

ELLIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

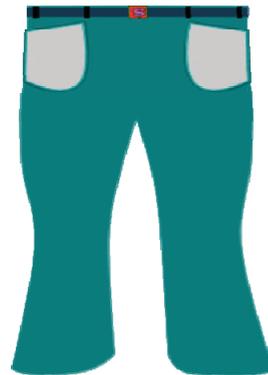
“Jeans for Teens” Scholarships

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*The staff at the Ellis School has created the “Jeans for Teens” fund as a way to provide scholarships for the **students** of Fremont heading off to college.*

Thanks to generous donations and fundraising efforts, at least two scholarships of at least \$500 each will be given this year. Students must currently be a resident of Fremont, have attended the Ellis School for



at least one full year, and been accepted to a 2- or 4-year college.

Interested students may pick up applications at the Ellis

School or their local guidance office. Applications will also be available on the school’s website (www.sau83.org). Completed application packets must be post-marked by June 1st.



Scholarship

Special points of interest:

- Jeans for Teens Scholarships
- Ferry Beach Trip—6th Grade
- 3-D Printer!
- Jump Rope for Heart Fund-raiser News

College/Career Week at Ellis School

April 20th– 24th is College/Career Week at the middle school. School counselors will be going into classrooms to discuss careers and college degrees with students. Ellis is very excited to have had the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation present to our 2nd graders in March and provide curriculum for our 5th and 8th grad-

ers. 5th graders will participate in the NHHEAF Get on The Bus, Beginning your Journey to College workbook. 8th graders will be playing College Jeopardy. NHHEAF is a free service to all NH residents who are interested in attending college, check them out at www.nhheaf.org. Students can explore

www.Nhcollegeclub.com to learn more information about what classes should be taken in high school if you are college bound and about life after high school. Friday, April 24th, all staff and students will be encouraged to wear their college sweat-shirts /t-shirts. Please talk with your children about your experiences at college and in the work force.

Spring Tech News, Computer Lab 2015

Kindergarten: Students have been creating projects on Kid Pix software representing the four seasons. They are using text boxes, font, size, and color as well as stamps. They have also developed mouse skills by using the website: <http://practicedelmouse.altervista.org/whenpigsfly.html>

First Grade: Students have been learning about the phases of the moon. Each student is constructing a mural representing the 8 phases of the moon. The software used has been Kid Pix. They have developed skills using text boxes, font, size, color, centering, shapes, line segments, and fill buckets.

Second Grade: Students are researching various owl species from North America, South America, and Central America. The website they are using is: <http://owling.com>. They are writing their research on a graphic organizer and learning about where their owl lives, what it eats, its physical features and other interesting facts. They are also listening to the calls of their owl on the website. Their final project is being constructed on Microsoft Word as a poster.

*Keyboarding: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>

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Third Grade: The third graders are studying the planets. They are creating a brochure on one planet of their choice using Microsoft Publisher. Students are researching the distance from the sun, temperature, diameter, and other interesting facts. Skills including pictures, framing, typing, text boxes, and font and editing on Publisher are being taught.

Websites used for this project are: <http://www.kidastronomy.com>; and <http://enchantedlearning.com/subjects/astronomy/planets/>

*Keyboarding: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>

Students are completing level two, three, and four on Dance Mat to improve their keyboarding skills.

Fourth Grade: Students are studying the

US Regions. Students are working on creating a Newsletter using Microsoft Publisher. Research from this project includes: population of region, area in square miles, largest city, major cities, mountain ranges, highest peak, plateaus or desert, National Parks, popular tourist attractions, bodies of water (lakes, oceans, and rivers). The website used for their research is from: <http://mnrnussbaum.com/united-states/regions/>

*Keyboarding: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>

Students are completing level three and four on Dance Mat to improve their keyboarding skills.

Fifth Grade: Students have been learning about the events leading to the American Revolution. They have learned about the 13 Colonies and researched the Way of Life of these colonies using Smart Art, table, and Excel. Skills taught have been inserting a table and adding & deleting rows and columns, adding fill buckets, font, size, color and text. Websites used for student research have been: http://www.websterschools.org/classrooms/state_library/colonies/html and <http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/revolution/rev-prel.htm>

*Keyboarding: <http://www.typing.com/tutor/>

Students are practicing their keyboarding skills on this free website and are at the intermediate levels.

