



**WMRSD Leaders and Learners – Your Community Connection  
White Mountains Regional School District**

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**At Whitefield Elementary School**

'Connected' and 'Contributor' are two of the Core Outcomes we have for WES students and as a community of adults, our connections and contributions are perfect models for our children to learn from. There are many ways you can connect and contribute to WES. At our open houses last week, many of you heard about our need for substitute teachers and volunteers. If you're thinking about developing a closer connection with WES and/or might have some time to contribute, we need you. You can get application packets for both substitute teachers and volunteers through Roxanne Ball at the SAU office. Both positions require a background check. As a volunteer, the fingerprinting process is free. We need help in all areas from classroom to paraprofessional support, food service and custodial; volunteers during lunch and recess would be welcomed.

There are some important upcoming meetings where community contribution is needed. On Wednesday the 2nd at 3:30, Mrs. Mooney will be facilitating some discussion and work around our outdoor classroom and trails. She would love to have additional community participants join, so please come out and be part of the process. The follow up meeting with Black River Design regarding upgrading the playground and grounds is Wednesday the 9th at 5:00 pm. The PTO is a small but mighty group of dedicated parents who have organized some really fun events in the past year. All proceeds from PTO events go directly to supporting student opportunities. The WES PTO has their second meeting of the year on Thursday the 10th at 5:30 pm and we hope that you will join.

**At Lancaster Elementary School**

A new school year has begun and Lancaster Elementary has a new school nurse, Susan Marineau, BSN, RN. Patricia Belanger, RN continues to serve Lancaster and Whitefield Elementary. Every year, school nurses must verify that every student has a current physical exam on file and is up to date on state required immunizations.

Parents and guardians are often overwhelmed by the paperwork sent home to be completed and returned to the school, but these forms are of utmost importance, especially immunization records. The recent measles outbreak across the country is a case in point.

Vital information collected with these forms include emergency contact information with names, addresses, work, home, and cell phone numbers, annual medical forms for permission to treat and to administer prescription medications and non-prescription medications at school, allergy information, and orders from PCP are all required for school nurses to provide care for each student. It is also important that the school nurses get to know each and every student from pre-K to grade 8, and eventually their families.

Cold and flu season is on the horizon. If your children have symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, and/or a temperature of 100 degrees F, they need to be kept at home. SAU 36 policy states students need to be free of all symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. Students will be sent



home if these symptoms occur during the school day. Prevention is the best medicine! Frequent hand washing, covering your cough or sneeze, and getting your flu shot are all preventative.

### **At White Mountains Regional High School**

There is an exciting energy at WMRHS as an assortment of new faculty have joined the team at Sparta. A youthful spirit has been pulsing through the hallways as each new member gets accustomed to the building, students, and traditions. Kelsey Liebenson-Morse, a new humanities teacher, spoke about her first Homecoming week saying it was, "exciting and so much fun! A great opportunity to see staff and students partake in school spirit. I felt proud to be a Spartan." Jessica Russ has joined as a new school counselor. She's been meeting and greeting students each day saying that, "the faculty and students have been very welcoming. It is impressive to see all of the opportunities students at WMRHS have to make their learning meaningful." Also joining the school this year is Aidan Wiggin, a new staff member in the sustainable science department. She is energized to bring new opportunities stating, "I'm looking forward to building career pathways and real life, hands on experiences for my students." Aidan is in her first year after graduating from UNH's Teacher Residency for Rural Education (TRRE) program. Two new faculty join us from the TRRE program, Seth Denoncour and Jonathan Springer. Both are in the science department and bring their unique backgrounds into the classroom. Also new this year is Leslie Claridge, a humanities teacher. He's been honored to write about a school that embraces every member of the community and pushes students and faculty alike to be their very best.