Principal’s Report  
to the  
School Board

If you have been following my Principal’s messages, you know that this winter’s crazy weather patterns have impacted our students’ ability to play outside, not to mention their general mood during indoor recesses. The current temperatures outside are melting away all of our previous ice issues and are certainly welcome. Now that our Winter Program has ended, we are looking forward to an early spring.

The weather cooperated every Friday afternoon for our Winter Program and we were able to participate for all six sessions. We have not been able to get six Fridays worth of decent weather in quite a few years so this was an added bonus. The 75 skiers and snowboarders learned quite a bit at Cannon Mountain and experienced a ton of fun as well. There were 12 Nordic skiers who traveled to Bretton Woods Ski Area for lessons. Twenty students participated in our Winter Fun program that included skating, sledding, tubing, hiking (no snowshoeing this year), rock wall climbing (indoor), and practiced Iditarod skills in our multi-purpose room. We could not offer this valuable outdoor experiential program without the help of our 30 parent volunteers. Each Friday these parents take time off of their work or change their busy schedules and come help us make good things happen for our students. We are so appreciative of the time and energy of these volunteers!

We held our Scientist-in-Residency workshop this week with the White Mountain Science, Inc. This group, led by Bill Church and Aaron Goldman, challenged our students in producing a Maker’s Fair. The focus is on our students producing or “tinkering” in making different objects and machines. Our students made paper helicopters, cut out cardboard to make huge letters that lit up, built LEGO cars that incorporated gears, and designed robotic vehicles that were programmable to mention a few of the many products that were built this week. We will have a culminating celebration on Friday, March 11 for parents and students to view each other’s projects and celebrate tinkering!

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any questions or comments that you may have regarding this report or the school in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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Principal