Sixth Grade: Students are concluding a unit of study on Renewable Energy. They have researched Solar, Wind, Hydropower, Geothermal, and Biomass. Students viewed videos on these types of renewable energy sources & chose a type of energy source where they applied their knowledge in a PowerPoint presentation. Students are currently presenting their projects using the SMART board to their classmates so they can also learn about another type of energy source.

Skills learned on PowerPoint were

slide layout, text boxes, inserting pictures and framing with borders & colors, background design and graphics and inserting pictures and facts, hyperlinks, transitions, and animations were also applied. The website used for research was: http://www.eia.gov/kids/energy/cfm?page=renewable_home-basics

Seventh Grade: Students are learning and researching an earth science topic which meets NH state standards in science. The standards are: (1) Rock cycle, (2) Atmosphere, weather and climate, (3) Tools, and (4) Stars and Galaxies. Students were given these as a choice board to decide what interested them. Resources in the lab such as books, periodicals, and websites (some listed below) were utilized.

<http://www.geography4kids.com>

<http://www.learner.org/interactives/rockcycle>

<http://geology.com/rocks/>

http://kidastronomy.com/solar_system.htm

Students are free to choose if they would like to make a poster using Microsoft Word or a PowerPoint to present.

Eighth Grade: Students are assigned one U.S. president. They are creating a school-wide mural of all the presidents in order. Microsoft Word is used for this. Ten areas of study and research are required for each poster. Websites used for this historical project include:

<http://mnrnussbaum.com/presidents/presidents/>

<http://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents>

<http://www.americanpresidents.org/>

<http://www.ipl.org/div/potus/>

RTI classes: **4th grade:** Smarter Balance prep. Included reading, SMART board notes, applying sentences & forming opinions, typing on Microsoft with spelling, grammar & syntax; **6th grade:** Students have done a project on the Founding Fathers of our Declaration of Independence; they have studied the Bill of Rights, and are currently finishing a project on the branches of government.

Third Grade News

The children had a wonderful day at the Boston Aquarium. They learned a great deal about the habitats, dangers, eating habits and the characteristics of many sea and fresh water animals. Experiencing a visit to the city is always part of their education to make them well-rounded individuals.

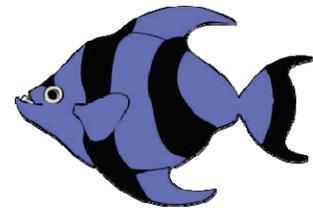
The Smarter Balance Test is over and the students did a great job. They all learned quickly how to navigate their

computer to take the test. These skills will help them when they take the test again in 2016.

Reptiles are coming on May 13th at 9:00 am from D & D Reptiles. They are going to bring several reptiles and staff that will teach the children all about the habitats, characteristics, diets, and fun information. This is all thanks to the PTA's mini grant that makes it possible to enhance our children's education.

The Wax Museum is on t he

agenda and information is to be given to parents in the near future. Parents need to keep an eye open for all the details about what the museum is all about and when exactly it is to take place.



Ferry Beach Trip—6th Grade

The 6th graders had a great time at the Ferry Beach Ecology School. They learned about different ecosystems and got a chance to study them up close.

They had the opportunity to visit the forest, the beach, sand dunes, a salt marsh, and tide pools.

They also learned about the food we ate in the dining hall. All the students wanted to be a “zero hero” and not waste any food. It was a fantastic week for all the students and adults who attended.



News from the Art Room

Spring



With the monies raised from fundraising and Deerfield Fair we have been able to purchase a 3D printer for the Art Room. Students will be able to work on some very unique sculptures. Keep checking back for photos of our work.



7th Grade Math News March/April

The time between February and April breaks can be the toughest all year (for me and the students). There are fewer holidays/days off, clocks change, winter won't let go, then spring arrives and thoughts turn to the warm air, not math! In my classroom we deal with this by recognizing what makes the time difficult and coming up with a plan for dealing with it. Keeping up with routines is one of the most important, as well as using student planners to map the day/week, scheduling breaks to give ourselves down time, and asking for help when we feel off track.

