Principal’s Report
to the
School Board

The month of April flew by so quickly that our students had little time to transition from our mild winter to a rather chilly spring. Now, in the second week of May, we still hear arguments between students and their parents regarding whether or not snow pants or shorts are in order for any given day. Nevertheless, we held our annual Earth Day Celebration this week with temperatures in the upper 30’s!

Students in all grades participated in standardized testing this month. Assessments such as the North West Educational Assessments (NWEA) determine how much growth each student gained over the course of the year. Other assessments such as the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) tests (in grades 3-6) project how well each student met the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Results from the former will be sent to parents with the next set of report cards. The SBAC results will most likely be sent sometime this summer.

Kindergarten registration for next year was held last week and we currently have 10 students enrolled. The Lafayette Parents/Teachers Organization (LPTO) spoiled us with their annual Staff Appreciation Week, complete with a “super hero” theme. Staff members wore cool capes, we enjoyed chair massages, ate plenty of yummy foods, as well as the lunch at The Inn at Sunset Hill. All of these activities were greatly appreciated. Field trips were taken by the third graders traveling to the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury and the fourth graders visiting the Currier Museum in Manchester, NH. Many more field trips are scheduled for the rest of the year.

We held our annual Poetry Night recently with a great show of support from parents and friends. Everyone was a poet in front of the full house crowd. The first graders even made up their own poem about bioluminescence.

We have two construction projects planned for this summer. We are replacing the windows and doors as well as insulating the walls and painting the exterior trim in the first project. We are also re-wiring the entire building with CAT 6 wiring for our technological purposes. Everyone is looking forward to saving money on energy costs as well as improved Internet connections.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have regarding this report. Thank you for your support of our students and staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordie Johnk
Principal