



Ellis School

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Grandparents & Grand-Friends Day at Ellis School

Volunteers Needed.....

The Ellis School will be hosting our 2nd Annual Grandparents'/Grand-Friends Day on **Friday, May 13th between 1:30 – 2:30 pm.**

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to spend the afternoon with your grandchild/friend. We realize that much of a student's success may be attributed to the support they have beyond our school. Please help make this a special day for every child at Ellis.

The details:

*If you are interested in joining us, please contact our Reading Specialist, Jen Thomas, **before May 6** via e-mail or phone: jthomas@sau83.org OR 603-895-2511 ext. 109.*

Once you have signed up with Mrs. Thomas, we will have you meet us in the Ellis Lobby at 1:30 pm on Friday, May 13. We will then escort you to an elementary classroom (Grades Kindergarten through Grade 4) where you will read your favorite picture book to the class and teacher. Each read-aloud should be no more than 15 minutes long.

If you need help choosing a good picture book, you can ask Mrs. Thomas when you contact her or enlist in the help of the Fremont Public Library.

Thank you so much for your support and Happy Spring!

Upcoming Events

April 18

College & Career Week

May 2

Jump Rope for Heart
Fundraiser

May 10

Sensory Processing Workshop

Important Announcement – SAVE THE DATE – June 1, 2016

6 – 7:30 pm

Unified Arts Presents
"Celebration of Learning"





Sensory Processing and Strategies for Self-Regulation

- Please join us at the Ellis School Library on May 10th from 6 – 7 pm
- This workshop led by the Ellis School Occupational Therapists, Bri Philipps and Laura McCarthy, will focus on sensory processing.
- You will learn what sensory processing and regulation means and what it looks like when a child is having challenges processing sensory input.
- Practical strategies will be provided to assist with sensory regulation in a variety of environments.
- There will be opportunities to try various sensory tools used in the school setting.
- Light refreshments will be provided.

 RSVP by calling Nan Perry at 895-2511 ext. 425 to reserve your spot!



CHECK YOUR MAILBOX!

For the Parent Involvement Survey in Special Education

If you are the parent of a child between the ages of 3 and 21 who receives special education services, the New Hampshire Department of Education and your school district want your input!

The Parent Involvement Survey in Special Education will be mailed to your home by April 1, 2016.

Your input and opinions about parent involvement in special education help to improve special education services for your child and other children across the state!

Once you receive the survey, please complete and return it in the postage-paid envelope OR log on to www.nhparent.com and complete it on-line!

Surveys must be completed by May 13, 2016. Thank you for your time and participation.

Third Grade News

The children are going to Lego Discovery Land on May 5th to enhance the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) of today's learners. Please make sure that all permission slips are returned no later than April 15th, so that we can plan accordingly.

Math is a continuation of multiplication and division. Students must practice their tables at home for a strong foundation to be built. Fifteen minutes a couple times a week of studying can make a big difference. Setting a goal of 2 or 3 of the same days, same amount of time and making sure that you follow through is only going to increase your child's knowledge of the times tables and be beneficial to their math skills.

The story *The Wump World* by Bill Peet is being read to raise awareness of how important our earth is and that we must all chip in to keep it clean. The children are not only going to read the book, but they will be collecting trash and keeping track of what they collect, such as paper, metal and plastic. Watching *The Wump World* on the internet children are going use a chart to determine how the characters in the book feel and why they have those feelings. Making everyone realize that it is sad to see our world getting destroyed may help us to take a minute to see what we can do to improve our world.



College and Career Week at Ellis School!!!

April 18th-22nd is College/Career Week at the middle school. School Counselors will be going into classrooms to discuss careers and college degrees with students. Ellis New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation present to provide curriculum for our 5th and 8th graders. 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 what classes should be taken in high school if you are college bound and about life after high school. Friday, April 22nd, all staff and students will be encouraged to wear their college sweatshirts and t-shirts. Please talk with your children about your experiences at college and in the work force.

Local School's PAWsome Service Learning

By: Carter Sabalewski and Logan Hiltz



Tisha wakes up in the hospital, hurt from serving in the military, confined to a wheelchair. How will she get around? Tisha trains her own service dog to assist her in her wheelchair. She couldn't do a lot of things without this help... Many people depend on service dogs. The job they fulfill is very important. Do you want to get involved by donating to a service dog?

Our sixth grade class is sponsoring a service dog in training, her name is Breezy? This adorable little puppy costs around \$10,000 to raise. She has a happy, energetic personality!!! Read more about Breezy below.

Breezy visiting Ellis School.

Breezy is learning how to be a wheelchair assistance dog to help out someone in need. Caring Ellis School, sixth-grade students have been sponsoring this puppy. Their teacher, Mrs. Lee, found Breezy online and decided to reach out to her trainers. The students have been selling candy bones and paw-print bracelets at the school to raise money for her training. They have already raised over \$1000.

Breezy and her trainer have come into the school to visit the students a couple times this year. There were demonstrations of what she was learning, such as the "Watch Me" task, where the dog keeps her gaze and attention on her

owner. Breezy has many more helpful tasks to learn. We all hope Breezy continues being successful and becomes a full-fledged service dog.

