



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

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At Lancaster Elementary School

This year LES began using a program called Kickboard to allow staff to award points to students who show STARR qualities (Safe, Tolerant, A Team Player, Responsible, and Respectful) at school. Students are expected and encouraged to be STARR Students throughout their school day. When staff see students demonstrating STARR behavior, they can award them points through the Kickboard Program. Parents are able to download the App and see their child's points and why they earned them. The points accumulate in a STARR Bank.

In Quarter 2, students in grades PK-6 were given the opportunity to purchase a variety of items or activities using their banked points. Some of these include buying a table for lunch, morning rounds with Mr. Holmes or Mrs. Kopp, renting a sled for the sledding hill that you do not have to share for the day, 15 minutes of free time, or having lunch with a staff member. Students have been very excited to order each week. This has been a great addition to the school.

Middle Schoolers also earn Kickboard points daily and turn their points in weekly. Their store opened in Quarter 3 with options such as helping in a Pk-6 classroom, renting a wobble stool, or earning 5 extra points on the lowest assignment in one class. There are also some whole class options, and one class turned in 1500 points to have 15 minutes of free time outside. Way to be team players!



At Whitefield Elementary School

As the 22-23 school year is drawing to a close, students at WES are focusing on end of year SAS and NWEA tests, as well as a number of culminating activities like field trips and co-curricular activities. Continuous instruction is interwoven into these special days so as to take advantage of every valuable moment; these can be the most challenging learning days of the entire year. Warmer weather and a finish line in sight can make focus and concentration all the more difficult. Over the past few years staff and students have talked about the phrase *Finish Strong*. Finishing strong means that every WES community member is looking ahead to the finish, but not letting up on their effort as it approaches. The analogy of an athlete is frequently used to help students understand the point. As a runner approaches the finish line of a race they do not pull up and walk across the finish; they bear down and accelerate through. The same can be said of a NASCAR driver; they do not take their foot off the accelerator, they speed right through. For the scholar they finish strong by maintaining their focus and attention to instruction, giving their best efforts on assignments and assessments, practicing self-regulation strategies and being a supportive peer to their classmates. Please join the chorus with a daily reminder or affirmation to Finish Strong.

At White Mountains Regional High School

WMRHS has officially entered the spring season. We began the annual rite of passage for Juniors with the Junior Prom. Prom goers descended on the MapleWood in Bethlehem for an evening of food, fun, and dancing. Class advisors Ms. Graham and Mrs. Gross worked with the Junior Leadership team to create a red carpet event. Families and friends watched the Grand March on the deck under blue skies. Students and their loved ones proceeded into the ballroom for the traditional first dance. The night continued with food from the Little Grill, live music from WMRHS Progressive Styles students, and a playlist of contemporary songs. Students enjoyed the festivities and the announcement of the Prom Court: Jocelyn Wyman, Ava Simpson, Avery Woodburn, Shea Loughnane, James Akerman, and Elijah Beaulieu.



Spartans also celebrated Teacher Appreciation week.. Everyday the staff was treated to goodies ranging from breakfast pastries and coffee on Monday, fresh lemonade and a charcuterie board at the staff meeting on Tuesday, pizza and salad provided by Horace Mann on Wednesday, sundaes served by administrators on Thursday, and prizes drawn throughout the day on Friday. We would like to extend our gratitude to the many local community businesses which were extremely generous in donating prizes for this event.

On the academic side, students at the high school and eighth graders from LES, WES, and Mount Royal North completed their course selections for the 2023-2024 school year. The counselors are working to build the schedule based on student requests and are hopeful that students and staff will have access to their preliminary schedules before the end of the school year.