The Lafayette Regional School’s Mission Statement states that;

As a community we educate, nurture, and challenge all students to be successful, enthusiastic, lifelong learners who creatively explore, effectively apply and share knowledge as responsible participants in an ever-changing world.

The Lafayette Regional School’s staff was tasked with writing a Vision Statement for our school. A vision statement outlines how the school performs their mission statement. The staff met to discuss what should be included in this statement. A committee was formed and numerous drafts were painstakingly reviewed and edited. A draft copy then went back to the entire staff for their input. This draft was also sent to the School Board and parents for feedback. We are now at the point where this Vision Statement can be reviewed for final approval by the School Board. The proposed Vision Statement reads;

Lafayette Regional School creates a culture of educational excellence by providing challenging, engaging, and personalized learning experiences for all students. Deep learning develops through the implementation of standards-based and research-based instructional models as evidenced by academic growth of at least one year. Critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity cultivate intrinsically motivated students who believe they can learn. Partnerships with supportive parents and community members model social awareness and civic responsibility.

Report cards and parent/teacher conferences were held this past month. Once again, we had an outstanding representation of parents at these conferences, evidence of how involved our parents are in their children’s education. Our parents involved with the Lafayette Parent/Teacher Organization (LPTO) did a marvelous job of supporting our students this past month. We held our Scientist in Residence with the White Mountain Science Inc. company facilitating every student in our school to become “Makers”. Students in grades K-6 explored and created things that moved through a scientific process. Paper airplanes flew through the air, wooden cars were traveling down ramps, robotic machines were moving big letters, and a great time was had by all! The LPTO also raised monies by holding our annual adult Spelling Bee. Our multi-purpose room was full of teams (20 of them) vying for the coveted title of “best spellers”. This wonderful event that helps connect community members, parents, and staff together was a great time. Good clean, family fun isn’t dead at Lafayette!

We held our famous Variety of Talents Show this past week and, once again, the house was packed! Our very brave students showed their talents in many ways, from tap dancing, to jazz playing, to pogo-sticking, to our first graders singing a song about bio-luminescence. It was a wonderful, fun night of elementary-aged students entertaining the community. The very next night we held our annual Table Tennis Night (Don’t call it ping-pong!). Twelve teams of students and parents fought for the title of “Champion”. After a 13 match round-robin tournament, last year’s champions, the Burgers, defended their title and were declared the 2016 Champions.
Our fourth grade students won the NH Department of Tourism’s Class Act Video Award. This one-minute video depicts the history of New Hampshire while also displaying many wonderful reasons of why you might want to visit our state. As part of the celebration, the Department of Tourism’s director came to award the grand prize. This prize consists of a trip up the Cog Railway to the summit of Mount Washington. They will travel to the base of the Cog via motor coach which also has the students thrilled to no end. This is another example of the hard work that our students are achieving in the areas of not only meeting the standards but also accomplishing the 21st Century Learning Skills of collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity.

Our new school nurse, Samantha Presby, will be joining our staff on April 25th, right after our vacation period. We are looking forward to Mrs. Presby’s influence in areas such as our Wellness Committee, Emergency Operations Planning Committee, coordinating in our health education curriculum, and as a liaison between school and parents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this report or any other school related matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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