The sixth grade at Ellis has been helping dogs all year. They are learning a lot, because this year's service-learning theme is Dog Nation. Their slogan is Cultivating Character through Canines. At the beginning of the year, the students put together "Bark Boxes." These were dog-themed and designed to collect donations for military dogs and handlers. They received a fantastic amount of donations that helped the soldiers and their dogs. This act of kindness really made a difference. The military dogs received food and medical care items, which is helpful when supplies are limited. The class has learned about and helped the variety of service dogs throughout the school year.

Next up, sixth grade Dog Nation will be participating in the Paws Walk for the NHSPCA and generating an Adopt, Don't Shop, Awareness Campaign, supporting shelter dogs. So when you finish this article, remember, every penny makes a difference in a dog's life. To donate, go to our GoFundMe page, www.GoFundMe.com/Bonz4Breezy or contact us on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook @LiveLearnBark.

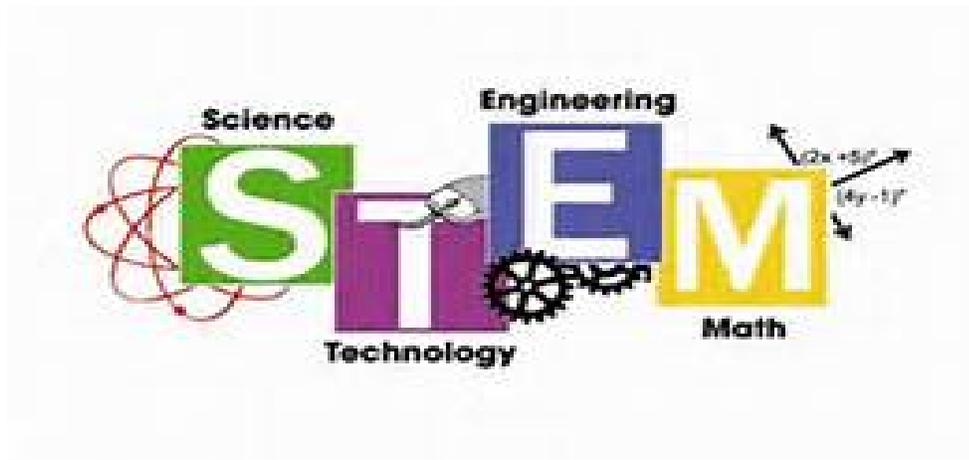
7th Grade Language Arts with Mrs. Pipitone

Hello Parents!

Students in 7th grade language arts class are reading fantasy books in literature circles--small groups of students who get together to read literature and hold discussions about the reading that they have completed. Students were given a variety of choices. The books offered were [Gregor the Overlander](#), [The Thief](#), [Cinder](#), [Seekers](#), and [The City of Ember](#). Students given a "book talk" and a chance to look over each book making their top four choices. Groups were put together the students' interests. Each group was given a calendar deadline (April 22) to plan out how many pages they are each day. Students are to complete 1-2 literature circle week. A literature circle job would include a literary term application of that term to evidence from their book. Each day, students gather their materials, assign jobs, check their calendar for pages to be read, read, complete jobs, and hold a literature circle discussion.



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On Saturday, May 7, 2016, from 9am-4pm, the Cooperative Middle School in Stratham will be the site of the NH Seacoast Expanding Your Horizons in STEM Conference for young women in grades 6-8. The Exeter Area General Federation of Women's Clubs will be hosting this event for the 10th year. Last year our conference attracted approximately 225 young women. The purpose of this conference is to encourage young women to persist in studying mathematics and science, thus expanding their future career options.

Some of the goals of the conference are:

- Provide young women with opportunities to meet and interact with positive women role models who are active in STEM related careers.
- Increase the interest of young women in math and science by providing exciting and fun hands-on learning experiences;
- Encourage young women to study as much math and science as possible by showing them the benefits of education and its relevance to their lives;

Some of the workshop leaders that we've had in the past include:

- a Biochemist
- an Aeronautical Engineer
- a Mathematics Professor
- a Robotic Engineer
- a Forensic Scientist
- and others

Online registration is available at our website: www.eagfwc.org. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. **There is no cost to attend.**

Andra Copeland, NH Seacoast EYH Co-Chair
Exeter Area GFWC

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART NEWS!

Hello Parents,

At this point, your child in grades 1 – 4 should have come home with a Jump Rope for Heart fundraising envelope and parent info. letter. Last year, Ellis Elementary School raised a whopping \$7,310.00 for the American Heart Association! I am proud to say that we were the "Top New School" in the state of NH. Quite the accomplishment! The goal was set at \$1000.00 last year, and the students well surpassed that goal. This year, I have upped the ante to a goal of \$8,3100.00! We can do this!

Over the course of the time that we are fundraising, your child has been participating in a jump roping unit during wellness (PE) class. We have talked about the American Heart Association, and its purpose, so that the students understand why they are asking their friends and families for donations. Don't be afraid to talk to your child about the fundraiser and keep them aware of this special cause. Some other "healthy heart" tips we have been learning include:

- Getting exercise every day
- Eating fruits, vegetables, and lean meats
- Staying away from tobacco
- Watching out for "sneaky salts" in our food
- Getting a good night's sleep
- Staying hydrated!

REMINDER: You can collect payments online! Set up an online account using the information on the parent letter. Collecting money online is as simple as sending an email and (hopefully) receiving a payment via credit card in return. Your child can win additional prizes for receiving online donations!

DUE DATE: Fundraisers are due back to Miss Kimball during the week of May 2nd- May 6th (whatever day your child has wellness!)

