <https://www.wrightgroup.com/parent-connection/tips.html>

Here is an example from each grade. You can find the complete list for each grade at the website above.

Grade 1, Unit 9

Take out various measuring cups and line them up. Ask your child, “Which holds more: $\frac{1}{2}$ cup or $\frac{1}{3}$ cup? $\frac{1}{4}$ cup or $\frac{1}{3}$ cup? Which holds less: $\frac{1}{3}$ cup or $\frac{2}{3}$ cup?” If your child can’t determine which holds more or less, fill the measuring cups with water and pour the water into clear glasses to compare the amounts.

Grade 2, Unit 10

Take out a few dollars and lots of coins. Call out an amount of money, such as \$1.45. Ask your child to show you that amount (for example, 1 dollar bill, 1 quarter, and 2 dimes.) Then prompt your child to show several other ways to represent \$1.45. Play again with a new amount.

Grade 3, Unit 9

Take out different objects such as buttons, counters, pennies, and paperclips. Ask you child to divide them into a certain n umber of equal groups, for example 3. Ask, “How many are in each group? How many are left over?” Continue with different amounts and numbers of groups.

Grade 4, Unit 11

Have your child find the volume of various rectangular prisms around your house, such as shoe boxes and fish tanks.

Grade 5, Unit 11

Find two real world 3-dimensional shapes and guess which will have the greatest and the least volume. Find the volume of each one and check to see if your guess was correct.

Everyday Mathematics Journal

Your child is bringing home his/her math journals. These journals are a portfolio of your child's work over the past year. The journals show growth and progress and provide a document of your child's mathematical development. You will find some pages completed, while others are not. Over the summer, please encourage your child to continue working on some of the incomplete pages, or to review pages from earlier in the year. The Math Box pages are great for extra practice and to reinforce skills. The journals are yours to keep and do not need to be returned to school.

Everyday Mathematics Summer

Packet 

Your child will also be bringing home an Everyday Mathematics Summer Packet that includes games, do-anytime activities and a list of books related to mathematics. Games are an integral part of the Everyday Mathematics curriculum. They help your child practice and retain basic math facts, apply problem-solving strategies, get ready for next year’s math expectations, and they are fun to play with family and friends. We hope

that you will use and enjoy these games, activities, and books over the summer break to maintain the skills learned during the year.

Happy problem solving and have a



wonderful summer!

Elementary Band & Strings!



Attention: Parents of current 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade students.

If your child is interested in learning to play a band or string instrument NEXT YEAR, s/he must sign up NOW!

2nd graders are eligible to study violin, viola or cello.

3rd graders are eligible to study violin, viola, cello, oboe, flute, clarinet, saxophone, French Horn, trumpet, trombone, percussion. (Sorry no piano or guitar).

Come to the Timberlane Performing Arts Center ONE of the following days:

Mon. June 14 OR

Tues. June 15 OR

Wed. June 16

Stay from 5:00 – 7:00 to let your child try at least 3 different instruments and sign up for band or strings. (There will be NO fall sign ups.) At 7:00 PM rentals will be offered if you do not

already have an instrument that is in good working condition.

Because a lot of elementary school children have never been exposed to band or stringed instruments before, we have developed the “Start Up Band & Strings Program”, which helps young students decide which instrument best fits their body structure and personality. Experienced instrumentalists and instructors will be available to help you and your child with their decision.

Three beginning lessons will be held on June 21, 22 and 23 from 4:00 – 5:30pm (Session I) OR 6:00 – 7:30pm (Session II) The lessons are offered at a reduced rate and will give your child the information they need to begin learning songs over the summer. The Start Up Program is a wonderful opportunity to try a band or string instrument before you commit yourself to spending the BIG BUCKS! Come join the fun and listen to BEAUTIFUL “music” all summer long! ☺

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Grade 1 Field Trip	4	5
6	7	8  Monday Morning Meeting 9:00am	9 Grade 2 Field Trip	10	11 1st Grade Play 9:00am & 2:15pm	12
13	14 Flag Day 	15	16 Kindergarten Last Day of School	17 Last Day of School Dismissal at 12:00	18 	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			