

Lafayette Regional School Board
Principal's Report
November 9th, 2023

1. Parent / Teacher conferences were completed during the early release day and into the evening hours on Oct. 12th. It was wonderful for teachers to have the opportunity to inform parents of their child's progress to date this school year. A big thank you to the LPTO for providing food for the staff during the long day.
2. Students in 5th and 6th grade completed 4 hikes (the Pemi trail, Zealand Falls, Middle Sugarloaf, and Lonesome Lake) this fall during the outdoor education program. I would like to thank all of the parent chaperones who participated. Without the parental support this program would not be possible. I would also like to thank Erica Sieburg and Sarah Gaudette for all of their hard work to make this happen. Watching students enjoy the classroom outside in our beautiful white mountains has been a wonderful experience for me to see.
3. We have started doing our school wide peace group work again. Students in grades K-6 get put in mixed groups and work together on a specific project. Watching the older kids work alongside the younger students and be good role models is amazing. This year we will be having peace groups every other month. Our first one was on Oct. 17th and the theme was Veteran's Day. The students created thank you cards for Veteran's which they will be giving out at our Veteran's Day Celebration on Monday, Nov. 13th. I would like to thank Mrs. Koehler for all of her hard work to make peace groups a success.
4. On Tuesday, Oct. 31st the students and staff of Lafayette School participated in the annual Halloween parade. The parade started with a trip around the Lafayette Center so that the residents could see the students in their costumes outside of their windows. We then proceeded down main street behind two fire trucks. Thank you to Gordie Johnk, Kim Cowles, and Cody Roy for driving the emergency vehicles.
5. Mrs. Correira and Mrs. Burton, our 1st and 2nd grade teachers are partnering with the Recreation Director at the Lafayette Center to set up visits between our students and some of the residents at the center. Studies have shown that participation in intergenerational programs could potentially decrease social isolation of older adults' while increasing their sense of belonging, self-esteem, and well-being at the same time. These interactions will also help to improve the social and emotional skills of our students.

6. On Monday, November 13th we will be hosting a Veteran's Day celebration. Invitations were mailed to all Veteran's that we were able to get addresses for in the towns of Sugar Hill, Franconia, and Easton. The 4th, 5th and 6th grade band and chorus will be performing a few patriotic numbers and some students will be reading poems that they have written.
7. Laftercare is partnering with Boston College to help them conduct a research study on the effects of free play on children. Information about the study went home with parents on Oct. 27th and parents can choose to sign their child / children up for "playclub" which will take place during Laftercare on Fridays from 3:00-4:00.
8. This year we have made a few changes to winter program. Students will still be able to downhill ski at Canon and cross country ski at Bretton Woods, but in addition to that we are adding a winter fun paid program. This paid program consists of 3 different places that students will visit during the 6 week program. Those places are WMSI (White Mountain Science Inc.), Littleton Studio School, and The Boys and Girls Club. Students can also choose to participate in Free Winter fun here at the school where students will rotate through a variety of things such as tubing at the Franconia Inn, Skating in town, snow shoeing or if the weather doesn't cooperate, we may take a trip to the Franconia Library. You can see a detailed list of all of the offerings [here](#).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Principal