Principal’s Report

to the

School Board

October is an exciting month from a kid’s point of view. Fall leaves are changing and falling, fire prevention activities let them squirt water (sometimes at each other), and Halloween ends the month with lots of candy and even a bonfire! In between these wondrous events, we try extremely hard to make sure each student’s educational experience is engaging and successful.

The staff met with the majority of our parents on the afternoon of October 19th and well into the evening. Their discussions focused on the student’s Progress Report and their NWEA test scores. Both of these documents provide evidence of each student’s growth over time. These important conversations make for a rather long day for all concerned; however, they are essential for the home/school relationship to remain strong.

The month was also filled with Fire Prevention activities. Fire and Life Squad members from Franconia and Sugar Hill set up stations in which students learned about fire safety in the home, how to “stop, drop, and roll”, what a 105 foot ladder truck looks like, and what it feels like to squirt water out of a fire hose. All of the students were impressed not only with the fire trucks but with the kindmess of the firefighters in presenting this event.

The LPTO underwrote a performance by T.I.G.E.R. from Plymouth State University. The theme of the performance was how to be a better friend. After the performance, the team of five actors split up among five groups of our students to talk more about how to be a better friend. Lots of role playing and interactive activities kept the students engaged. These types of activities are part of our whole school “anti-bullying” message.

Our annual Halloween Parade went off without a hitch this year. We visited our neighbors at the Lafayette Center to show off our costumes and then proceeded down Main Street to the center of town. The children were thrilled and the bystanders saw some pretty creative costumes! Once again, the police, fire and life squad departments made sure that the road was closed and safe for us to travel on. One could see those same costumes around the bonfire later in the day but there was lots more candy in evidence as well.

Sarah Reeder, a new parent at school, is facilitating our Math Olympiads group. This group of students meets every week to explore math concepts and have lots of fun with math. Twelve students participate in this activity. Students in this event have fun at the local level but can
also participate in a regional level as well. Thank you Mrs. Reeder for making this possible for our students!

Our annual Monster Competition is complete and the result can be seen in our library. This activity allows students from around the world to make a monster with the same directions. No two monsters are the same at the end of the competition even though they all used the same directions. No word yet on how well we placed in the international competition so stay tuned!

Our Budget Committee is working hard on reviewing next year’s budget numbers. They are looking for savings and making sure that there are no errors. This group composed of school board members, community members, parents, and staff meets for five weeks to go over the budget line by line. Important but very necessary work for all involved. This group improves our budget every year with their business and school financial experience. Thank you to the Budget Committee!

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this report or any school issue in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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