To: Linda Loretz  
From: Heather Tamsin  
Subject: June Report to the Board of Education  
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Field Trips:

- Students in the band will perform at the High Note Festival at Lake Compounce on June 2, 2016.
- Students in grade 5 will visit Mystic Seaport on June 3, 2016.
- Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will visit Old Sturbridge Village on June 8, 2016.
- Students in grades 2 and 3 will visit Dinosaur State Park on June 8, 2016.
- Students in grades 7 and 8 will visit Roseland Cottage on June 9, 2016.
- Students in preschool will visit Bakerwoods on June 9, 2016. Families of children entering preschool next year have been invited to meet there as part of the transition activities.
- Students in grade 3 will take their tour of Eastford on June 14, 2016.

Virtual Field Trips:

- May 27 (Grade 3 through 5)- Let Freedom Ring on Memorial Day- OH

Eastford Readiness Program – Currently has fifteen (15) students enrolled in the Eastford School Readiness Program. Five (5) of these students are partial day students.

Readiness Council Update: The next Council meeting is on June 6. The Readiness Grant was submitted on May 31, 2016. Our program maintained its NAEYC accreditation.

School Goal: To improve student achievement through the inclusion of cross-curricular performance tasks that require students to demonstrate and apply their knowledge and skills. All teachers will create and contribute tasks that directly connect to the ‘claims’ reported in the SBAC results to improve student performance.

Progress towards the goal:
Donna Drasch’s final coaching day will be June 13. She will meet with individual teachers to look at varied levels of writing at their grade levels and apply the annotated samples from CCSS Appendix C along with the Standards to determine what writing instruction should look like at the different grade levels.

I will be meeting with all teachers for their end of the year goal meetings in the next week. We will be going over data in regards to the SMART goals set at the beginning of the year.
Assessment Update: Students in grades 3 through 8 completed the Smarter Balanced Assessments. Students are currently finishing up their NWEA Map assessments.

World Language Update: Seventh and eighth grade students have been receiving instruction in Chinese since May 9. There are two teachers instructing this course, and we have had some difficulty connecting with one teacher consistently. Jason Allan has been in communication with the technical support team and continues to support the programming.

Fundraisers/Community:
- PTO will have a table at Experience Eastford to provide an opportunity for children to have access to new books for summer reading.
- Thank you to The Baptist Church Youth Group for their work on cleaning up the outdoor space. Our preschool students are especially excited about the work completed in their play area.
- Student Council is hosting a Penny Wars to raise money for a new water bottle- filling water fountain.
- There will be a Volunteer Appreciation event on June 10 in conjunction with our Field Day activities.