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Dear North Hampton Families,

The school year is winding up here at North Hampton School, as we have a number of exciting events happening during the next couple of weeks.

Spotlight on teaching and learning: I enjoyed spending some time with the 4th grade team this week as they collaboratively scored benchmark writing assessments. The students were asked to write a personal narrative in response to a prompt about a favorite place or experience. It was fun to get to know the 4th graders a little better by reading about their experiences at the Topsfield Fair, Disney World and other places. The teachers used the 4th grade narrative writing rubric to assess where students are presently performing in relation to nine grade-level writing standards and are working hard to plan for group and individualized instruction moving forward. As the students will be given similar prompts to monitor their progress throughout the year, I'm excited to see the before and after as our 4th graders, and all of our students, hone their craft as writers. I applaud the efforts of our teachers, who are so capably guiding your children, and our students, who are stretching themselves as learners by giving it their all.

On October 10th, John David Anderson presented to our 5th-8th grade students. Mr. Anderson, who is the author of Posted and Mr. Bixby's Last Day, among others, also worked directly with our 6th grade students in their ELA classes and hosted an author's lunch, enjoyed by many of our 7th graders, in the library.

Katie Greer came to NHS on October 18th to speak with our K-8th graders, in three different age-appropriate assemblies, about keeping them safe in our technology-driven world. I saw at least a portion of each of Katie's presentations. They were enjoyable, engaging and impactful. Ms. Greer also presented to our parents and community that night. Thank you to all who came out to hear her optimistically cautious message. You may find a wealth of information related to this topic on her website at <http://www.klgreer.com/>.

There is another opportunity to see an authority in her field, Lynn Lyons, coming up on **Friday, October 27th**, at Winnacunnet High School. Ms. Lyons, a psychotherapist from Concord, NH, who will be presenting to the SAU 21 staff that afternoon, will focus her evening presentation on how to help children and families manage anxiety and worry. An event flyer is included in this message.

I hope you are able to come out and enjoy the **Harvest Fest on Friday, October 20th**. The Harvest Fest is presented by our PAL (People Active in Learning) group and is undoubtedly a "can't miss" event. Also, our 4th and 5th grade teams are hosting a fundraiser at **the Community Oven, in Hampton, on Monday, October 23rd from 5-9pm**. Money raised will go towards our Artist in Residency program, which is always an incredible experience for kids. Red Ribbon Week is coming up, October 23-27. The week will culminate on Friday with an all-school assembly presented by our Student Government.

Lastly, I look forward to our **Halloween Parade for PreK-3rd grades on Monday, Oct. 30th** and the **North Hampton School Talent Show, for grades 5-8, on Friday, November 3rd**. Please encourage your 5th-8th grader to participate in or attend the Talent Show, as it'll be an amazing evening. Also, you never know who might make a special guest appearance!

Thanks again for helping to make NHS such a special place for kids to learn and grow.

Erik Anderson
Principal

Please remember to check our website at <http://northhamptonschool.nh.nhs.schoolinsites.com/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct. 20 th	Harvest Festival! 5-7pm
Oct. 21 st	SSAT practice test- 8-11am
Oct. 23 rd	4 th and 5 th grade Artist in Residency Fundraiser- 5-9pm
Oct. 27 th	Red Ribbon Week assembly- 8:30am Early Release- 12:15pm- Teacher Professional Development
Oct. 30 th	Halloween Parade for grades PreK-3- 2:15pm
Nov. 3 rd	Talent Show for Grades 5-8 at Winnacunnet HS- 6:00pm
Nov. 9 th	Veterans Day assembly
Nov. 10 th	Veterans Day observed- NO school