

# MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## From the Principal:

Dear School Community,

Mustang Day! On Tuesday, we will visit the Theater in the Woods in Intervale for a fun day snowshoeing on the property, participating in a story walk, and visiting the Maple Sugar Shack. Students will enjoy time together in our rainbow groups as we explore the 100 acre woods and eat lunch together.

On Wednesday we will have folks from Curriculum Loft & Engaging Solutions in our building to support students and staff with our on-going use of the Kuno tablets. We look forward to this continued relationship as our staff hones their technology skills and students continue to use these tools for learning.

Also happening this week: We are in final preparations for the upcoming Smarter Balanced test. The test assesses the NH adopted Common Core State Standards in the areas of math and English Language Arts. Students in grades 3-6 will participate in this test in the coming weeks through a computer adaptive portion, an in-class activity, and a performance task for each of the two subject areas. All test data will be submitted by students via computers. They will have a variety of tools available to them on the computers and at their work stations. Our goal is to support your children as they take this test through encouraging them while providing an environment that places emphasis on doing your best (not speed). We ask families to be sure students are well rested, have eaten a good breakfast and have healthy snacks to keep them going. Please also view the parent sheet attached to our newsletter and visit our website for additional information. Please remember this is a benchmark year for students to transition from a paper and pencil test to a digital version. If you have any questions or concerns about this test, please talk to your child's teacher or me.

Just a reminder there is no school on Friday, enjoy the day with your families and we'll see you back at school on Monday!

Mrs. Woodward

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***We had a great time at the Health Fair!***

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

Please call Holly to make an appointment to register your kindergarten student for the 2015-2016 school year. Please plan on spending about an hour here with your child. Appointments will be taken from 9:00-2:30 on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

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### Title I Tips

Please be sure to read the attached March issue of Parents in the Know!

### Up Coming Events/Meeting

- Snowshoeing at 100 Acre Woods 3/17
- **NO SCHOOL 3/20**
- Jump Rope Club 3/27 6-7pm



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade working on African Masks



### SWIFT MINUTE:

Domain 3: Integrated Educational Framework

Feature 2: Strong & Positive School Culture

A *Strong and Positive School Culture* creates an atmosphere in which everyone feels like they belong. The culture of the school is characterized by a happy, caring community that values everyone's needs. Students with disabilities are educated in the same integrated educational settings as other students their age. Every adult in the school plays a meaningful and critical role in serving all students. Specialized educators teach alongside their general education peers. Club organizers ensure that all students have access to extracurricular activities. School and district committees include families, and choose curriculum that reinforce the contributions of a variety of cultures. School staff, families and students collaborate to realize the school's shared values and beliefs, bringing to life the phrase 'all means all.' *Strong and Positive School Culture* is about all adults working together to serve all kids.