



From the Desk of the Principal

Greetings,

May has certainly been a busy month for us! We are reviewing and assessing the goals of the WRMS Restructuring Plan and setting our goals for next year. Part of this process will be a reassessment of the WRMS Mission Statement. It will be the task of the Restructuring Committee to ensure that our Mission, the district Mission and our school goals are in alignment. The committee will be meeting over the next two weeks to accomplish this task. In addition, we currently have committees reviewing our grading/homework policy, student behavior management practices and the advanced curriculum/honors classes. We're using the data we've gathered this year to assess what we're currently doing and make the necessary changes to ensure that we meet our goal of advancing the learning of all of our students.

Our work will continue through the summer as we work with our staff to prepare for the next school year.

This Saturday is our first *Go Green* event sponsored by our PTO. We're very excited to be able to come together with community members to focus on caring for the environment by learning how to incorporate green practices into our daily lives. Come with your families - there'll be something for everyone!

Our eighth grade students are finishing up their science NECAP testing today (May 20th) and there will be make ups scheduled the beginning of next week. We look forward to celebrating success as students meet the goals they've set. Today, we'll be celebrating all their hard work with ice cream from Dairy Queen!

I want to take this opportunity to give our eighth grade students and their families our

best wishes as they move on to the high school. We've been working closely with the high school to make sure that we are preparing our students to meet the challenges of high school. We look forward to celebrating the 8th graders middle school accomplishments at our Celebration on June 17th.

Have a safe, relaxing summer!

Sincerely,
Pamela Miller
Principal

Notes from the Assistant Principal

Students are receiving several opportunities to use their "Gotchas". On 5/14, there was a gotcha store. On 5/21, there will be a basketball and kickball recess. On 5/26, there will be another recess and on 6/4, students can pay 30 Gotchas to go on a field trip to Weirs Beach. The bus will be leaving at 1:00 and will be returning at 5:45. Students do need a permission slip for this trip. There will be an ice cream social on 6/11 that will be the final Gotcha activity for the year.

The Nutrikids system that tracks lunch money was out-of-service, but is now operating correctly. Please check your child's account online. Parents will have until 5/27/10 to pay any negative balances. As of lunch time on 5/27, students with negative balances will receive Sun Butter and jelly.

Eighth grade students have completed Science NECAP testing. The student feedback that I have received indicates that students felt positive about the test. For the first time, a few students were able to take part in Nimble Tools which is a computer version of the test that provides built-in accommodations. One student gave this experience rave reviews! At the end of testing, all students were invited to

celebrate their hard work by going outside and enjoying a Dilly Bar from Dairy Queen.

There are many important upcoming events. Please take a minute to look at the listing in this newsletter, the website, and the sign in front of the school. We will try to communicate information to you in as many ways as possible.

I look forward to spending time with your student(s) and your family during all of the fun activities occurring in the next several weeks.

*~ Mrs. Kruger
Assistant Principal*

GRADE 6

Social Studies

A, B, & D MW classes are currently working on a timeline activity on laptops using Intel's Visual Ranking Thinking Tools. Students have been highly engaged using the technology for the class activity.

All social studies classes - In the coming weeks, we will begin to look at Greek architecture. Students will be engaged in a collaborative learning project for this portion of the unit in which they will design a temple to a Greek god or goddess.

Please continue to use the tools online that support the textbook. You can find these at www.jat.glencoe.com

~ Mrs. Marcotte

GRADE 7

Social Studies

This week, the students will have finished their unit on Russia. Our final unit of the year will be on Asia, with the main focus being China and Japan. We will look at economic issues as well as the culture of these countries. The students will also learn about the Silk Road. We will build on our discussion of WWII when we study Japan.

As always, the students will also become familiar with the political and physical maps.
~ Mrs. DiNardo

Seventh Grade Math

CMP math students have just built small communities in 3D from 2D nets. In this project, each student needed to design and plot out in two dimensional nets designs that could be folded up and glued to make a three dimensional figure. These were then collaboratively laid out into a community plan with the figures they made which included houses, plants, bridges and stores. They are being digitally photographed for a digital archive of the work. Some students from last year (who did this project) stopped by to pronounce this year's work "pretty good stuff." We have more to do with the three dimensional concepts of surface area and volume of a variety of shapes. We then will be working on geometry, angles, and vocabulary before reviewing for our final. There is a lot more to be done before June 18th, so students should be prepared to learn more mathematics before we begin closure with reviews and the final.

