To: Linda Loretz
From: Heather Tamsin
Subject: May Report to the Board of Education
Date: May 4, 2017

Field Trips:
• Grades PK through 2 went to Hyde Cultural Center for a performance of *Biscuit, the Little Yellow Puppy* on May 2, 2017.
• Grades 4 and 5 are attending an opera at Hyde Cultural Center on May 4, 2017.
• Grades 6, 7, and 8 are visiting the Windham Textile Museum and Willimantic Cemetery on May 17, 2017.
• Preschool will visit the Eastford Public Library on May 18, 2017.
• 8th Grade Washington, DC trip is scheduled for May 16 through May 19, 2017.
• Preschool and Kindergarten will visit the Southwick Zoo on May 25, 2017.

Virtual Field Trips:
• May (TBD) - (Grades K&1) - *Egg-Citing Animals and Egg-Speriments* - OH
• May (TBD)-(Grades 3 & 4) - *Mexican Hat Dance* - NC

Enrollment:

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**Eastford Readiness Program** – The program received notification that their NAEYC accreditation has been maintained. The preschool program is full with seventeen (17) students enrolled in the Eastford School Readiness Program.
Readiness Council Update: The Council met on May 1. The local Request for Proposals (RFP) was presented to and scored by the Council for the Readiness Grant.

Principal Goals:
- To improve student achievement in English Language Arts as evidenced through performance rates on Spring NWEA Comparative Data exceeding the State average on the SBAC from the Spring of 2016.
- To improve student achievement in Mathematics as evidenced through performance rates on Spring NWEA Comparative Data exceeding the State average on the SBAC from the Spring of 2016.
- Students in grades 5 and 8 completed their online Science CMT.
- Student in grade 3-8 are currently working on completing the SBAC.

Grants:
- The Readiness Grant is due May 17, 2017.

Professional Development:
- Carole McCombe and Lori Crocker-Lincoln participated in a webinar, *Structuring the Learning Environment to Promote Positive Behaviors*.
- Christine Kopplin attended a workshop, *Proud to Be Me and Social Studies Themes*.
- Lori Reynolds renewed her TEAM Mentor training certification through an online webinar.

Google Classroom and Chromebook Update:
- I sent a form to teachers to get feedback regarding their current level of knowledge and needs regarding Google Classroom and Google Chromebooks. 7 out of 11 responses reported have no experience with Chromebooks. 3 out of 11 have no experience with Google Classroom.
- The information provided by teachers will be used to develop the plan for the professional development day on June 20.
- Chromebooks are close to deployment and teachers have been encouraged to 'play' with the chromebooks as soon as possible to get some experience prior to the professional development.

Special Events:
- We had a whole school assembly, *Sound of Science*, on April 25. Students were able to actively engage with the musician and experiment with different sound effects on an electric violin.
- An evening event, *Books and Magic*, had 40 attendees attend the program. A magician demonstrated and taught the children some magic tricks and the book, *Milo and the Magical Stones* by Marcus Phister was read and discussed.
• We had our annual Maypole celebration on May 1. Many parents, grandparents and community members attended and we recognized and celebrated Mrs. Tedisky’s final Maypole. Kindergarten presented her with a paper flower made of individual cards and a bouquet of flowers.
• Preschool and Kindergarten participated in a nature walk activity after school on May 3.

Community:
• The Sports Banquet is scheduled for May 30 at 6pm.
• The concert for Preschool through Grade 4 is scheduled for May 16 at 2pm.
• The concert for Band, Chorus and Grade 3 recorders is scheduled for May 23 at 2pm and 7pm.

Fundraisers:
• PTO is offering Eastford Elementary t-shirts for field day teams.