

SCS News

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Principal's Corner

It's hard to believe that the end of another school year is right around the corner! May is jam-packed with events so be sure to check out our *Calendar of Events* on page 5! We're quickly wrapping up Smarter Balanced testing, as well as NECAP Science testing for grades 4 and 8. Students will be enjoying end-of-the-year field trips, and our 7th & 8th graders will be visiting local high schools as they begin thinking about their post-SCS careers. We look forward to spending these last few weeks of the 2015-2016 school year with you! ☺



Week of May 2nd - 6th

Teacher Appreciation Week!



March Students of the Month

Joshua Flagg, Evelyn Houle, Isabelle Langley, Drew Pettit, Karissa Sweatt, Jayden Riendeau, Austin Grady, Ashlee Fysh, Roger Lavoie, Adelle Pettit, Makayla Farrow, Colby Bashaw, Saïdy Placey, Jacob Hope

Congratulations!



News from K/1

The month of April has flown by! It may be a short month, but it's been a whirlwind of assessments, consultants, and activities. The students were very excited to have Mr. Frizzell come in and do a Science activity. They predicted whether objects would sink or float when placed in water, then tested their prediction.

Mrs. Bergie came in and we did a lesson introducing Focus Correction Areas (FCAs). You may notice little pictures on the top left of our writing pages. These indicate which areas students are working on in their writing. For example, some students are working on remembering to start their sentences with a capital letter and end with a punctuation mark. Other students are working on adding time order words, such as "first", "next", or "last".

In Math, both grades have been working on numbers 11 to 19, but in different ways. Kindergarten is learning how to take group of ten and some extra ones to make the numbers 11 to 19. First Grade is doing similar types of activities, but going one step further. Both groups will be moving on to building larger numbers with manipulatives to help solidify the foundation skills and beginning mathematical concepts.

Mrs. Hemon

News from Grade 2

In Math, second grade is working on measurement in inches, feet, yards and in metric, centimeters and meters. We've gotten pretty good at estimating lengths and enjoy moving around the classroom to measure objects.

In reading, we read nonfiction stories about seeds and trees. These stories fit in well with our science unit on plants. Over our break we took home three bean seeds and observed how they grow. It seems all the students grew better plants than Mrs. Patterson!

Our read aloud book is "My Father's Dragon," a fantasy story which is different from the books about colonies we had been reading.

Second grade is really looking forward to spring arriving and staying! ☺

Mrs. Patterson

News from Grade 3

April was the first time our class had the chance to challenge and stretch their brains with Smarter Balanced Testing. Each and every student did a wonderful job concentrating for a very long time in front of a computer screen and doing his or her best. Thank you to all the families and teachers who supported our terrific testers during this time!

Mr. Frizzell came back to our class to do a science project this month. We made a special kind of glue from milk. When we tested its strength sticking two pieces of paper together, we found that it really does

work pretty well. Other science topics have lately included rocks and weathering.

Poem in your Pocket day was celebrated on April 14th. On the hour every hour our class took time to read and share poems, and it was a really fun day because of these breaks! We all wrote our own examples of poetry, too, and wrote a final draft in a new little blue book that was brought home before vacation. There is a little space to write some more poetry inside.

Mrs. Hodge

News from Grade 4

For the April newsletter, in honor of poetry month, I wrote the this one like mini poems...

Fractions, Fractions
Read all about 'em
They're everywhere
From here to there
Can't live without 'em

In our book
We took a look
At 1940s, Norway, Nazi occupation
And found out lots and lots of information
It's been quite a pleasure
But now we say goodbye--*Snow Treasure*

Midwest is done
Now to the sun
Of the beautiful Southwest
And then the rest
Won't that be fun!

Were born a thinker?
Do you like to tinker?
Question, plan, design, test
Humans working at their best
To solve a problem
Or make things better
Have no fear
Your engineers are here.

Ms. Wonkka

News from JH Language Arts & Social Studies

Last week “Poem in the Pocket Day” was a great success throughout the school. The students in grades five through eight enthusiastically created colorful posters with their original poems. They used the Diamante poem format and also wrote Haiku poems. The students read poetry throughout the day, in the classroom, in the hallways, and over the loud speaker for all to hear. What a great day!

Mrs. Stebbins

News from JH Math & Science

Along with their math and science classroom work, seventh and eighth graders have been working on a RESPECT project with Mrs. Bergman, our ELA consultant. Stay tuned! Grades five through eight have also been practicing for Smarter Balanced Testing. Mr. Frizzell came for a visit and taught about the physical science involved with lava lamps for fifth and sixth grade, while seventh and eighth graders learned about how their kidneys work. We have a few field trips planned for May. Here are some dates to remember:

5/6/16	7 th & 8 th visit Colebrook Academy
5/9/16	7 th & 8 th visit Pittsburg School
5/16/16	7 th & 8 th visit Canaan Memorial School
5/17/16	8 th grade Crossroads Conference
5/19/16	7 th & 8 th to Northwood’s Stewardship Center

Mrs. Steward

Title I News from Mrs. Stebbins

Where did April go??