~ Mr. Saltmarsh

GRADE 8

Parents should look for information about the high school transition day, grade 8 celebration and field trip, coming home with quarter four midterms.

Eighth graders just finished the science NECAP testing. Eighth grade teachers were very impressed by how serious the students took the test. Great job, everybody!

Algebra and Geometry classes are currently taking NWEA tests. Several students have already exceeded their target scores for a typical year's growth; others will finish the test after NECAPs are done. Algebra students are working on calculating with polynomials. They have learned the FOIL method, distributing and classifying polynomials. Their next task is to learn to

factor. There is a cumulative algebra final at the end of the year. It is never too early to begin reviewing!

Geometry students have just completed a challenging unit on reasoning and proof. They have learned many new postulates and theorems which will be valuable in creating formal proofs.

~ Mrs. Beliveau

Unified Arts

Computer Technology

In 6th grade, students have completed their project for the Critical Thinking and Problem Solving unit. They collected probability data and graphed their results using Microsoft Excel. The skills students learned during this assignment will help them analyze the data they collect for their Health class consumer projects. This week, we have focused on Digital Citizenship with an overview of Copyright Law and Fair Use Guidelines, then a review of Internet Safety using the NetSmartz real-story videos as discussion guides. Next week, students will begin a key portfolio project, their "All About Me" movie. In this Windows Movie Maker project, students will have a chance to use technology such as video, digital photos, music and their voice to tell their story of who they are and what they like as middle school students at WRMS.

The 7th grade computer classes have started the integrated Unit on Critical Thinking and Problem Solving. As Lemonade Stand entrepreneurs, students will use technology in all aspects of their business. Students have so far made creative flyers to promote their business and have evaluated the factors that can influence their success. Using the Intel Online Thinking tool, Visual Ranking, students identified and refined criteria as they assign order and ranking to the list of these factors. Finally, they explained their reasoning and compared their work with each other in a visual diagram. Next week, students will be running their

business using a simulation, then graphing and analyzing their sales data, and finally expanding their business using a creative marketing approach via a persuasive commercial.

In 8th grade, students have been working as website designers and video media editors on part of a special mini grant project "Every Town Has a Story to Tell." Students have learned some basic HTML coding by creating a sample website as a tool. They have also edited and compiled movie productions from the video interviews of various town historians which were conducted by Ms. Simoes' 7th grade ELA class. These movie productions will be posted on the final end of the quarter project, a website designed by the 8th grade computer class students. This website will feature each of our three towns, Tilton, Northfield and Sanbornton, and their rich historic information as researched by 7th grade along with the video interviews. Additionally, the website will link to the geocaches, which were marked and created by the WRMS Geocache Club, of the many important town landmarks and monuments.

~ Mrs. Pearson

Spanish

On May 5th and 6th, the WRHS Advanced Foods Class and Mrs. Nancy Trowsdale hosted an incredible Cinco de Mayo fiesta for the Middle School Spanish Classes. The



Advanced Foods Class made an authentic Mexican feast worthy of a trip South of the Border. The menu consisted of tacos de pollo

de la cal (lime chicken tacos), tostados with all the fixings, cazuela de arroz (Mexican rice casserole), and churros (a dessert made of fried dough with sugar and cinnamon) and to wash it all down was a kid sangría (cranberry/raspberry juice and lemon lime soda with citrus fruit). The food wasn't the only festive element. The students of our middle school Spanish classes made decorations for the room of woven tablemats, jumbo tissue flowers, papel picado (cut paper) and festive piñatas. Señora Trowsdale y estudiantes, ¡Muchas gracias para todo!

~ Señora Pearson

Health Education

Grade 6 health classes have completed their Consumer Health Projects. They have discovered many interesting findings, based on their experiments. Find out from your child which product was recommended based on the taste-tests and the product price. Next, students will be working on a nutrition unit where they will be analyzing food labels, among other activities.

