

***M.S.A.D. #53
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REPORT
Pre K - 4***

To: M.S.A.D. # 53 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
From: Faye Anderson
Re: Board Report for April 2011
Date: March 29, 2011

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION & PreK APPLICATIONS

We have begun our Kindergarten registration and PreK applications. As of March 29th we have 65 students set for Kindergarten screening and 17 applications for our PreK program. Kindergarten screening will be held on Thursday, April 7th and Monday, April 11th. At the screening, students will be evaluated using the DIAL-3 and some local assessments, which will include letter and sound ID and Concepts About Print. This year we have decided not to give the Early Math Diagnostic Assessment. This evaluation will happen in the fall of the Kindergarten year. The PreK screening will occur on June 6th. If you know of a child that will be 5 on or before October 15th and they have not registered their child, please have them call the Manson Park School. For children who will be four on or before October 15 please call the Superintendent's office for an application packet.

CIPS UPDATE

We have not heard from the Department of Education as to if we have made adequately yearly progress as of March 29th. We were told we would hear in March. Our CIPS teams have met to review data and to work on our goals for this year. We have worked hard to ensure that we continue to grow in the area of reading and math. As a staff we have looked at overall data, strand data and item analysis. We continue to work at improving communication within the school, from school to parent and teacher to parent. We are also looking for ways to share our successes within the school with students and staff.

TOOTH PROTECTORS

An agency called Tooth Protectors is working with our schools to provide dental care to our students. On March 14-16, they provided dental cleanings, sealants, and dental education to children whose families requested the services. The program is designed for children who do not have a regular dentist or receive regular checkups. The clinic will be offered every six months to families that sign up. This March we had 21 PK & Kindergarten students, 34 Vickery students and 10 Warsaw students participate.

In January, we also had a Sealant Program offered by Seabasticook Valley Dental Clinic for second grade students and 35 students participated in this program. Overall we are working hard at ensuring Dental Health for all students in MSAD #53.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We will be having parents and students complete a survey of our breakfast program. The goal of the survey is to determine the effectiveness of our program in helping children start their day off with a healthy breakfast. We are concerned that some students are eating breakfast twice, at home and at school. The survey will give us a picture of how we can improve our program for next year.

PORTFOLIO SHARE

Students and parents will again participate in Portfolio sharing. As a CIPS team we have created a purpose for the portfolio along with the expectations. Portfolios will be shared during the week of April 11th.

A student portfolio is a representation/collection of work demonstrating growth over time in reading, writing, math and a sampling of work in science & social studies. Pieces are selected for the portfolio using a combination of student selected and teacher selected work. Students will reflect on their learning with teachers and parents either orally or in writing.

Teacher reflection on what is heard during student portfolio will include; conversations on what worked, what didn't work, and what they would change for the following year. This reflection would occur during their team time following portfolio shares. Team leaders will report out to administration.

COMMON CORE STANDARDS

At a CIPS principal meeting in March, I had the opportunity to learn more about the Common Core Standards that are in the process of being adopted by the State of Maine. Only eight states have not formally adopted them at this time. The adoption of these standards will raise the bar for students in the state of Maine and make them competitive with other states. There will be a great deal of work to complete once adopted.

PTO FUNDRAISERS

The PTO continues to fundraise with the goal of purchasing new playground equipment for the Vickery School. They are presently selling items from Celebrating Home, which includes candles, food mixes, home decor items, wrapping paper, etc. The orders are due back by March 22nd.

On April 2nd they will have a scrapbooking day at the Warsaw gym. You can also start looking forward to our Spaghetti Dinner, basket raffle, and concert that will be coming up on May 13th. We hope you will all participate in this wonderful event. Please support our PTO.

MCI VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE & WINDHAM CHAMBER SINGERS

The MCI Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform for our Vickery students on April 1st. We are always excited when MCI students come to visit. They are getting ready for the Vocal Jazz competition. We wish them well.

The Windham Chamber Singers will be at the Vickery School on Thursday, April 28th, as part of their tour performances. This was arranged by Mr. Lake. This is a great opportunity for our children to experience the arts.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 1 – Third quarter ends
- April 1 – MCI Vocal Jazz Ensemble
- April 2 – PTO fundraiser – Scrap Booking @ Warsaw
- April 7 – Kindergarten Screening
- April 11 – Kindergarten Screening
- April 11 – Report Cards go home
- April 14 – Portfolio Sharing Evening
- April 15 – Half day
- April 28 – Windham Chamber Singers