Principal’s Report  
  to the  
  School Board

The Lafayette students are enjoying this spectacular fall foliage in a variety of ways. Our younger students are busy playing at recess with a fantastic view of Mount Lafayette as a backdrop. The older students are busy participating in our Outdoor Program which consists of four hikes in the White Mountains. They study fauna, flora, glacial erratics, talus slopes, and conduct scientific studies and observations in the natural world. We would like all of our students to appreciate the wonders of growing up in such a beautiful place.

Lafayette’s fourth grade Science New England Consortium Assessment Program (NECAP) scores were received this month. The results were encouraging as a school and bode well for the scientific future for our students. Please refer to the handout for a more in-depth view of Lafayette’s results.

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Lafayette Regional School’s percent of Proficient or Proficient w/ Distinction = 80%

State of NH percent of Proficient or Proficient w/ Distinction = 50%

We also participated in our annual North West Education Association (NWEA) testing in all grades. Please see attachment for individual results by grade and subject area. These tests help teachers modify their instruction to personalize each student’s learning.  

Our weekly Community Meetings were focused on having a positive, growth mindset. There are many things that we haven’t learned….yet! The “Power of Yet” is a saying that reminds us of what we can learn if we try hard and have a growth mindset. The small groups that are involved are made up of our Peace Groups in multi-aged groups of students. Shelley Koehler, School Librarian and Enrichment Coordinator, organizes these groups and the teacher facilitate them with the help of our sixth graders.

We held Spot Vision screening with the help of our local Lion’s Club. This state of the art vision testing basically “takes a picture” of the retina and does not rely on young children having to state whether or not they see certain items or letters as in the “old days” of vision screening.
Students were also given free flu shots for those that signed up, compliments of the North Country Health Consortium. Samantha Presby, our School Nurse, coordinated both of these events.

Our Outdoor Education Program is in full swing with our third hike up Middle Sugarloaf Mountain happening tomorrow. This valuable learning opportunity of taking the classroom outdoors helps students understand and learn more about growing up in the mountains. A study of flora, fauna, glacial erratics, watersheds, and map/compass work are all incorporated into these hikes.

The first month of school has gone exceedingly well. The proverbial honeymoon in each classroom is over and the students and teachers are busily engaging in the teaching and learning process. New students have acclimated well into our school and we certainly welcome all of the new families. New staff members have also integrated well and are performing in an exemplary manner.

Thank you for supporting our small, wonderful school. Please don’t hesitate to contact me regarding this report or the school in general.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordie Johnk
Principal