Grade 7 students are currently working on a unit on Stress Management. They will be involved with various activities that will provide ways to control and reduce stress. Please check the progress of your child's Health Game Project. Projects are due the first week in June. Most have their game board, directions and packaging left to do. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Grade 8 students are working on a Nutrition and Body Image unit. They have learned much information regarding body frame size, fat percentage, somatotypes, BMI, and number of calories needed per day. Health projects are due the beginning of June. Because most of the projects take place on the weekends, I want to point out that time is running out! There are only a few weekends left before June. Please check with your child to make sure they are all set

with their plans. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

~ Mrs. Kemmerer

Guidance Department

The Pines Community Center received a grant from 3M Company to offer 14 scholarships to low income students ages 12 - 15 (by September 30, 2010) for their teen programs. There are four one-week sessions being offered July 19 through August 13. Normally students must be eligible for free or reduced school lunch to be considered for a scholarship. (Remember, you may apply for free school lunch at any time during the year. Eligibility is through September 30, 2010.) Mrs. Smith and Ms. Zimmerman of the Guidance Department determine eligibility for these scholarships. Low income students who have not received similar scholarships and have the fewest behavior infractions during the school year receive priority. If interested, contact either Mrs. Smith or Ms. Zimmerman in the Guidance Department.

Summer School

Credit recovery summer school dates are July 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, & 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Letters were mailed home to those students most at risk of failing one or more courses for the year. To pass, a student's quarterly grades must equal or exceed 240 points. Each course is \$150. Students may attend voluntarily but the fee still applies. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Smith in the Guidance Department.

Copper Cannon Summer Camp for Low Income Students

Situated on 128 acres in the beautiful White Mountains, near Franconia Notch State Park, Copper Cannon, with support from the Elks Club, provides a **free week-long summer camp** experience to eligible **New Hampshire youth ages 9 - 15 years**. All campers must be New Hampshire residents and meet the following guidelines to become eligible for the summer program sessions. Applications

are available in the Guidance Department. Contact Mrs. Smith for more details or visit the Copper Cannon website at: www.coppercannon.org

| 2010 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Household Size | Yearly Income | Monthly Income | Weekly Income |
| 1 | \$20,036 | \$1,670 | \$386 |
| 2 | \$26,995 | \$2,247 | \$519 |
| 3 | \$33,874 | \$2,823 | \$652 |
| 4 | \$40,793 | \$3,400 | \$785 |
| 5 | \$47,712 | \$3,976 | \$918 |
| 6 | \$54,631 | \$4,553 | \$1,051 |
| 7 | \$61,550 | \$5,130 | \$1,184 |
| 8 | \$68,469 | \$5,706 | \$1,317 |

Nurse's Corner

Dear Parents/Guardians,
It is hard to believe there are only a few weeks of school left and I have a few reminders. All medications need to be picked up on the last day of school by an adult. Any medication left will be discarded. Epipens and inhalers may be sent home with parent permission (just let me know) with your child. Prescription medication forms will be sent home via mail for you and the physician to complete this summer. If you need any copies of immunization or physicals, please let me know before the last of school, as I am not here during the summer and the office staff will not be able to help you. Thank you.

~ Mrs. Labranche, R.N.

Spring Sports Awards

The spring sports awards will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd beginning at 6:00 in the cafeteria with pot-luck refreshments and 6:30 awards. The teams are responsible for providing food and drinks for the refreshments:

- ☺ Boys Track - cheese/crackers, baked goods
- ☺ Girls Track - veggies/fruits, dip, baked goods
- ☺ Baseball - drinks (no soda please), baked goods
- ☺ Softball - baked goods, appetizers

Library/Media Center

I hope you have enjoyed reading the reviews during the school year. Your local library is a great place to visit in the summer to choose new books or old favorites. Please remember to return all books to the school library by Wednesday, June 9th.

Welcome to Baneseville, New York, where apples are news. High school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted. Every character, from the Polish Solidarity worker, Minska, to Baker Polton, a newspaper reporter turned high school newspaper adviser, to courageous reporter Hildy will hook you to learn more about the rumors. Are the rumors a cover-up for actual plans to overtake a farming community with progress? Does the First Amendment affect even high school newspapers? *Peeled* by Joan Bauer is funny and hopeful book, with a surprise ending.

~ Ms. Chapley
Media Specialist

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 22: Go Green, Natural and Local
- May 28: 8th Grade Step Up Day @ WRHS
- May 31: Memorial Day (no school)
- June 2: Spring Sports Awards
- June 3: Transition Night for Incoming 6th Grade Families
- June 4: Weirs Beach Gotcha Trip
- June 10: 8th Grade Field Trip to Wright Museum, Wolfeboro, NH
- June 14: Step Up Day @ WRMS
- June 15: 6th Grade Field Trip to Boston Museum of Science
- June 17: 8th Grade Celebration
- June 18: Last Day of School (1/2 day)