

Principal's Quarterly Report to the Raymond School Board

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2017-2018, 3rd Qtr Report, April 23, 2018

Highlights	<p>5th - Dr. Seuss Read alouds, Winners of Spirit Week 6th - Weather and Matter, Dividing Fractions, Roman Conflicts, and <u>Holes</u> (grade-level novel study) 7th - Ice Skating Field trip to help foster team building, Who's your Daddy Integrated Unit (Genetics, Probability, and Persuasive Writing) 8th - Alum Lab Crystal Growing; Declaration of Independence and Constitution; Stained Glass Linear Equations Project and Illest Road Trip Math Project; Reading the Outsiders in LA. UA - Monster Instrumental Concert held on Thursday, March 12th at RHS. Monster Choral Concert held on Thursday, March 22nd at RHS.</p>
Acknowledgements	<p>5th - February Friendship Winners: Julianna Rodriguez & Ethan Jean /March Hallie Durbin and Vinny Festa 6th - February Friendship Winners: Oliver Welch and Ava Murray/March Chris Wallace and Ariel Berntson 7th - February Friendship Winners:Camden Brown & Lillian Dutton/March Tehya Tenasco & Ryan Kirkpatrick 8th - National Junior Honor Society members volunteered to help with Rafflemania; Friendship winners: Dylan Howanski and Kylie Donahue; Gabby Powell and Brady Potter UA - Members of the 7th and 8th grade band performed at the NH Large Group Music Festival on Saturday, March 10th. They received a "2" rating, which is the second highest rating given! All students represented Raymond extremely well.</p> <p>The Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards are a state and national competition held each January. Students, grades 7 through 12 can submit artwork to be judged. Only a few students are chosen to win awards. We had five entrants to this year's competition: Sara Amovic, Kiahni Burton, Adrianna Morasse, Livia Palmer, and Thomas Saluto. Special recognition was given to Olivia Palmer who received a silver medal for her piece entitled: Foxes. Great job Olivia!</p> <p>New Hampshire Arts Education Association, in celebration of Youth Arts Month (which is March) held a State Art Exhibition at the NH State Library in Concord, NH. Each school participating could only enter two pieces of artwork. Congratulations to Gabriella Hone and Madilyn Yockel for their participation in this year's exhibition. They represented our school well.</p>
Updates	<p>Our grade level and unified arts teams continue their work with Kevin Perks of WestEd on PLC facilitation and their measurable teaching goals. Teachers continue with their preparations for Competency Based Grading for the coming school year. They have all had the opportunity to be introduced to the grading test server so that they can be acclimated before we go live in August. Our Student Intervention Team is continuing their plan development of a Response to Instruction model that will work for our school for next year. Along with the support that we have received from Shannon Harken, members of our SIT visited two other NH middle schools who have successful RTI models.</p>
Challenges	<p>The special education team is working on a plan to ensure that classroom supports are efficiently met and our special education teachers will have more opportunities to provide specialized instruction. Currently most of the special education teachers are spending a portion of each day providing classroom supports that could be provided by paraprofessionals.</p>
Discipline	<p style="text-align: center;">IHGMS 3rd Qtr Discipline Report 2017-2018</p>

Grade	Referrals	# of Students	In School Restriction	# of Students	Out of School Suspension	# of Students
5th	104	36	14	10	1	1
6th	70	27	5	3	0	0
7th	32	14	1	1	0	0
8th	<u>108</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	314	127	28	21	3	3
3rd Qtr 16/17	285	96	34	26	13	9

Student Achievement	IHGMS 3rd Quarter Honor Roll	
	Honors	High Honors
	5th	13
	6th	7
	7th	12
8th	17	

Upcoming Events

5th - Fantasy Animal Presentations, Nature’s Classroom
6th - Roman Conflicts Performance Assessment, SAS Motivational Activities/Raffles
7th - Students will start their next integrated unit “ Birds” It will kick off with a visit to the NH Audubon and encompass ecosystems, area and circumference of circles and write an argument.
National Junior Honor Society will be having their Induction Ceremony on May 23.
UA - IHGMS Spring Concert to be held in early June
State Assessment System (SAS) testing and STAR360 testing will be taking place by grade level starting May 1 through June 1.

Other

I can’t thank our Faculty & Staff enough for all their hard work and perseverance! As we continue to improve the quality of the education we provide for our students we are constantly learning about, planning for and implementing new curriculum, improved instructional strategies and more effective assessment tools. All this work is taking place while teacher continue to teach and students continue to learn. A common phrase comes to mind is that we are “building the plane while we are flying it!” It is very complex work and our faculty and staff is doing amazing work!

Our Parent Core Group had a very successful Rafflemania in late March and raised over \$5,000 to support our students and staff. This very dedicated group of parents and community members have many plans in the works to provide extra funding for grade level field trips, to provide healthy breakfasts to all students during testing weeks and to celebrate the hard work of our faculty, staff and students. We thanks the PCG for all their support, it is greatly appreciated.