

Principal's Report **November 9, 2011**

Testing Complete

We have finally completed all of our Fall testing. Our NWEA, NECAPS and AIMS Web testing began in September. To celebrate the end of testing we had a school dance during the early release day.

8:00-9:00 - Grades 6, 7, and 8

9:00-10:00 - Grades 3, 4 and 5

Red Ribbon Week

Thank you to Michelle Farrar and Kathleen Hoppa for a fantastic school wide Red Ribbon Week. It was so great to see everyone getting into the spirit and sending a great message. All the decorated doors look great. Students also planted tulip bulbs in front of the school. An article appeared in the Union Leader (see attached).

Pumpkin Drop

This past Friday was our bi-annual **Pumpkin Drop** as part of our 7th and 8th grade interdisciplinary curriculum.

This unit will covered science, math, social studies and language arts.

Fall Festival

Grade 1 had a fantastic Fall Festival on Friday, October 29. It was well attended by parents and staff and students had a blast. I found out I am 23 apples tall....let's see how long that lasts. Great job grade 1!

Mystery Night

The 6th grade had a Mystery Night for families last Thursday night at Ellis School. The 6th graders were studying mysteries. The night consisted of mystery activities, plays including the sleuthing Sherlock Holmes and the blood curdling writing of Edgar Allen Poe. Great job 6th grade!

Halloween Buy Back Program

The Ellis Student Council and our nurse, Carla Smith, sponsored a Halloween Candy Buy Back Program this year. The students brought in all their un-opened, Halloween Candy and in exchange they got a goody bag full of non-sugary treats. All of the collected candy will be shipped to the soldiers.

Mix It Up Lunch for Elementary and Middle School

Students thrive socially and academically within schools. For far too many students, school is where they feel excluded. Social scientists maintained that contact between diverse groups helps alleviate tensions and reduce prejudice. Mix It Up seeks to break down the barriers between students and improve intergroup relations so there are fewer misunderstandings that can lead to conflicts, bullying, and harassment. On Friday, November 18th, all students at Ellis School will participate in the National Mix It Up at lunch day. Students are encouraged to sit with students they don't usually sit with. Mix It

Up is a National campaign to improve intergroup relations, reduce prejudice, and build inclusive learning communities.

Coat Drive

Through the gracious efforts of the Raymond Rotary Club, which services the community of Fremont, a Coat Drive/Swap has begun. We are collecting new or very lightly-used laundered winter coats for male and female school-aged children, and are asking residents and businesses to help us with this immediate cause.

You may leave a new or gently-used laundered coat at the Ellis School, the Fremont Safety Complex, the Fremont Town Hall, or at Peoples United Bank, 55 Main Street in downtown Raymond.

As the cold has already set in, we are looking for an immediate response, but will accept coats until November 16, 2011. Coats will be distributed through the Fremont School District Social Worker, Mrs. LeBeau.

Upcoming Dates

November 11 – No School – Veteran’s Day

November 18 – Mix it Up Lunch

November 30 – End of the first trimester

November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break

December 7 – Parent/Teacher Conferences and Early Release Day

Respectfully Submitted,

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