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**Principal’s Monthly Report to the Tamworth School Board
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Enrollment as of October 15, 2008 per the B.O.Y. Report to the NH-DOE:

K - 20	4 - 26	7 - 23
1 - 25	5 - 25	8 - 26
2 - 25	6 - 25	
3 - 15		Total 210

Other Enrollment Information - Here is some other information that board members may find interesting:

- Per a board members request, I have enclosed a chart that describes the new enrollments and withdrawals from last year to this year. In addition to those charted, please also recall that there is an additional decrease of enrollment of 6 students due to 26-8th graders moving on to Kennett, but only 20 new kindergarten registrations.
- The number of students receiving Free or Reduced Lunch this year is 75 from 50 different families. This is 36 % of our school population or 34% of our families (50/148).
- The number of students receiving Title I services is 22. We have tried to keep the Title I case load low this year due to the required ratio of students to grant supported educators.

Athletic Handbook Revisions: An ad-hoc committee of coaches, teachers, parents, our AD and your principal met to discuss revisions to the academic eligibility section of the Student-Parent Athletic Handbook. Proposed revisions are enclosed. Members of the committee will be present to discuss why these changes are needed. NOTE: The entire Athletic Handbook is available to board members upon request.

Education Views: Special Education – Please welcome Sharon Roberts-Grades 6-8 Resource Room teacher, Robin Steward-Grades 3-5 resource room teacher, Kerry Dubuque-grades K-2 resource room teacher, Cindy Furnbach-speech therapist, and Chris Kennedy-behavior specialist.

Wellness Policy- 3rd Reading - Request for Delay of Approval: – I recently received a scoring rubric – “School Wellness Policy Assessment Form – NH Department of Education” (I did not know that such a document existed). It is requested that we delay board approval of this policy and resubmission to NH-DOE to give the Wellness Committee an opportunity to self-assess the policy based on the rubric and make changes / additions if necessary.

Coaching Appointments - Board members will be asked to approve the basketball coaches: Kara Ouellette-girl’s coach and Parker Roberts-boy’s coach.

Attic Insulation Update: The insulation was installed within two weeks of the last board meeting during the period 10/15-10/20. Board members are invited to stop by and take a short trip to the attic to see the work that was completed.

After School Program: I have included for your reference the After School Activity Sign-Up forms, which list the 10 different offerings for the Fall Session (October 6th thru November 13th).

Policy DN - Equipment and Supplies Sales - FYI: A copy of our current policy is enclosed. As we rotate in new computer equipment, the older laptops and desktop computers are “disposed” of. While only 5 or 6 years old their technology becomes increasingly incompatible with our network applications, the software that we purchase to support our programs and the needs of our teachers and students. On the other hand, as a stand alone computer for an organization or in someone’s home, they may have 2 to 3 years of usefulness left. We will be advertising these items for sale or donation per the policy in the very near future.

Calendar

November	4	Tu	Early Release, 12:30 PM, Teacher Workshop at Freedom Elementary
	5	W	PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM, Rm 202
	7	F	End of 1 st Quarter
	10	M	Artist in Residence – Jackie & Dudley Lofman
	10	M	Pot-Luck Dinner and “Barn” Dance w/ Jackie and Dudley, 5:30 PM
	11	Tu	Veterans Day, HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
	12	W	Mexican Culture Night & Pot-Luck Dinner, 6-8 PM
	12	W	School Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, Library
	13	Th	Food Drive and Walk, Tamworth Food Pantry, 2-3:30 PM
	14	F	Parent-Teacher Conferences
	18	Tu	Ski Volunteer Training & Orientation, 6:00 PM
	20	Th	Field Trip, Gr 7, Remick Museum
	21	F	Picture “Retakes” 10:00 AM
	21	F	Benefit Auction Set-Up, Gym, after school and evening
	22	Sa	Benefit Auction, Gym, Rob Troon Auctioneer, 1:00 PM
	24	M	School Board Budget Work Session, 5:30 PM
25	Tu	End-Of-Month Assembly, 2:30 PM, Gym	
26-28		Thanksgiving Holiday - NO SCHOOL	
December	3	W	PTA Meeting, 7 PM, Room 202
	6	Sa	Holiday Fair Fundraiser, 9-1
	8	M	Boys and Girls Basketball, Moultonborough, 4:00 PM
	10	W	School Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, Library
	11	Th	Boys and Girls Basketball, Laconia Christian, 4:00 PM
	18	Th	Holiday Concert, 6:30 PM, Gym
	22	M	Boys and Girls Basketball, Kennett, 4:00 PM
	23	Tu	End-Of-Month Assembly, 2:30 PM, Gym
Dec 24-Jan 4		Holiday Vacation – NO SCHOOL	

Academic Eligibility

New Language:

Eligibility for sport participation will be determined at the issue of both report cards and progress reports. If a student has earned an "F" in any subject he/she will be placed on probation for 10 school days. During the probationary period, the student will not be allowed to participate in practices or interscholastic contests. It is the responsibility of the student to bring their grades to a passing level during that 10-day period. At the conclusion of the probation period, the athletic director will consult with the teacher(s) assigning the failing grade(s). If the student is passing the subject(s), he will be reinstated to the team. If the student continues to be failing the subject, he/she will not be allowed to participate in sports for the remainder of the season or until the next progress report deems him/her eligible. Eligibility for fall sports is determined by the quarter four report card from the previous year.

It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director to consult with all teachers of students participating in sports on the day that progress reports and report cards are issued. It is then the responsibility of the AD to inform students and their parents of the student's status.

Old Language: