Principal’s Report  
 to the  
 School Board

The “short month” of February was fairly busy at school despite having the last week off for winter vacation. We held our annual “Valentines for Volunteers” luncheon to show our appreciation for the many volunteers that contribute to our school and make it a special place to learn. “Uncle Kevin”, a second grader’s uncle and astrophysicist at NASA, gave a presentation on his research on possible life forms on Europa, a moon of Jupiter. Our school nurse, Samantha Presby, finished hearing tests for all students by borrowing Profile School’s new hearing machine. And, on the second day, we…. just kidding!

Our fourth graders participated in the National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP) testing. This assessment ranks states according to standardized test scores in grades 4 and 8. In past years, New Hampshire has consistently ranked in the top five states in both reading and mathematics assessments. This year, the test was conducted mostly online in a new format.

The circus came to town and stopped in at Lafayette! Troy Wunderle’s Big Top Adventures offered our students a one week residency. Students learned how to balance feathers, juggle balls, jump on pogo sticks, ride unicycles, and form human pyramids. This kinesthetic activity allows students to learn by making mistakes, trying again, and being successful by persevering. The engagement of our students is amazing; they all want it to continue throughout the year.

Due to the retirement of our beloved Stan Sawicki, Head of Maintenance, we had to conduct interviews for his replacement. We had 19 applicants and interviewed 9 candidates. Ultimately, we hired Gerald Drapeau to be our new Head of Maintenance. Mr. Drapeau previously worked at Profile School and was a painting contractor earlier in his career. We are also getting closer to hiring a new night-time custodian.

Aaron Goldman, our Technology Integration Specialist, spent his week off this month by attending Power School University. This will help us use our administrative software package to its fullest extent. We currently use this software for attendance but are moving towards report cards and lunch accounts becoming operational in the future.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me regarding this report or any other school issue at any time. Thank you for your support of our wonderful school.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordie Johnk  
Principal