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A Message from Dr. Anastasia Superintendent of Schools

Congratulations 2019 Graduates!

Never before have the graduates of WMRHS left so ready for college, career, and life! They've earned college credits, completed career credentials, worked in real internships, completed AP classes, led clubs, collected data for District-Wide redesign, played sports, performed on and off stage, participated in national and state competitions, and volunteered.....all to make America better! The students at WMRSD are more than just a score. We have painted a realistic portrait of a graduate so that students can appreciate what it looks like to be ready for future success. In addition to being college and career ready, being life ready means that they are leaving High School with the grit and perseverance to tackle their goals. It doesn't matter what the goal is or how long it takes to reach that goal, the chances of success depend largely on the willingness to persist and persevere. All of our graduates possess the mindset that enables them to approach the future with confidence and to dream really big. Being college, career, and life ready is and will continue to be our District's work and focus.

The Blueprint for Tomorrow Adult and Student surveys have closed and the data is currently being collected. We had 224 Adult responses and 346 Student responses! The next step is for the Steering Committee to analyze the data in order to make recommendations for the WMRSD School Board. The recommendations and data summary will be communicated and messaged broadly. We send out a sincere thank you to all the WMRHS students and teachers who performed interviews, focus groups, and collected a myriad of District data to inform the study.

I would like to thank all of you for your support as I enter my 5th year as the White Mountains Regional School District Superintendent. It has been very rewarding to learn and work with my WMRSD colleagues. As the field of learning and teaching gains momentum, it is an incredibly exciting time to be an educator! We are learning ways to develop more effective learning environments, instructional practices, and social skills to enhance the academic achievement of all students in the 21st century!

Kerry Sheehan - End of Year Message

Interim Principal, Lancaster Elementary School



The end of the year is here, and you would think we would be winding down - In our school--it is quite the opposite.

Assemblies, concerts, debates, field trips, guest speakers, high school transition day, move-up day, musicals, graduations, promotions, and talent shows still need to be completed.

We still have awards ceremonies to plan to honor our STARR students and our eighth graders. Teachers are busy creating thoughtful class lists to ensure the continued success of their students.

In the midst of the abundant activity, I would like for our students, staff, families, and community to realize all the great things we have accomplished this year. Not only did our students learn the required academic skills of their grade level, but also how to work with each other and be kind to one another. They learned how to be a better school community.

At the beginning of the year, I asked each staff member what their 'spark' was--or in other terms, what is their reason for being an educator. Each and every one of them relayed their 'spark' to the staff, each one had a smile appear on their face. Today, I see those same smiles and the last days, they still have the same spark and the same commitment to our students.

As I hand over the reins to Mr. Holmes, I want to thank all of you for your kindness and support throughout this year. I want to thank you for trusting not only me but all the staff with your children, day in and day out. Please know, the staff at the Lancaster School truly cares for your children - I can tell by how passionate they have become, as they create the class lists for the next year.

I know that I am leaving Lancaster in excellent hands with Mr. Holmes, Mr. Patterson, and the staff. They are joining our family for all the right reasons and with a 'spark' that will light the way to a big and bright future for the Lancaster School.



Michael Cronin- End of Year Message

Principal, Whitefield Elementary School



Whitefield School has shared the graduation of our eighth graders with their family and community members for many, many years. The ceremony has taken place in the evening and unfolded very much like traditional graduations we have all taken part in. The faculty and staff process in, followed by the graduates to the tune of Pomp and Circumstance. The ceremony has involved many welcoming addresses, songs of celebration, the awarding of plaques for excellence and conferring of diplomas by the Superintendent. It's been a solemn ceremony. Often the awards are spread across many students and many are spoken about. Just as often the awards are dominated by a few, and many of our graduates have unfortunately had less said about them. On many nights the program has been very long.

Last year WES made a change in the format of our eighth grade graduation events. Our goal was to create a graduation experience where our students, their families and our staff could better enjoy a couple of final gatherings as a community and highlight every student's accomplishments. The event was split into a dinner and a ceremony. Our Awards and Community Service dinner brings the entire eighth grade community together to have a meal supported by the seventh graders who have participated in our culinary arts class. They review the community service projects that the students participated in and then celebrate those peers who have achieved excellence in academic, athletic and personal areas. The traditional plaques and bowls are awarded that night.

