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From the Principal's Corner....

It's hard to believe our school year is coming to a close...how quickly the time has flown by!

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May 20th – Grade 3 **Spring Concert**
May 28th – **Early Release** for our students
May 27th at 7:00 – **5th Grade Chorus**
May 31st – **Memorial Day** – No School
June 1st at 7:00 – **4th Grade Concert**
June 2nd – **3rd Grade Violin Concert**
June 3rd – **5th Grade Concert at 7:00 – WHS**
June 4th – **3rd Grade to Canobie Lake Park – 9:30-1:30**
June 10th – **4th Grade to Canobie Lake Park – 9:30-1:30**
June 11th – **5th Grade to Canobie Lake Park – 9:30-1:30**
June 8th – **Orientation Night for new 3rd grade parents – 6:30**
June 15th – **3rd Grade Round-Up Day**
Last Day of School – **June 18th Half Day**
September 1st – **The first day of school for 2010-2011**

Have a wonderful Summer! Stay safe and we'll see you in September!



Grade 3



Wow, we start off the month with our NWEA spring testing and move right into many other units to finish our year in third grade! Our animal and habitat unit is never ending with our addition of our eggs which are due to hatch at the end of the month! We will also be taking our field trip to the Audubon Center in Concord, NH to culminate our year long unit. Hee Haw!!!! It's Westward Ho time! Mrs. Fothergill held our third grade concert on May 20th to kick off the Westward Ho Unit. The students are now studying what the pioneers and cowboys ate! Did you know that the "biscuit shooter" cooks "hot rocks"? All third graders are reading many different books on life on the Prairie

and out West, as well as, researching famous people of that time period. Most classes will establish Westward Ho groups and are cooperating in packing their wagons and tackling problems along the trail. All the academic areas are put into practice with this unit. The rest of the school year is jam packed with events. Battle of the Books for the third grade will be held May 26th, and don't forget our field trip to Canobie on June 4th. Step Up Day is on June 9th, and we have our Spelling Bee on June 14th. Round-up Day on June 15th. Phewwwww.....Have a nice summer and thanks again parents for all your help. Third Grade Team

Grade 4

We are truly enjoying this beautiful Spring weather. Students are beginning to get the feelings of summer vacation in their spirit (as well as faculty members), yet there is still so much to do. We are preparing for the Science NECAP testing, which takes place over a 2 day period. We will then be participating in the NWEA testing, which is

the computerized assessment tests that students take in the areas of reading, language, and math. With all this testing, are we looking forward to any fun activities? You bet! The fourth grade will be going to Canobie Lake Park this year for the final field trip. Many science programs are offered by the amusement park that tie into our science curriculum. Let's keep our fingers crossed for nice weather!

Grade 5

We are looking forward to another enjoyable month here at Windham Center School. The fifth grade students enjoyed celebrating Red Sox Day on April 19th. Thank you to all who donated food, paper products, and decorations for this annual event.

Some upcoming events are:
NWEA Testing the week of May 3, 2010
WMS luncheon on May 5, 2010

Charlestown Navy Yard on May 25th or May 26th
Step Up Day @ WMS June 9, 2010
Canobie Lake Park June 11, 2010

The fifth grade team would like to say thank you for ALL of your support this year. The students continue to learn and prepare for their middle school experience. We wish all the best of luck in the future. Have a nice, relaxing summer.



Notes from the Counselors' Corner

Greetings!

As the 2009-2010 school year winds down, we wanted to share a few thoughts about cyber-safety. Many of you are aware that we use technology through the school day to assist our students in gaining the best education possible. For example, students use laptops for creating presentations regarding a specific topic of interest. The students at Windham Center School are exposed to Internet safety and the rules for keeping themselves safe while on the Internet.

Many children also use the Internet at home to connect with friends and to express themselves through personal profiles, blogs, and social media networking sites. Additionally, students connect with one another utilizing the many features on their cell phones. While technology has opened up our virtual world to endless possibilities, unfortunately students in the elementary grades may not be developmentally ready to navigate these new pathways. Here are some points to consider when making decisions regarding technology:

- Spend time with your child while he/she is online. Discover what websites are being used and discuss whether or not they are age appropriate. Ask, "What makes this site fun?" This is a good way to keep the lines of communication open.
- Know your child's passwords. Let your child know that you have them. Use them.
- Remind your child that anything he/she types either on the Internet or via texting is recorded.
- Have your child consider what he/she is typing to "talk" to another person by asking, "Would you say that if you were face-to-face?"
- Stress that technology allows for anonymity. BE CAREFUL!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments that you may have regarding cyber-safety. We wish everyone a SAFE and HAPPY summer!

Best Regards,
Lizz and Amy



Media Center

Summer Reading Challenge—students entering 3rd-5th grades

If students meet the challenge of collectively reading at least 2,010 books over the summer, your principal Mrs. Fulton will perform a crazy stunt in the fall. Summer reading packets will come home and include suggested reading lists and a reading log. **Reading lists also will be posted in early June at <http://destiny.windhamsd.org>** under “Windham Center School”—Summer Reading.

Summer Reading—students entering 6th grade

Fifth graders will be receiving information about summer reading early in June. While summer reading is not required at WMS, it is strongly suggested. Students who are interested in receiving a quiz grade that can be used to replace their lowest reading quiz grade during the first quarter have the opportunity to complete a project about one book they have read over the summer. This is an easy way to start sixth grade with some extra credit. In early June all **suggested reading lists and criteria for the project will be found at <http://moodle.windhamsd.org>** in the WMS Unified Arts/Media Center/Technology section under Mrs. Greenleaf.

Great Stone Face Voting

The 2010 winner will be announced on May 22. Thanks for voting! **Start reading now for next April’s voting** (incoming 4th-6th graders). You must read 3+ books to be eligible to vote. The 2010-11 list will be posted online in June at **<http://destiny.windhamsd.org>** under “Windham Center School”—Summer Reading.

Book Fair Success

The Scholastic spring Book Fair was a great success, earning us many free books and \$3,463 in cash for the school and library, to buy equipment for student use, host a visiting author, and buy computers and curriculum materials for the library. Thank you to all our volunteers and customers for your support!

Battle of the Books

3rd graders have class battles May 10-14. The final battle will be May 26 from 9 to 11am, in the library and the cafeteria.