



To: Superintendent Chamberlin and School Board Members

From: Chris Sousa

Re: HSD School Board report

Date: January 28, 2010

Instruction/Staff/Curriculum/etc.

- The HMHS “Poetry Out Loud” program is in full swing. We have twelve students who have qualified for this year’s school wide contest. They are Judith Marklin, Jacqueline Lewy, Jean-Philippe Dubois, Nina Gagnon, Aaron Beckwith, Elyssa Morse, Sam Smith, Amy Bamarrito, Dillon Hawley, Jillian Peters, Alyssa Grise, and Preeya Nobis. POL coordinator Sue McClellan will work closely with NH poet Lindsey Coombs to help these students practice during the February 5th workshop.
- The New Hampshire Scholastic Art Awards Program exhibition of award winning art is taking place at Pinkerton Academy in Derry until 2/13. The awards ceremony will take place at Pinkerton Academy on Saturday (2/13) at noon. Many of our students participated in this program. A special thanks to Jim Kociuba and Sue Batchelder for all of their efforts. The following students have been recognized for their outstanding work: Tyler Ann Mack – two honorable mentions and a Silver Key Award for drawing, Dan Neilson – a Gold Key award for drawing, Rachel Sawyer – two honorable mentions (printmaking and comic art), and Juliana Spahr – a Gold Key Award for painting and a Silver Key Award for drawing.
- Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*, is coming to NH to speak on March 5th. The host site is Exeter High School. Our school has been invited to attend since Rob Nadeau uses the book in his global studies classes. While tickets were limited, Donna Zecha expedited distributing them to interested students and staff.
- Our recently retired varsity girl’s soccer coach, Curt Martin, is being inducted into the NHIAA Coaches Hall of Fame on Sunday, March 21 at the Courtyard Marriot in Concord at 12:00. This is quite an honor as only a few coaches a year are inducted. Coach Martin has coached for over 25 years and we are proud of his accomplishments.
- In an effort to be innovative raising funds, our Nordic Ski Program Coach, Rob Nadeau, hosted a “gold exchange” night. This night paired a gold merchant with people who were interested in selling gold items. The night was a success overall and a percentage of the funds generated went to the Nordic Ski Club.
- The Small Business class presented our school with check in the amount of 639.55 for our student support fund. This money was a result of a partnership with Marklin Candles and the students’ real-world business initiative. The class, led by Kate Backman, worked with Mr.

and Mrs. Marklin to design, create, market, and sell candles whereby a portion of the profits went to support students in our community. This was an excellent educational experience. I am very pleased with the community connection that this program has fostered. It could not have been done without the strong efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Marklin and Ms. Backman.

- Our Program of Studies is at the printer and we are busy preparing for our community presentation. The Curriculum Night has been scheduled for Feb 15 in the Audi.
- On January 14 Mrs. Sintro's classes hosted a group from the Burundian Association of New Hampshire. They came and entertained us, enlightened us, and educated us. The response was tremendous. You can check out some pictures of the event on our webpage.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 1st - 2nd	Day 2 Mid Term Exams
Feb. 3rd	Grades Close for Q2 Report Cards
Feb. 3rd	ER Day
Feb. 10th	Poetry Out Loud School-wide Contest, Library 6:30pm
Feb. 11th	CRTC Tours for sophomores
Feb. 15th	Curriculum Night - Program of Studies 6:30 pm
Feb. 16th & 17th	Z Block Days
Feb. 17th	Q2 Report Cards Distributed
Feb. 18th	Student Council Movie Night, "Star Wars"
Feb. 19th	Winter Carnival (This is a day "Zero")
Feb. 23rd - Mar. 12th	French Exchange