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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is going to be an interesting weekend! Tomorrow, I will return to my high school to watch my niece play volleyball. Sunday's objective will be to close up both my parents' and my trailers for the season. Monday, I hope to play golf with my brother.

It has been over 15 years since I have walked into the Nashua High (South) gym. While a student at NHS, I played varsity volleyball, basketball, and softball. Thousands of hours were spent growing as an athlete, leader, and person within those four walls. Right out of college, I coached varsity volleyball at Alvirne High School. During our season, we played against Nashua. On those visits, I was focused on my team and trying to win the game. Returning tomorrow feels a little different! I am excited to sit in the stands with some of my family and reminisce about the "good old days." I am interested to know if our championship banners still hang. I will walk the hallway near the cafeteria and look at the championship pictures and plaques. Hopefully, I might get into the locker room just to take a quick look and remember some of the pre-post game talks and celebrations. Can I still find my varsity locker after all of these years? Although I will be wearing a blue Gilford Volleyball Fan t-shirt, inside I am proud to be a Purple Panther!

Closing up the trailers at the end of the season, for me, is always a sad time. It signifies another summer gone and I often wonder how many more summers my parents will be able to camp. It is a time to say good-bye to our different camping friends. Some will be returning next spring, while other families will be moving on for different adventures.

Usually I enjoy playing golf! However, for various reasons, I haven't played a lot of rounds this year. So instead of trying to beat my brother on Monday, I have selected to play at my favorite golf course, North Conway Country Club. I will be able to see some amazing scenery and fall foliage both from my car and on the course. I will be bringing my camera along in my golf bag to take a few pictures of Cathedral Ledge, Mount Washington, and the Presidential Ranges.

I hope you have an amazing long weekend!



Finally in Fifth!



Here we are in October and it seems like we've done so much already in 5th grade! We started off the year reading about challenges people face and overcome. Through reading tall tales, biographies, and expository texts, students learned about character, plot, cause and effect, and fact versus opinion. We also have been identifying types of sentences and complexity of sentences to improve writing.

In math, students have worked very hard to better understand place value, multiplying by powers of ten, and rounding. Using flashcards, activities, and Xtramath.org, students have been working on their basic fact recall as well. We are moving on to reviewing the traditional multiplication and division algorithms with whole numbers before moving on to decimals.

This year it is a goal that students can locate the 50 states on a map. To reach this goal, students have been playing games and using flashcards to visualize where the states are. We broke the country into different regions, so students focus on one region at time before tackling the whole country.

This week has been especially fun in science. In our investigation of the solar system, we built model planets out of Playdoh. Students were surprised to see the relative size of Earth compared to Jupiter and Saturn. Did you know that Jupiter's diameter is more than 11 times greater than Earth's? We also used 4 meters of register tape paper to model the distance of the planets from the sun.

It has been a wonderful start to the year. I've enjoyed getting to know my new students and seeing them take on academic and social challenges.



Lunch Menu October 10-14, 2016

Monday
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday
Chinese Pie
Bread Sticks
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Wednesday
Fun Fish Nuggets
Break Sticks
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Thursday
Open Face Turkey Sub
Peas
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Friday
Gills Homemade Pizza
Carrot Sticks
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Breakfast \$1.25 (reduced \$.30)
Lunch \$2.75 (reduced \$.40)
Milk \$.35

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Classroom Coordinators/Room Parents

A special thank you to the parents who are the 2016-17 Classroom Coordinators/Room Parents. They will be in contact with all volunteers for upcoming events and special occasions.

- K/1: Breanna Laura
- 2: Lauren Moran
- 3/4: Deanna Ford
- 5: Christina Peterson

For Artsake!

DES students are off to a great start with their artmaking. Fifth grade reviewed the primary and secondary colors by creating color wheels using their own unique styles. Using foam brushes, they mixed the primary colors into secondary colors and added small details for a little "bling!!" We're now learning about other color groups.

Third & fourth grade artists took a look at Piet Mondrian's style. They are now finishing beautiful renditions of his style using the primary colors. They created spaces by making grids and adding color into the whole design. Stunning!

Second grade artists took a look at the Vincent Van Gogh sunflower paintings and did some color mixing using the sunflower theme. They're learning how to manage the skill of filling up space on a two dimensional level. Way to go!

Kindergarten and First grade artists have learned the color properties of primary colors by doing some "color magic" or mixing. They created secondary colors by mixing different combinations. Did you know that all the colors make black and no color is white? We've also had some fun making 3-D owls with shapes. Good job!

We're on our way, ready to explore, experiment and see what the possibilities are with numerous art materials. It's all about our own special styles and interpretations!! BRAVO....

