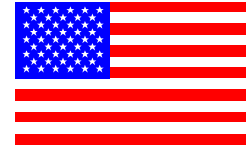




# Winnisquam Regional Middle School Monthly News



## Principal's News

Greetings,

The Memorial Day weekend is a sign that our school year is almost over. We are very busy working on scheduling students for next year and the transition process. We are excited about welcoming our incoming sixth grade classes. There is an informational evening here for Sanbornton Central and Southwick Elementary students and their parents on May 29<sup>th</sup>, and the students will also spend a morning at WRMS on June 5<sup>th</sup>. While we are transitioning in our new sixth graders, the high school is preparing for the arrival of our eighth graders as their new freshmen class. Eighth graders will spend Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the high school to get acquainted with the high school's practices and procedures. This is a very exciting time for everyone.

Our scheduling process has been a bit slower this year as we try to incorporate new classes and changes that are part of our Restructuring Plan. Scheduling the new pre-AP social studies and science classes has been a challenge. Because of the limitations of an every other day schedule in these subjects, and the number of students that want either pre AP social studies or science, it looks like we may be offering an integrated program in these subjects. This means that these pre-AP students would be scheduled in classes together with students in the regular program where they would have challenge opportunities that would allow them to go above and beyond the regular curriculum. This schedule would allow all students that want to take on the pre-AP curriculum to do so.

Thank you to those of you who attended our Restructuring Roundtable discussion. It's good to know that you are happy with our Restructuring Plan and the opportunities it provides for all students to work to their potential. It's been a year of change, and next year will bring more of the same as we move into full implementation of restructuring. We are happy with the results we've seen so far and confident that we're moving in the right direction. I want to thank Dr. Cadarette for her leadership over the past year and I wish her well in her new position as principal of Sanbornton Central Elementary School.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Pamela Miller

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Principal

Dear Community,

As most of you now know, it is with mixed feelings that I have accepted the position of Principal at Sanbornton Central School beginning July 1, 2009.

My commitment to Winnisquam Regional School District remains strong. I have enjoyed my year at the middle school immensely. It is extremely rewarding to recognize the growth of our community through student and staff achievement, as well as the parent relationships that have been nurtured. Under the Restructuring Plan, 2009-2010 promises to be equally exciting and rewarding. I know that the staff and students will continue to make us all very proud. The opportunity to continue to work with such a fine community at Sanbornton is a true honor I embrace whole heartedly. I look forward to seeing many of you in this new venue. Thank you for all of your support, encouragement, and accolades this school year. Your kind words are appreciated more than you can possibly know.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ronna Cadarette  
Assistant Principal

## Grade 6

Students in Ms. Sanders' Reading/Language Arts classes are working on letters to the current 5th graders that describe what middle school is like. Students are also currently reading *Stargirl*, a story about a unique "new girl" at school. Ten students will be selected to participate in a book discussion at the Veteran Home on Wednesday, May 27. Students and Veteran's will have the opportunity to discuss the book together. The discussion will be led by Mary Ahlgren the head librarian at the Hall Memorial Library.

Mrs. Hewey's Reading/Language Arts classes are continuing their study of *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. Ask your child to tell you about Percy Jackson and his quest.

Mrs. Hewey asks all students and parents to check at home for books that need to be returned to her classroom library. Many books have been borrowed but not returned, and she has lost approximately 35 books this year.

### **Grade 6 field trips:**

June 1 Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord  
June 11 Boston Museum of Science

Watch for permission slips to come home soon. We will need chaperones for each trip. All chaperones must be registered with the school district, so if you are not registered but want to chaperone, contact the SAU office at 286-4116.

*Miss Martin*

## **GRADE 7**

In Mr. Savage's science class the students are currently working on a unit studying weather and climate. The students are looking at how heat transfers through convection, radiation and conduction interact to cause weather. The students just finished a lab by measuring accurate temperatures at different stations and then converted the data they collected to Celsius.

In social studies the students started a new unit on Asia. Students are presently learning about different dynasties and the Silk Road. They will also be discussing economic issues of China and Japan.

English and language arts classes are beginning a new unit on bullying. Students will be reading the novel *Inventing Elliott*, by Graham Gardner. They will explore ways in which to prevent bullying. We will be finishing our NWEA testing this week!

In math students are learning about three dimensional figures and finding the volume along with surface area. Math MAP testing will start the week of May 18.

*7th grade team*

## **Memory Books**

We still have a few Memory Books that are for sale. They will be arriving around Memorial Day and will be passed out soon. Please place your order before they sell out. Only \$5.00 will reserve your book. The total cost is \$20.00. You will have to pay the remainder when they come in. Order forms are at the office or call Mrs. Berry at 286-7143 ext. 316.

*Mrs. Berry*

## **Grade 8**

The WRMS 8th grade teachers are planning a very special year-end celebration for our 8th grade students and their families. On Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00 PM you are invited to gather for an awards ceremony in the WRMS gym. All students in the 8th grade will be receiving a certificate of recognition. In addition, several special awards will

be given out. Due to safety concerns, seating will be limited and no standing will be allowed. Doors will open at 5:30 PM. Each eighth grade student will be given four guest tickets and any unused tickets will be distributed by a lottery drawing. Forms will go out in homeroom to the 8th graders. It will be their responsibility to return them before May 30 in order to obtain their tickets. We look forward to this special night.

