

Happy last day of November North Hampton parents and families!

Many parents and families are probably wondering when Report Cards are coming out! If we hadn't been having formatting and logistical issues on the Web2School end, they'd be available today, but we have; so they aren't. However, the aforementioned formatting and logistical issues have been ironed out this week and our teachers have begun to steadfastly enter grades and comments. As I'm sure you understand, it takes time for our teachers to conscientiously personalize the report cards; so they have until next Thursday 12/07 to do so. Subject to further logistical issues (not anticipating any), Report Cards will be available to parents at 12:00pm on Friday, 12/08.

If you do not have a Web2School login, or need some assistance, please contact Ms. Kelly Ford by either e-mail (kford@sau21.org) or phone (603) 964-5501(x200). Kindergarten parents who may be new to this procedure, thank you for your understanding, as this helps protect your privacy.

For parents and families of students in grades 6-8, grades for English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies will be reported by the teachers in two columns. The first column will be a Competency Grade on a 4-point scale (4-Exceeds, 3-Meets, 2-Partially Meets, 1-Progressing), which is explained by the Academic Performance Indicators chart on the report card. The second column will be a letter grade, indicating student performance in relation to grade level standards. Our middle school teachers have transitioned to this procedure at the direction of the school administration and as a result of the revised Grading Policy, passed by the North Hampton School Board in August. A pdf copy of the Grading Policies for both Grades K-5 and Grades 6-8 will be included on the Web2School report card portal.

Spotlight on teaching and learning:

A number of exciting interdisciplinary projects have been happening throughout the grades. I offer the following two as a "sample":

Store fronts- 7th grade art students were asked to think about a business they'd like to own and operate and then to create a three-dimensional store front for that business. The final products from these future entrepreneur's include a book store, dance company, food truck, sushi shop, and medical clinic, and are on display in the art room hallway. Please feel welcome to stop in, get a visitor's badge & take a look.

Art and Writing- The art and writing unit is starting up in 5th grade. This integrated project incorporates art, writing and technology as students learn how to use visual clues to read and respond to famous paintings in all three areas. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting innovative adventure!

These are just two examples of how art teacher Marsha Zavez and our teachers are working together to plan lessons that help our students experience how the arts challenge us to think in creative and innovative ways.

Holiday Happenings (mark your calendars):

Wednesday, December 6th- Holiday Choral Concert- 7pm
Thursday, December 14th- Grades 5 and 6 Holiday Band Concert- 6pm
Tuesday, December 19th- Grades 7 and 8 Holiday Band Concert- 6pm
EARLY RELEASE- Friday, 12/22 at 12:15 for the Holiday Vacation
School Reconvenes on Tuesday January 2nd, 2018!

Also, the winter athletic season is underway. I look forward to seeing many parents, family and friends at a game or two over the course of the winter!

Thank you for your continued support, patience and positivity as we enter the most wonderful time of the year!

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