

Ellis Middle School  
Principal's Report  
April 12, 2011

**Graduation**

For the past few years, graduation has been typically on the very last day of school. The reason was students felt they did not need to return to school after they graduated. However, in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, graduation is merely ceremonial and students are expected to be here until the very last day of school. The last day of school changes with every snow/flood day. There is still a possibility of storm cancellations. However, we would like to set the date of graduation now which will make it more convenient for families, students and staff. We will also create a schedule which will encourage students to attend until the end. Here is the schedule we are proposing:

Saturday, June 18 - Dinner Dance

Monday, June 20 - Regular day of school - Graduation Practice

Tuesday, June 21 - Graduation Practice/Class Day

6:30 - Graduation

Wednesday, June 22 - Canobie Lake

Thursday, June 23 - Last day of school

**Book Fair**

Mark your calendars for the Spring Book Fair, which will be held April 14<sup>th</sup> through April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the Buy One, Get One Free Fair, so don't miss it! There will be a Family Night held April 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**Fisher Cats**

The Middle School has started a new PBIS Roll Out to increase the percentage of students completing homework on a weekly basis. A Roll-Out is a specific period of time in which the school focuses on one specific behavioral expectation. As an incentive/reward for students who turn in their homework on a regular basis, students will earn a trip to see the Fisher Cats semi-pro baseball team. The trip will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> during the school day, when the Fisher Cats will be playing the Portland Sea Dogs, the Red Sox minor league team!

**Internet Safety Presentation**

Sanborn Regional High School has hosted Jennifer Frank, an investigator with the police department at Plymouth State University, for a presentation on social networking, cyber bullying, cyber harassment, cyber stalking, and sexting on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. All Ellis Middle School students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade attended this presentation.

### Honk!

Congratulations to Mrs. Burns and the cast and crew of Honk! The show was a big success with great performances all around.

### Ferry Beach

Students in Grade 6 will be attending Ferry Beach from April 12-15.

### NELMS

I recently attended the New England League of Middle Schools Conference in Providence, Rhode Island. I found the conference very informative and I brought back lots of ideas.

### April Calendar

April 8 - 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner - 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

April 11 - The NED Show - Yoyo Talent Show - 8:00 a.m.

April 12 through 15 - Ferry Beach Trip - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

April 15 - Night of the Stars

April 14 through 21 - Book Fair

April 19 - Spring Photos

April 19 - Book Fair Family Night - 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

April 20 - Early Release Day

April 25 through April 29 - School Vacation Week

Respectfully Submitted,

*John Safina*

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