What a busy and productive month this has been! My Kindergarten groups have continued working on their letters (identification, sounds, and writing). Grade 1 has been working on letters (identification, sounds, and writing), letter blends, and writing complete sentences with capitalization and punctuation. They are also been working on reading

short stories and sounding out words along the way. Grade 2 has been jam-packed with different activities. Some students are reviewing work problems, practicing money, writing fluent paragraphs, and practicing sight words/phrases. Other students are reading passages and stories, answering comprehension questions, filling out plot charts, practicing the different parts of speech, and making text-to-self connections. Grade 4 has starting reading “The City of Ember”, continued with word work (definitions, identifying patterns, and using vocabulary words in sentences), and paragraph formation.

All of my groups have been hard at work, making great progress along the way! What will May bring? We will have to wait and see. ? 😊

Title I News from Mr. Kennedy

In April I helped students with their math studies. In the intervention groups the focus has been on fractions. Converting fractions into their equivalents, adding, subtracting, and multiplying are some examples of what we have been working with. The challenges have been working with fractions involving word problems.

My language arts interventions have been working with identifying parts of speech to help improve writing skills. I also spent a large amount of time giving AIMSweb assessments before the spring benchmarks.

News from the Resource Room

Happy Spring! Hopefully no more snow! The students in Grades 5-8 will be finished with the Smarter Balanced testing on May 13th. Grades 4 & 8 will be taking the NECAP Science test within the next few weeks. Good luck to all of the students! My students will probably be happy to get back to the regular routine for the last part of the year.

Miss Miller

News from the Nurse

Thirty students participated in the Hoops for Heart event last month for the American Heart Association by playing in a series of basketball events coordinated by PE teacher Melissa Shaw and acquiring donations from friends and family. I am proud to announce that these students together raised a grand total of \$1352! Our top fundraiser was Jace Jandreau with \$130. Nice job, Jace!

As an effort to increase nutritional awareness in our school, 10 staff members participated in a Biggest Loser challenge over the course of seven weeks. Our combined total loss was 47.4 pounds, and the winning team lost 24.2 pounds together! Congratulations to Mrs. Steward and Mooch for being the winning team!

As the school year winds down you may be receiving letters from me indicating that your child is due for immunizations, physicals (including sports physicals), or new orders regarding medication. If you have questions please feel free to contact me. Please note that if your child is having a sports physical here at school, you will need to contact ISHC to make the appointment as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me.

In the upcoming weeks, Officer LaPoint and I will be conducting a Seatbelt Safety Challenge. Your student will be learning about seat belt safety and some students will be participating in a challenge.

Just as a reminder, as the weather warms up, we all tend to want to be free of our big bulky jackets, but please try to remind your student to bring a lighter jacket or sweatshirt as it is still cool at recess some days.

Mrs. Hodge

News from the Kitchen

We have tried many things this month and some interesting things are coming up in May. In the month of April we tried things with real maple syrup. We tried Maple Dill Carrots, Maple Seasoned Parsnips, and Maple Sundaes. The maple syrup was from Pittsburg, NH. It was nice to use local syrup! In May we will be trying Strawberry Spinach Salad and Mixed Greens with Maple Vinaigrette dressing.

We have received more money through our Fruit and Vegetable grant so our students have been able to have a healthy snack four days a week! Through the grant we have been able to try avocados and mangoes. In May we will be trying apricots, starfruit, spring peas with ranch, and pineapple, to name a few! On May 5th every student will get to make their own Fruit Kabob. They will have many choices, including mango, cantaloupe, melon, cherries, pineapple, watermelon, blackberries, and blueberries. This will be a fun snack for all the children to do. 😊

It would be very helpful, as we near the end of the school year, to keep your student's account in a positive balance. The Abbey Group does not allow charging. Let's work together to end off on a good note!

Mrs. Boivin



Family Art Night & Book Fair

Join us for an evening of

FUN!

Thursday, May 12th

5:30-7:00 PM

@ SCS



8th Grade Graduation:

Tuesday, June 7th

5:00 PM

SCS

Calendar of Events

May 2, 2016 4:15 PM

School Board Meeting

May 5, 2016 8:00 AM

Student of the Month

May 4-8, 2016

Washington, DC, trip

May 9, 2016

Gr. 7 & 8 visit PHS

Week of May 10-13

Gr. 7 & 8: Smarter Balanced Testing

May 11, 2016 1:00 PM

Early Release

May 12, 2016 5:30-7 PM

Family Art Night @ SCS!

May 18, 2016

Gr. 5 & 6 @ CJ EJ Farm

May 19, 2016

Gr. 7 & 8 @ Northwood's Stewardship Center

May 23, 2016

Off-site Evacuation w/ dismissal from the church

May 24, 2016 6:30 PM

Spring Concert @ SCS

May 25, 2016

Gr. 5 & 6 @ Squam Lake Science Center

May 26, 2016

Grades 2-4 @ the Pool

May 30, 2016

NO SCHOOL

May 31, 2016

K/1 visits Mrs. Hemon's house