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From the Principal's Corner....

Thank you again for our wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week!!

Parent Teacher Conferences – Our Parent Teacher Conferences will be April 20th and April 22nd. Please be sure you've made an appointment with your child's teacher. There will also be a 4th and 5th grade Curriculum Fair during the evening of the 20th.

Our play, Aladdin, will be performed on April 13th at 7:00pm for our WCS families. Please join us for the fun!

Book Fair – April 12th-16th in the Music Room and April 19-23rd in the Media Center. Please come see our wonderful selection of books ...perfect for spring/summer vacation reading!

Character Education Assembly – April 23rd at 9:30

Spring Vacation – April 24th – May 2nd... Have fun and return to us safely!

5th Grade Lunch –On May 5th the 5th graders will be having lunch at Windham Middle School. The buses will depart at 10:45 and return to our school by 12:00.

NECAP Science Test – May 12-13th for **4th grade** students only

3rd Grade Spring Concert – May 20th at 9:30am

5th Grade Chorus Concert – May 27th at 7:00pm

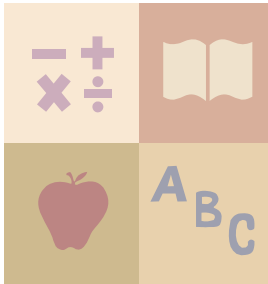
Memorial Day – No school on May 31st

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Grade 3



The third grade has once again flown through a month of fun and exciting activities. We have been studying about sound, Windham, plants and weather, depending on which class. We are always busy! Our Battle of the Books has begun and the classes have been divided into their teams! What a great way to share literature and have fun reading. We have finished our unit on multiplication and division awareness and are now trying to memorize all those new


facts! We have also been studying about all the shapes in the world around us. We know the difference between a polygon and a polyhedron – do you? Fractions are next on the list and we all love eating those fractions! Vacation is right around the corner and then onto our exciting Eggs to Chicks unit and our Westward Ho! Unit! NWEA testing will begin the first week after vacation! We can't wait!

Grade 4

Well, can't believe it... but the rainy weather has passed, and we have been enjoying some beautiful "summer-like" temperatures. We welcome it with open arms.

Fourth graders have been enjoying their field trips to the Christa McAuliffe Discovery Center in Concord, NH. This is a great trip since it ties in our studies of the solar system in science, as well as a New Hampshire notable for social studies... Christa McAuliffe. We will also be

enjoying a visit from the workers from PSNH. They come and do a presentation on electrical safety, and each year it proves to be a wonderful lesson. Students and staff members always leave with a little more knowledge regarding the dos and don'ts with electricity. Parent Conferences are just around the corner, followed by our April vacation. This month is just going to fly by!


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Grade 5

We're looking forward to another enjoyable month here at Center School.

One of our annual activities will be participating in Boston Red Sox Day. Cross curricular activities with a baseball theme will be done during the day along with partaking of an old fashioned hot dog, chips, and drink during the afternoon. We'll be contacting parents soon for those who would like to help with our yearly event near the end of the month.

We're busy doing lots of writing this spring. Some classes are doing photo essays, some are delving into the business world by writing resumes and cover letters, and we're all learning how to write persuasively.

In math, most classes are extending their knowledge of fractions by learning how to multiply them. After learning how to add and subtract

fractions, many students feel like multiplying is a breeze and are enjoying themselves in this unit.

The week of April 12th we will be participating in the annual NWEA testing. Please make every effort to have your child attend school during this week, get a good night's rest, and remember to eat breakfast. Scores from this test help the 6th grade know what concepts to focus on next year.

To all of you PTA members, the fifth grade team would like to thank you for making Teacher Appreciation Week so special for us. The luncheon was delicious, and the raffle baskets we're so generous and gorgeous! Our foyer is a sight to behold! We really appreciate all you do for us throughout the year. We're very grateful.

We are looking forward to seeing you during parent conferences on the 20th or 22nd. If for some reason we don't get to see you, please have a wonderful spring vacation!



Enrichment News

Our Continental Mathematics League season is over, and I am proud to report that our students did an amazing job again this year.

In Grade Five, our First Place score of 27 (out of 30 possible points) was earned by Kevin Frey. In second place, with 26 points, was Eric Chin. Third place was a tie between Sarah Monahan and Marshall Pesaturo, with 24 points each.

In Grade Four, our First Place was a tie between Matt Kuczynski and William Tu, with 25 points of the possible 30 points. In Second Place was Allan Tsao with 23 points. Third Place was also a tie, between Jason Domogala and Scarlett Souter, with a score of 22 points each.

Congratulations to all of our Continental Math medal winners, as well as to all of those students who gave it their best effort each and every time, even when they were not earning top score, for those students are champions, too.

