

I would like to start with an important message from Dr. Leggett:

Hello PES Parents and Guardians,

At this year's School Board retreat, we had an in-depth discussion about the FAST program, specifically if it's continuing to provide everything our school intends for this type of activity. Based on community and Board input over the past few years, our goals for FAST are as follows:

- *Helping students develop a sense of place here in the Upper Valley*
- *Exploration of activities & hobbies*
- *An opportunity to come together as a community*
- *Support of community partners*

In essence, it boiled down to a desire for activities where the whole school takes part to enjoy something unique to our community or region.

The Board also discussed some of the frustration and unpredictability with FAST in recent years, especially due to weather and other factors outside of our control.

This led us to the idea of potentially make a change to three full days (one in each of fall, winter, and spring) of outdoor NH community events where all students and staff at PES connect. An example of this for winter might look like a "Winter Wonderland" day, during which all of PES learn new outdoor snow and ice activities together.

We recognize that FAST - and skiing in particular - is a long-standing tradition at PES, one where a lot of great friendships, experiences, and a love of NH winters were born. We'd love to have your feedback as we look to the future:

1. *Should FAST continue as is, for five weeks of afternoon winter activities programming for students and families?*
2. *Should we work with Whaleback and/or the town recreation program to offer skiing as an after-school activity?*
3. *Should we simply allow families to decide on this type of experience on their own, outside of the school day?*

The Board will be discussing these options and listening to suggestions at their upcoming meeting on Tuesday June 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm. We hope to hear your ideas on this during public input at the beginning of the meeting -- you can join in person in the Music Room or via zoom. If you are unable to make it to that meeting, please send your input to schoolboard@plainfieldschool.org

Thanks in advance for your input.

Dr. Sydney Leggett, Superintendent

TUESDAY'S SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AT 5:30 PM is just one of the many events coming up in the next week and a half:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 -

- **Celebration of Learning Lunch - 12 Noon**

8th Graders will exhibit some of their work throughout their time here at PES and enjoy a barbecue luncheon with families. Younger students will have a chance to peruse the exhibits earlier in the day and will have the opportunity to purchase a bbq lunch. [8th Grade students are welcome to leave with students following the luncheon but may also stay at school depending on what is best for the family.](#)

- **Athletic Awards Banquet**

If your child played a sport in grades 5 through 8 this year, please join us for the Athletic Awards Banquet at 6:30 pm on Wednesday. Light refreshments by potluck - bring a snack or dessert to share

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 - Spring Fling Dance - "Shining Under the Stars"

Students in Grades 6 to 8 are invited to attend our Spring Fling, held outside (weather permitting) and hosted by the 6th grade class in celebration of the Class of 2023.

- **Thursday, June 15th - 7:30 to 9:30 pm** (8th graders arrive at 7 pm for pictures)
- **NEW LOWER PRICE** - Tickets: \$8 or \$6 with a donation of art supplies for Molly's Place @ DHMC (Art supplies needed: crayons/markers/pencils, paper, coloring books, stickers, self-adhesive foam shapes, gallon size zip-lock bags.)
- **NOTE:** Guests from other schools allowed only with Principal approval (via permission form available in the main office)

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

GRADE 3/4 - Plainfield Tour

Field trip to explore the history and all that Plainfield continues to offer!

Graduation Practice

Friday morning, 8th graders will have the opportunity to sign yearbooks, clean out lockers and then participate in a graduation rehearsal. Class Advisors are hoping the class will be able to enjoy a pizza party and ice cream following the rehearsal. More info to follow if this is able to come together.

GRADUATION

- **Where** - Plainfield School - Under the tent to the right side of the school
- **When** - 6 pm
- **Who** - All are welcome. Families and friends of the graduates have priority for seating.
- Refreshments served by the Class of 2024 following the ceremony

And Looking ahead to next week...

- Kindergarten Cookout - Monday, June 19 - 11:45 am
- Grades 1 to 4 Spelling Bee - Monday, June 19 at 1 pm in the Music Room
- Kindergarten “graduation” is Tuesday at 9:30 am (Climbing Kindergarten Mountain, can’t wait 😊)
- Step Up Day is on Tuesday, June 20th
- Wednesday, June 21st - Field Day and EARLY RELEASE AT 12:50 PM

Looking for Field Day Volunteers!

Field day is almost here! We will be holding a field day, for K-4, on the last day of school, June 21st, and we are looking for volunteers to help run stations/events. The time we are looking for help is from about 8:00-12:15. If you can help, please fill out and submit the form below. Thank you in advance! [Field Day Volunteer](#)
Ms. Heinz & Mrs. Taber

Looking ahead to summer?

Check out the attached fliers for upcoming events and opportunities including “A Night in the Stacks” on Friday, June 23rd at the Meriden Library, basketball clinics throughout the summer at Cory Taber Park, and the Claremont Food Pantry on Thursday, June 22.

Yearbooks for Sale - Grade K-7: Preserve your Plainfield School Memories. Order the 2022-2023 Yearbook Today! The price is \$35.00. Please complete the attached flier and send payment to the office. Deadline to order is **Monday, June 12, 2023** – Limited Quantities available. **Flier emailed on 5/31**

LOST & FOUND - And for the second to last time this year 😊 - Please remind your child(ren) to check Lost & Found - now available on tables in the lobby - and clean out their lockers and desks. Teachers will be helping with this throughout the next week and a half as well. Please don’t forget you can view our [Lost and Found closet](#) online. The lost and found website is updated weekly.

Have a great afternoon and see you in the morning!
Audra