

**SAU 59**

**Winnisquam Regional School District**

*Communities United for Excellence in Education*

**TILTON — NORTHFIELD — SANBORNTON**

**We're In This Together And On The Move!**

**WRSD IS ON THE MOVE!**

Winnisquam Regional School District is on the move in a number of ways! Superintendent, Dr. Tammy Davis shared that the district is making progress on a number of fronts. The online newsletter is one example on how the district is moving forward and using technology to reach out to parents and the community members. The web-based paper will appear monthly on the district's website informing people of the various activities and changes that are taking place throughout the district. The paper will also be sent to parents that share their email addresses with the district.

A Mentoring Enrichment Program has been introduced this year at Southwick, Sanbornton Central School and Winnisquam Regional Middle School for students in grades third through eighth. The program organized by Enrichment Coordinator, Suzanne Bergman, has encouraged community members and staff to share their special interests with the students. Dr. Davis and her dog, Tory, a trained a therapy dog, have been a part of the program. Tory often accompanies Dr. Davis into schools to read to students. Dr. Davis' passion is helping dogs and their owners work together well. She shared strategies for training dogs. In the picture below, Tory demonstrates how she follows a training technique with attention to detail.



**BIOMASS PLANT IS READY**

Winnisquam Regional School District is proud to announce the completion of the biomass heat plant, as well as all of the other energy upgrades throughout the school district. On Wednesday, Ian Raymond, chairman of the Energy Committee of Sanbornton, had the honor of lighting the fire in the Messersmith wood fueled boiler for the first time. He was joined by the school's custodial staff, who will be operating the equipment and underwent training. Also at the big event were representatives from Better World Energies (the northeast representative for Messersmith), who are providing the training and are commissioning the equipment; and representatives from Honeywell, who are involved with the performance monitoring systems, project management, and the maintenance contract for the school district.



The combination of energy upgrades/retrofits, and the biomass heat plant are estimated to save the district as much as \$5 million over the next 25 years, and in addition, will allow the school district to have a much lighter impact on the environment. The construction was completed with a combination of financing sources including grants, rebates, ARRA funding, and performance contracting, thereby posing no additional tax burden--in fact it is projected to be cash flow positive from day one. An open house so that residents may view the facility will be scheduled sometime next month.

**OPEN FORUM**  
 LEARN MORE ABOUT THE  
 NEW ANTI-BULLYING LAW AND  
 WRSD Draft Policy

5:45 P.M.  
 WRHS Media Center  
 October 18, 2010

### WRMS PREPARES FOR NECAP TESTING



### WRHS SPORTS TEAM HONORED

Principal Ronna Cadarette and Athletic Director Jeff Cloos were presented the Hoops for Hunger banner at the NHIAA Annual meeting on September 20th. This banner was presented in recognition of raising the most money (\$801.67) by any Class M school during the Hoops for Hunger campaign last winter.

The banner now hangs in the high school gym. Special thanks to NHIAA Student Ambassador Abbie Roy and the spirit and basketball teams for helping collect the money during the games.



At WRMS we prepared for the NECAP assessments with a Spirit Week focused on test taking strategies and getting motivated for the test. Each day we focused on one of the letters:

- N** Never leave a blank space. We wore clothing with writing on it.
- E** Give examples and explain your answers. We dressed like Einstein.
- C** Write in complete sentences. We wore caps.
- A** Always re-read the directions and do your best!
- P** Plan your response and plan for the future. We dressed for a career that interested us.

During the Pep Rally, the faculty took on the girls' volleyball team. The faculty won despite the fact that Dr. Miller and Ms. Kruger played on the team! The seventh grade won for the loudest NECAP cheer!

Dr. Miller and Mrs. Kruger met with each grade to show students WRMS NECAP scores over the years compared to the state and to other middle schools in the Lakes Region; students then looked at their own scores and set personal goals.



### TOWERING FLOWER

COURTESY PHOTO

Joey Damato of Sanbornton checks out the height of one of the sunflowers his kindergarten class and a fourth grade class planted last spring. This picture and caption appeared in the **Winnisquam Echo** during the last week of September. Joey and his peers are now in first grade and keeping our gardens growing.



**"A mind once stretched by a new idea,  
never regains its original dimensions."**

**Anonymous**

## SOUTHWICK STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THE PROPERTIES OF WATER

All elementary classrooms are using the new Foss Science program, purchased by the school district this past spring.

The Foss Science program places more emphasis on the scientific method of discovery and inquiry, areas of the NECAP Science Test that we need to improve upon.



Pictured are third grade students starting the year with their first Foss Science unit on **The Properties of Water**. The students are investigating what happens when water is spilled, splashed, or poured on a flat surface through inquiry-based experiments. So far students have learned that some surfaces absorb the water and others cause it to bead up. Students are looking forward to the rest of the units!



**Technology Audit Scheduled for October 28th and November 4th**



## ART HAS A NEW FACE AT UNION SANBORN SCHOOL

Union Sanborn has a new art teacher and she not only teaches but creates an art-filled environment for her students. Principal Tim Neville comments, "We are thrilled to have Mrs. Julie Swain working with our children this year. We have always heard students saying that art is great fun." Here is an example of Mrs. Swain modeling her creativity.



## CURRICULUM AUDIT VISITATION



The National Center For Educational Achievement's team led by Susan Whisenant visited the district from September 27-29. The team met with administrators and then visited all the schools. The team will have a preliminary report back to the administration for an initial review in early November. The final report will be presented

to administrators and School Board later in November, 2010.