Mrs. Beliveau's Pre-algebra and Algebra students will be having a final exam on June 11 and June 12. It will cover material from the entire course. I suggest students begin to study early by completing odd numbered problems in their textbook and checking the answers in the back of the book.

*8th grade team*

## **Unified Arts**

### **Art**

Once again, the **Artisans Gallery of Tilton** is pleased to display the artwork of WRMS student artists. The exhibit will run **May 27 through June 7**.

**Opening reception will be Friday, May 29, 5 to 7 PM**

Any student may enter one piece and there are no fees to enter. Please see Mrs. Johnson for entry forms and more information.

The Artisans Gallery of Tilton is at 267 Main Street, Tilton. Phone number 286-8424.

Last year's exhibit was a HUGE success, and I hope this year we get the same participation!

*Mrs. Johnson*

### **Health**

Grade 6 students are currently working on a first aid unit. They are learning basic first aid responses and what to do in an emergency. Their next unit of study will be nutrition and students will be involved with a label reading activity. If you have any empty cereal boxes that we could use for this activity, have your student just pull apart the bottom to flatten it out and put it in their backpack to bring in. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Grade 7 students are learning about the effects of alcohol. They have been involved with discussion, activities and reading assignments in an effort to learn about this topic. Just a reminder that the long-term Health Board Games are due next week: May 27 (Day 2) and 28 (Day 1). Please check your student's progress by reviewing the rubric, which outlines the criteria for the project. Thank you.

Grade 8 students have been working on a unit about body image and nutrition. Part of the unit will involve viewing the middle school version of "Super Size Me" next week (expect information this week). Students have been participating in activities regarding body size, calories, somatotypes, fat versus muscle demo, as well as information on eating disorders and anabolic steroids. Students' long-term health projects are due next week: May 27th (Day 2), and 28th (Day 1). Students who are planning to do the sleep deprivation assignment and haven't yet completed it, only have this coming weekend to work on it. You may want to check with your child! Thanks.

*Mrs. Kemmerer*

### **Spanish Class - A Walk South of the Border**

On May 5 and 6 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 my middle school Spanish classes made decorations for the room of woven tablemats, jumbo tissue flowers, and festive piñatas.

*Señora Trowsdale y estudiantes, ¡Muchas gracias para todo! Señora Pearson*

*Mrs. Pearson*

### **LIBRARY**

This month my book review is devoted to one man in this world who is making a difference for school children. *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin describes the journey of one man who has made a better life for children in desolate areas of Pakistan during one of the most difficult times in history. This is a fantastic book of adventure, courage, and determination. In this book Greg is rescued by the villagers of Korphe after trying to reach the summit of a mountain called K2, part of the Karakoram Range in Pakistan. After observing school children working outside and doing their multiplication tables in the dirt because they have no school and only a part-time teacher, he decides to find the funds to build a school. Follow this book up with *Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three cups of*

*Tea*, which is a picture, book done in collages and prose.

Mrs. Jurta's social studies classes have been researching the decades of the 1920's and 1930's. It has been said that history repeats itself. This time period has many similarities to today's economic crisis.

Mrs. Hewey's students listened to a book talk about the author Judy Blume. Students love to read her books because they are realistic and they validate many feelings students have at this time in their lives.

During school wide reading in Ms. Chapley's class Dr. Miller read "I Wish I Were a Butterfly" by James Howe. Gaining wisdom to appreciate our unique selves is a lesson all of us can benefit.

*Ms. Chapley*

### **Guidance and Math Specialist**

Would you like to learn about a free online program that could enrich your child's education? Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gardner will be holding an informational meeting about the Virtual Learning Academy on Wednesday, May 27, at 6:00 - 6:45 pm in the Media Center. The Virtual Learning Academy is a state approved charter school program open to all New Hampshire students. Students may sign up for a variety of courses, beginning in Grade 6 to Grade 12, to help challenge or remediate their learning. If you are interested in learning more, please call Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Gardner at 286-7143 to register for this workshop.

*Mrs. Elise Smith*

*Mrs. Alicia Gardner*

The spring sports awards night will be on **Tuesday June 2**, beginning at 6:00 PM with potluck refreshments in the cafeteria followed by awards at 6:30. Information regarding the potluck refreshments will be distributed soon.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| 6/1  | Planetarium in Concord - Gr 6              |
| 6/2  | Sports Awards in Cafeteria                 |
| 6/5  | New England Aquarium - Gr 7                |
| 6/11 | Boston Museum of Science - Gr 6            |
| 6/12 | Planetarium in Concord - Gr 8 ½ class AM.  |
| 6/15 | Planetarium in Concord - Gr 8 ½ class AM.  |
| 6/11 | PTO, 6-7:30 Media Center                   |
| 6/15 | School Board at WRHS 6:30 p.m.             |
| 6/17 | Gr 8 celebration at 6:00 p.m. WRMS gym     |
| 6/18 | Last Day of School - dismissal after lunch |