Principal's School Opening Report to the Raymond School Board

Laura Yacek, Interim Principal, Lamprey River Elementary School 2018-2019, September 5, 2018

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Highlights	We had a great turnout for the Welcome Back Ice Cream Social! The PTO provided Kona Ice for all. The fire department stopped by with their fire truck and visited with students, allowing them to sit in the fire truck. Dail Transportation and Durham Transportation provided buses for students to go on. This really helped those students who may have been nervous about riding the bus for the first time. We are very excited to have all of the 4th grade classrooms in the main school building. It has made a positive difference in classes transitioning throughout the day and the building has a true feeling of student cohesiveness. We have moved to a 6 day rotation for Unified Arts and students are adjusting well to the new schedule. Our SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) classes are well underway. Laura Milner, one of our school counselors, has done a great job of introducing this class as part of the specials rotation.
Acknowledgements	Thank you to Todd and the entire custodial staff for the amazing job of getting all restroom and classroom updates/moves completed before our staff returned back to school (1 set of restrooms updated and 13 classroom moves). Thank you to the PTO for the welcome back gifts for the entire staff as well as the creative teacher badges that were helpful for students when finding their teachers at the ice cream social. A special thank you to Stacey Wooster for being my right hand person while we continue to find an administrator for our LRES admin team. Thank you to Maureen Desrosiers (grade 2 teacher) who facilitated the Responsive Classroom (RC) training this summer for 11 of our elementary school staff. She continues to promote the RC philosophy school-wide at LRES. We are fortunate to have her as a classroom teacher in our school.
Updates	STAR and Dibels benchmark assessments are being administered. Our Response to Intervention groups will begin Sept. 10th. Teachers have begun the School-Wide implementation of the Units of Study in Writing.
Challenges	We continue to interview for paraeducator positions. We currently have 7 para positions that we need to fill.
Upcoming Events	Girls on the Run starts Sept. 4th. Thank you to our coaches Amy McAvoy, Jessie Akelian, Katherine Brand Holt, and Noel Cox PTO Fundraiser Kickoff this week! Picture Day, Sept. 17 Open House will be Thursday, Sept. 13th 6pm-7:30pm PTO, Night Under the Stars will be Friday, Sept. 21st 6pm-7:30pm
Other	Enrollment as of Aug. 30: Pre-K - 42 K- 104 1st - 88 2nd - 85 3rd - 94 4th- 87

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