Teachers and parents are shocked that we are in the month of May already and are wondering where the year has gone. Students, on the other hand, are concerned that summer can’t come quickly enough! Finally, the weather is feeling more like summer and people are smiling again. I believe that we transitioned from winter to summer with about three days of spring thrown in for good measure!

We held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon this month to thank all of the many volunteers that help us throughout the school year. We would not be able to provide many of the enrichment type of activities to our students without volunteer assistance. Our Community Service Kids made sure that our appreciation was put into words with their short presentation.

Our recent Talent Show and Poetry Night were huge successes as indicated by our talented students and appreciative audience members. Sarah Reeder organized the Talent Show which had about 15 acts which ranged from solo singers to piano duets to various funny skits. An enjoyable time was had by all. Our Poetry Night consisted of all forms of poetry from kindergarten to 6th grade students. We also surprised Kathryn Anderson, the facilitator of Poetry Night, with a retirement celebration with poetry and cake for all!

The spring schedule always has a plethora of field trips scheduled and this year is no exception. We have trips planned for the Squam Lakes Science Center, Belknap Mills, Remick Farm, Franconia Historical Society Museum, the Flume/Basin in Franconia Notch and the Freedom Trail in Boston, Massachusetts. Our wonderful volunteer chaperones help us safely supervise our students on these trips and make all of these enrichment opportunities so very successful.

Progress Reports were sent home to parents this month. This is the last formal communication before the end of the year Report Cards. We are planning on state (AIR Test) and district (NWEA) standardized testing during the upcoming month. A Homeland Security audit was conducted this past week and a written report will be forthcoming. Boundary line issues are closer to being resolved with a new survey of one of our lots. Most impressive is that every one of the lights in our building was converted to LED bulbs over the April vacation. The approximate electric savings of over $10,000 per year will be significant cost reduction.

Respectfully submitted,

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