On graduation night the students, staff and families gather again. On that night we are welcomed by our student leaders, hear congratulatory words from a student chosen guest speaker, and recognize a teacher of excellence. The most important part of the evening is the presentation of each and every graduate to the community by a staff member. That professional chooses that particular student based on the connection they have made during their time at WES. It may be a current middle school instructor, but it could be a former elementary teacher, and administrator or a support staff member. The student is invited to stand next to the staff member while he/she talks about the student's unique accomplishments and contributions to the community. They then confer their diploma. I'm going to be honest in saying that we "pirated" this from an academy in VT and we found it to be a moving way to bring this chapter of our students education to a close.

At WES it is our hope that when our eighth graders leave us for high school, that they go with the academic and self-advocacy skills to meet with success. We hope we have developed important and enduring interpersonal connections with them, and instilled the importance of contribution to one's community. Our updated graduation events give the community the opportunity to share in our pride.



Mike Curtis - Futures Program Summer Camp

Futures Program Director, WMRHS



The Futures Program is gearing up to run a diverse summer camp program, year two! The Futures Summer Camp model is multifaceted in its approach. The goal is to enrich the lives of children throughout the district and get them to find their PASSION! The objective of this camp model is to: introduce students to the physical plant of the high school, meet high school teachers and staff (who they'll see when they attend the high school), introduce students to different career possibilities, and better each child's spirit, mind, and body.

This summer, the Futures Program is excited to offer 16 individual camps over four weeks throughout June and July. Camps run from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Transportation is provided in two locations: Lancaster and Whitefield (to and from camp). We'll also provide campers with a snack and lunch if desired.

Camps include:

Culinary (FULL)	Welding	Hospitality	Music
Art I	Spanish	Creative Writing	Field Hockey
Track and Field	Robotics	Basketball	Trips
Outdoor Adventure	Soccer	Lifetime Sports	Art II

SAU 36 and GEAR UP New Hampshire (a federally funded grant) created this program so North Country students could have the same experiences students in larger New Hampshire communities below the Notch are benefitting from. Coos County students don't have a YMCA or Boys and Girls Club that they can walk to in the summer. There's been a disconnect with middle school age students and enrichment activities. Communities tend to do a good job offering summer programming to students ages 5-11 but forget about the students ages 12-15; the age group that no longer wants to play on the playground, yet still too young to work.

So we'd love to have your son and/or daughter attend our camps this summer. If you are interested in any of the camps listed please call 837-2528 or email Lisa Daigle at ldraigle@sau36.org.



Kelly Dussault - WMRSD System of Care

System of Care, Program Director

White Mountains Regional School District



Health is a state of body. Wellness is a state of being."
- J. Stanford

The System of Care office has been actively supporting positive behavioral health work and systems throughout the 2018-19 school year. Our MTSS-B (multi-tiered systems of support for behavioral health) framework is active in all three schools. Tier one (universal) efforts supporting positive school climate/culture and behavioral health have included lunchtime tabling events around youth mental health awareness month; international day of happiness event; Spartan Spotlight slides and whole school-wide celebrations of positive behavior, including the financial support of Recycled Percussion at Lancaster Elementary School. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) continues to be a pillar of our Tier one efforts, and this year Mindful Practices has supported social and emotional learning efforts and awareness at both Whitefield and Lancaster elementary schools with positive results. The System of Care office additionally supported a parent/community SEL informational night in May at the Whitefield Elementary School to further our efforts of building capacity and awareness around this important work.

The System of Care office continues to supports a Community Management Team (CMT) of school and community providers dedicated to supporting behavioral health and wellness efforts, while breaking down traditional system silos. This group meets 5 times a year and is comprised of four active subcommittees. Included in these subcommittees is the early childhood connects group, comprised of SAU 36 early childhood staff along with community preschool/childcare providers. In January of 2019, Ann Auger joined our SoC team as the district's early childhood education coordinator, where one of her primary roles is linking preschool to kindergarten readiness efforts including social and emotional development/readiness. This year our kindergarten registration process included the administration of the ASQ-SE (ages and stages questionnaire- social emotional skills), and data is being used alongside other traditional data measures (language, motor skills, concepts) to help with equitable classroom placements and supports that students may need upon entry into kindergarten. Future works include exploring curriculums and other best practices and alignment in our early childhood efforts. Additional subcommittees include our behavioral health team, family and youth engagement committee and our MTSS-B/SEL steering committee. All committees meet regularly and are actively working on our larger System of Care work plan goals.