Grade Three will be searching for hidden words in Word Grid Search, an activity that the students enjoy while improving their spelling, rhyming, and critical thinking skills. We have also begun to explore New Hampshire symbols and trivia, and will continue to do so during April classes.

Happy Spring,
Janice Hurley



Notes from the Counselors' Corner

Happy Spring!



Spring is a wonderful time in New Hampshire...birds, flowers, warmer weather. One should feel wonderful...right? Unfortunately with today's uncertain economic times, job lay-offs, house foreclosures, etc. this is often not the case.

As school counselors, we are seeing an increase in student's who struggle with both stress and anxiety. Listed below are some tips parents can employ, to help your children navigate through, these uncertain and often difficult times.

1. Please, take great care not to burden your children with your fears. Generally speaking, children under age 10 will not have the emotional maturity to comprehend adult difficulties, like finances or economic concerns. Nevertheless, one may use this time as an opportunity to teach your children financial responsibility...teach the value of a dollar through the development of a strong work ethic. Reward children

with money for chores well-done. Financial rewards as a direct result of productivity may enhance these values and beliefs.

2. Address your children's economic concerns using simple language. If you are uncertain how to answer your child's questions, explore with your child their current knowledge of the situation. Perhaps your child knows more than you think or has come to illogical conclusions. Be patient, your child may need to repeat things often or you may need to repeat yourself as well.

3. Hugs, extra affection and attention can often be the best medicine. This can provide support, reassurance and a sense of connectedness. Doing enjoyable activities as a family doesn't always need to be expensive...a trip to the library, a hike, bike ride or picnic in the park with a Frisbee and friends, are wonderful and inexpensive ways to stay connected.

Best Regards,

Lizz and Amy

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call!

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Media Center



Poetry Contest

April is **National Poetry Month**. Each K-12 student may enter 1 poem, any style, on their favorite subject for review and publishing consideration in the *Pine Tree Poetry 2010 Collection*. Students may read their own published poems in the free library copy we will receive, or purchase their own copies in January 2011. We had many student poems published last year! Entries are due to the library by May 11. Information is available in the library, or at pinetreepoetry.com.

Art Contest

Each student may enter one piece of be 8½” x 11” artwork for potential publication in *The Pine Tree Art Collection*. See pinetreepoetry.com. Entries are due to the library by May 11.

Book Fair

The Scholastic spring Book Fair will run from April 19-23 (student previews will be held April 13-16). Volunteers are welcome! Thank you for your support of our school through your purchases.

Battle of the Books

Congratulations to Ms. Morabito's class, winners of the 4th grade Battle of the Books. Great effort was put in by all. 3rd graders are reading their books now and will have class battles May 10-14. The final battle will be May 26 from 9 to 11am, in the library and the cafeteria.

Fisher Cats Tickets Reading Challenge:

Each student in grades K-8 may earn 2 tickets to a NH Fisher Cats Reading Night baseball game, by reading 5 books outside of the normal curriculum during this school year. Forms must be postmarked by April 16.



Physical Education News

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Center School community for all their support in this year's Hoop for Heart and Hockey for Heart events. This year's Hoops event consisted of over 75 participants competing in team and individual events. To all the Physical Education teachers from the district, thank you for all your help in organizing and running the different competitions.

A huge thank you to the Pellerin Family for all their time and effort in this year's Hockey for Heart event. Mr. Pellerin was very gracious to bring along the Monarch's mascot Max and all the materials for this year's Chuck a Puck competition. The 80 participants enjoyed the both the shooting competitions and 4v4 tournaments. Both events helped to promote the American Heart Association's message to be active and heart healthy while supporting research to fight heart disease and stroke.

PTA News

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

Thank you all for your support of teacher appreciation week this year. Because of your generosity, we were able to raffle off 31 baskets to the teachers and staff at Center School as well as provide lunch for the staff on Wednesday, March 17. The entire school was touched by the support received from all of the families. Special thanks to Ann-Marie Grossi for providing chair massages during the week!

Ongoing WCS Volunteer Openings:

As we head into the fourth quarter, we still have a few open volunteer positions. If you have some extra time, now is a great time to try out one of our weekly or biweekly volunteer opportunities. Open times are as follows:

Welcome Desk

Monday 11-1 biweekly

Tuesday 1-3 weekly or biweekly

Wednesday 9-11.11-1. 1-3 weekly or biweekly

Friday 1-3 weekly or biweekly

Library Aide

Wednesday 1-3 weekly or biweekly

Please email Lisa Strong at strongs99@comcast.net <<mailto:strongs99@comcast.net>> if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.