

**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 2010
Date: March 31, 2010

CIPS UPDATE

We have begun looking at the NECAP standards in writing. At our inservice, we planned backwards to ensure that we are working with students throughout the elementary program to ensure student success on the NECAP Writing Assessment at the beginning of Grade 5.

The CIPS team is looking at the process and the purpose of the student-led portfolio conferences. To clarify the process we will review the data from student, parent and teacher surveys so that we can develop consistency from grade to grade. Our goal is to ensure student growth, accountability, and responsibility for their learning.

The CIPS data team is looking at the data from the Developmental Reading Assessment, Early Math Diagnostic Assessment and the NECAP. We are looking to see what correlations we can make from the data.

I have attached the time line for March and April to give you a better idea of where we are in the plan and where we are heading.

NECAP SCORES

Bob asked at our last meeting how we did in comparison to the state. Here are the scores for the Teaching Years of Grades 2-4.

Grade 2 Teaching Year		
	Reading	Math
District/School	340	338
State	346	342

Grade 3 Teaching Year		
	Reading	Math
District/School	441	438
State	444	443

Grade 4 Teaching Year		
	Reading	Math
District/School	540	535
State	546	543

PENNIES FOR HAITI

The three elementary schools chose to raise money to assist the people of Haiti. We raised \$534.46 in coins. Our thanks go to all the families who gave so generously.

FOOD DRIVE

Each fall our schools collect food for the Pittsfield Food Bank to support families in our communities. Mr. Dean, manager of the food bank, passed away in February. To show our respect and to honor his many volunteer hours we held a second collection. The elementary schools collected 643 items for the food bank. I want to thank Mrs. Nile for organizing the drive and delivering the food.

INSERVICE

On March 22nd, the elementary staff had the opportunity to review the draft of the literacy curriculum. They looked for omissions and new standards that will part of the document for next year. In the afternoon, they reviewed the NECAP standards for writing. Each grade level did some backwards planning to ensure the success of our students who will take the writing test at the beginning of Grade 5. It was a valuable day filled with lots of conversations about our teaching strategies.

SMILES FOR ME

The Seabasticook Dental Program held a poster contest for students in Grades 1-4. Students drew posters to remind children to practice dental health. The winners of the contest will be part of the state contest in Augusta.

Grade 1-2 Winners

- 1st place – Amelia Rhoda
- 2nd place – Amanda Neas
- 3rd place – Dillon Dunton

Grade 3-4 Winners

- 1st place – Maggie Hopkins
- 2nd place – Sarah Kossowan
- 3rd place – Devon Varney
- Hon. Mention – P.J. Plummer

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 2 – Third Quarter Ends
- April 5 – PTO Meeting @ 5:30
- April 8 – Kindergarten Screening
- April 9 – PTO Spaghetti Dinner and Auction
- April 12 – Report Cards go home
- April 15 – Student Led Portfolio Shares
- April 30 – BVS All School Meeting