A school climate survey was administered to all staff and community members in April of 2019. Response rates from staff increased significantly from 2018, and the results of the school climate reports will be out in mid June. The System of Care grant will be moving into its last year for the 2019-20 school year. Sustainability discussions have begun and will continue as we see the need for continuation of this important work.



Congratulations Class of 2019



Friday, June 7, 2019



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Spring Athletics

Middle School Baseball 2019

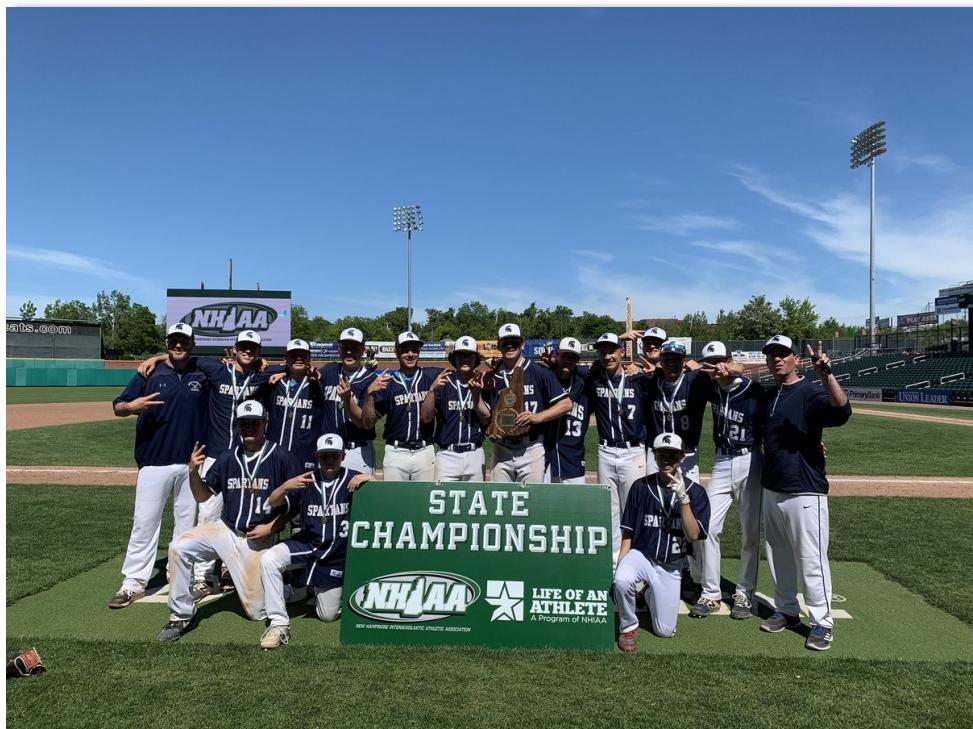
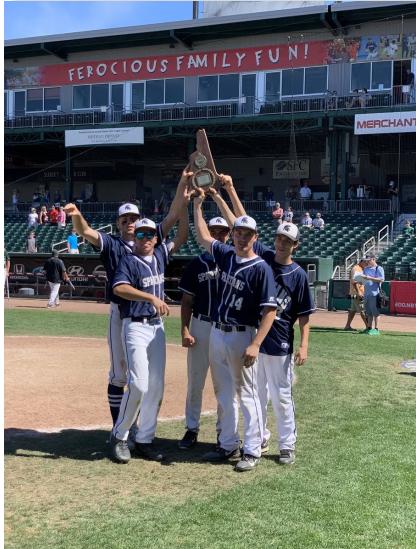


High School Baseball 2019



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Congratulations WMRHS Baseball



NHIAA III State Champions!

Spring Athletics

Middle School Softball 2019



High School Softball 2019



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Spring Athletics

WMRHS Boys Tennis 2019



WMRHS Girls Tennis 2019



*Please note that the 2019 Track & Field Teams did not have complete team pictures this season.

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