## Leonard Middle School November Board Report

We finished our student-led conferences last week. At these conferences, students set goals they hope to achieve. We will meet again in the spring to celebrate student success meeting their goals. Below is an example of proud parents and a successful student.



The first Operation Breaking Stereotypes (OBS) meet up of the year with our partner schools is happening at LMS tomorrow, Thursday November 21. Our OBS partners from Indian Island School and Orono Middle School will join us for the day. We will have team building activities, visit classrooms, eat lunch together, and meet with town officials from each community to discuss hopes and dreams for the future in our communities. Students have written essays to introduce themselves to their new school partner in addition to having a discussion about what makes us who we are as a group. Our very important work is being highlighted at the Educate ME symposium on December 7<sup>th</sup> in Portland.

The LMS Garden club has finished up for the fall. We have planted our garlic and put the garden away for the winter. We are still planning though, and Mrs. O'Connell is in contact with the Old Town Community gardening group to coordinate our efforts. Below is a picture of part of our carrot harvest.



In professional development, restorative practices training that I discussed last month is continuing. We have a follow-up meeting on December 3 to develop our next training. We are also working on improving our trauma informed school knowledge.

Coyote U in the morning resulted in over 90 students signing up for an activity. Wow, that is triple our participation from last year. Ms. Clements is leading a very popular felting class in the photo on the next page.



Our monthly assemblies that celebrate student success are highlighted by student of the month sweatshirts and "Do The Right Thing" awards for students that are always doing everything they can do to be a great student. Of course, we end with a dance and the Cotton- Eyed Joe is spotlighted in the photo below. Yes, we are not in step with each other.



Respectfully submitted,

**David Crandall**