

Pierce School News

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A Healthy Start

Many ways to make 2019 a success!

As we begin the month of January, students and staff are focusing on success in all areas- health and wellness, academics and social/emotional learning. Specifically, students have been reflecting on their hopes and dreams and as a staff, we are working to meet each child where he or she needs, to grow and progress in their individual learning journey. It is a time to celebrate success and our strong partnerships with family and community will allow our students to get there. Here are some things we would like to share to support your children at school as we aim for success...

WE'RE HALF WAY THERE!

Our second quarter is coming to a close...already! All students will share their progress with their families in report cards coming home on February 1st. Additionally, the State of New Hampshire Assessments from 2017-2018 will accompany student report cards for all current Grade 4 students. As a staff, we review student data on a school-wide basis, as well as note individual needs that require more focused attention. As a parent or guardian, we ask for you to review your child's progress with him or her to celebrate the successes and open the door for conversation on present challenge areas. I encourage you to reach out to your child's classroom teacher with questions or concerns. Our NWEA/MAPS Reading and Mathematics assessments will be happening in the month of February. As we know, it takes a village, and your support and encouragement for your child is the most important factor that builds their motivation and effort. We are excited to celebrate our students' growth from this first half of school. Go Pierce Black Bears!

Upcoming Events:

- January 25 – School Assembly
Please come and join us!
- 2nd Thursday of each month
- February 1st – report cards go home
- February 7th – Social-Emotional Learning Night in Antrim

Student Leadership

Pierce School has a student leadership team that is creating a big footprint both at Pierce and in our community! Five of our Grade 3 students have been leading the way to encourage all of our students at Pierce to make a difference. They have already accomplished their first mission- collecting food, toys and blankets for pets in the Monadnock Region!

Now, after asking for suggestions from students, families and community, their next endeavor is to make Pierce School Library into a true Learning Commons model for our students. As one student noted, "We need to make our library a place where we can learn more and maybe spotlight kids' work and what we can do!"

Ideas from the students ranged from getting computers for research, having mobile furniture, creating quiet areas, buying audio books and more to make it more "kid user-friendly"

Look for more to come soon!

Share the Love

**National School Counseling Week:
February 4-8, 2019**

Sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), the week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Thank you Mrs. Gregg for all you do for kids!



Healthy Schools

Please Keep Sick Children Home

School attendance is important, however, your child may need to stay home because he/she is too sick to be comfortable to learn at school, and/or he/she might spread a contagious illness to the other students. Students should come to school able to participate in all school activities, and should not be tired and listless.

Returning Students to School: "The 24 Hour Rule/Guideline"

Students may return to school after 24 hours on antibiotics, when their temperature has been less 100 degrees for 24 hours, and/or no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours and they feel better. It is important that the school knows how to reach parents or a designated emergency contact person during the day, particularly if a child has been sick.

And please remember to WASH YOUR HANDS~

Happy and Healthy New Year,

Nurse Mellon



SNOW, SNOW, SNOW...

Please check with your child each day that he or she has the appropriate winter clothing for outside play. The following list will help children remember what they need to keep them healthy and prepared for recess:

1. Warm coat
2. Hat
3. Mittens or gloves
4. Boots
5. Snowpants



A Celebration of Reading!

Title I Teacher, Judith Parsons received a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) for Pierce School! A recent event to celebrate literacy at Pierce included Vermont author Michael Daley, joined by friends from RiverMead to listen to and partner read books together with our students.

Michael presented some of his written work which included, *Pinch and Dash Make Soup*. He captured all our imaginations with his animated character voices, simple props and enthusiasm. Thank you, Michael!

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