

CO-PRINCIPALS' REPORT

NOVEMBER, 2017

FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS GOING HOME

All of our grade 1-8 teachers have completed the process of entering their students' grades for the first quarter on October 27. The report cards were sent home with the children on Wednesday, November 3. We are including a draft of the letter our Director of Curriculum, Jackie Tolman, wrote that was sent home along with the report cards. It includes a detailed explanation of the new scoring system.

SPELLING TEAMS FOR GRADES 5/6

The Barre City Middle School Spelling teams both competed in our district spelling competition against Barre Town in early October. The grade 5-6 team won the district competition, while the 7th and 8th grade team came close, but did not win. On Saturday, October 28th, our 5th and 6th graders competed against 3 other teams at the regional competition, which Barre City School hosted. Barre City, Rumney, St. Paul's, and Crossett Brook all participated in a nail-biting super-close race, which Rumney ultimately won. We are very proud of our spellers and very grateful for the time the coaches, Cathy Blake and Heather Bellavance, put in to help these students work so hard.

The 2017 Barre City team members are:

Grade 7-8 Team:

Tasia Avery
Ray McCuen
Amra Verem
Porter Walbridge

Grade 5-6 Team:

Keating Carpenter
Ben Dzano
Addyson Jewett
Averie Lange
Ryan McLam
Anthony Yandow

SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

On October 11, 55 of our elementary school children who had exceeded the expectations with their summer reading were treated to a great Belgian Waffle breakfast, put on by our food service, Aladdin! They also were treated to a Scottish story and bagpipe music, performed by the Aldrich Library's children's librarian, Ian Gauthier! What a great celebration of reading it was!!

WALK/RUN/FUN DAY

Thanks to the incredible work and organization skills of a group of dedicated parents, on Friday, October 13, we held a very successful wellness activity that culminated a fund raising event. Every child in the school had the opportunity to collect contributions from family and friends as pledges for his/her participation in a 10 minute walk or run event. The parents marked off areas on the north field, creating "laps" where the children and the staff would walk or run. Each classroom teacher brought out his/her students for 10 minutes of engaging warm-ups led by parent volunteers, 10 minutes of walking and running, and 10 minutes to eat a nutritious snack of Vermont apples and bottled water. The event was an extraordinary success. Every single child participated. There were no behavior concerns and everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time. It proved to be a wonderfully unifying activity for the school. Special thanks go to the outstanding and hard working parent helpers. We will let you know when we have the final tally of the amount of money raised!

Respectfully,

Michael Dreiblatt

James Taffel