



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

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**At Lancaster Elementary School**

As everyone is aware, COVID-19 has touched all lives to some degree; some more than others. Plans had to be altered or changed at a moment's notice, which had a huge effect on teachers and students. One of these changes was the cancellation of field trips.

One of the traditional 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trips is a historical walk through Lancaster. 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers Miss Hicks and Mr. Houle felt that was something that could safely happen with what are now the 4<sup>th</sup> graders, as everyone would be outside, wearing masks, and socially distanced.

Two weeks prior to the walk, the kids completed activities such as reading articles and studying the many buildings, parks, cemeteries, monuments, and famous people of this historic town of Lancaster.

The walk brought history to life, connecting the past to the present. Most of the kids see these buildings, parks, cemeteries, and monuments to heroes every day, but on the walk they did much more than just “see” these things; they thought about them, even if for just one day.

This is a great 3<sup>rd</sup> grade tradition and Miss Hicks and Mr. Houle knew it would deepen the students' understanding of their surroundings. They were proud of their behavior and the respect they displayed in public. Being back in the classroom, having some normalcy, and carrying on a long tradition felt good for everyone.

**At White Mountains Regional High School**

The start of the 2020-2021 school year has been anything but traditional, but traditional grades are back. With everyone learning from home last spring and a change in how instruction was delivered, WMRHS went to a system of reporting out grades with a 0, 1, or 2 to show evidence of students completing required work and meeting standards. With students back in a more traditional school setting, although not five days per week, WMRHS has returned to traditional numeric grade reporting. Students are being assessed and grades are being reported in the numeric form of 0-100. Grade ranges equate to letter grades as follows: 0-59 = F, 60-69 = D, 70-79 = C, 80-89 = B, and 90-100 = A. Most parents and guardians are familiar with this style of grade reporting, and therefore, there may be less confusion regarding whether or not students are passing their classes. When in doubt, feel free to contact your student's teacher for clarification on the grade being reported.

Quarter 1 grades close on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> for all students at WMRHS. Paper report cards will not be mailed out this year. Instead, parents and guardians will be able access report cards through Powerschool on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The counseling department is sending out information to guide parents in this process. This change saves both material and human resources. Those who do not have internet access may contact the school and request a paper copy of their child's report card. If there are any questions, please contact the school counselors.