At the end of March we will have finished Unit 7 on Ratios and Proportional Reasoning. This is considered one of the most important topics for 7th grade as it has many applications in Algebra, Geometry, and everyday life. Unit 8 (Percents) will be full of real-life applications. If you find yourself dealing with percents over the next few weeks, share it with your child! **Also, please help your child memorize the "Percent Conversions to Know" chart that was/will be filed in their notes.** This is the only quiz they have to complete from memory.

I will continue to let you know when the Unit Reports are sent home by sending an e-mail blast. Please let me know if you have any questions. Please continue with your periodic checks on homework completion and encourage your child to get caught up if they are behind as well. As always, continue to keep in touch by note, e-mail (kkane@sau83.org), or phone (895-2511, x 308).

Mrs. Kane

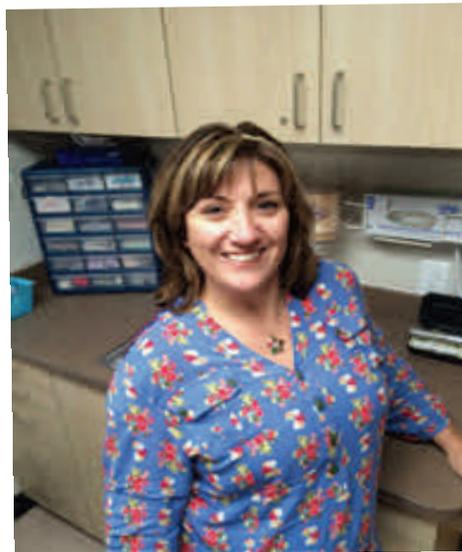
Calling All Nurses!

Mrs. Smith is looking to celebrate Nurses Day May 6, 2015 with a bulletin board honoring all nurses who are part of our Ellis community. She is requesting pictures of family nurses: moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, and friends—anyone who has practiced as a Registered Nurse RN, Licensed Practical Nurse LPN, Nurse Practitioner NP, or Licensed Nursing Assistant LNA. Pictures may be brought in to her to be photocopied, or can be scanned and sent via e-mail. Please include the name of the nurse, relation to student or staff member, and era of nursing. Please submit no later than Friday, April 25, 2015 to ensure time to complete this tribute to nursing.

Ruth Carney RN mother of teacher Deb Gobeil with her father Grandpa Bodie, Lexington Massachusetts circa 1950



Carla Smith RN mother of Erica Smith 4th grade & Ellis School Nurse



Music News

There are a few events coming up in Music in the month of May.

“Night of the Stars” - A great night of performance by many talented students and chorus!

May 13, 6:30 pm

Sanborn High School

“Trills and Thrills”

May 22, 2015, 8:00 am—4:00 pm

A day for the chorus to be adjudicated at Nashua South High School and then a trip to Canobie Park!

*Chaperones are invited but must pay their own way to the park.

Please email me with questions.

tsmith@sau83.org

Physical Education

First off, I would like to thank everyone who helped make Ellis School’s very first Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser a huge success. Thank you parents and the Fremont community for supporting our Ellis students and their fight to save lives. Most importantly, thank you students in grades 1—4 for getting out there and raising money!

Secondly, I would like to congratulate our 4th graders for their jump roping success. A large portion of the 4th grade class put together an awesome jump roping “mini show” at last week’s community meeting, and they did an excellent job...A+!

Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser Results:

- Total Money Raised for the American Heart Association: \$7,310.10
- Top Fundraiser: Nick Lazzaro—\$311
- # of participants: 104 Ellis School students
- This is phenomenal! You were given the goal of collectively raising \$1,000.00 and you went above and beyond! Way to go, Ellis Elementary...you should be proud!

6 Things You Can Do to Have a Healthy Heart:

- Eat plenty of fruits & vegetables every day
- Exercise for 60 minutes every day
- Watch out for hidden salt or sodium in your food... especially processed or fast food
- Drink plenty of water!
- Get at least 8 hours of sleep each night
- Stay away from cigarettes & other tobacco products

