

*School Administrative Unit #9*  
Realizing the full potential of each and every student

# Annual Spring Report 2023

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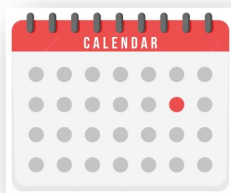
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*To cultivate the natural inclination to learn by providing an exceptional environment in which students embrace excellence in learning for a lifetime of success.*

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# Spring News 2023

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## 2023-2024 Calendar

<b>Aug. 28-30</b>	Teacher Workshop
<b>Aug. 31</b>	1st Day of School for Students
<b>Sept. 4</b>	Labor Day
<b>Oct. 5</b>	Early Release for Students
<b>Oct. 6</b>	Teacher Workshop
<b>Oct. 9</b>	Indigenous People's Day
<b>Nov. 9</b>	Early Release for Student Conferences
<b>Nov. 9</b>	3hr. Evening Teacher Workshop
<b>Nov. 10</b>	Veterans' Day
<b>Nov. 22-24</b>	Thanksgiving Recess
<b>Dec. 25-Jan. 1</b>	Holiday Break
<b>Jan. 15</b>	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
<b>Jan. 31</b>	Early Release for Students
<b>Feb. 19-23</b>	February Vacation
<b>Mar. 21</b>	Early Release for Student Conferences
<b>Mar. 21</b>	3hr. Evening Teacher Workshop
<b>Mar. 22</b>	Teacher Workshop
<b>Apr. 10</b>	Early Release for Students
<b>Apr. 22-26</b>	Spring Vacation
<b>May 15</b>	Early Release for Students
<b>May 27</b>	Memorial Day
<b>June 13*</b>	Last Day of School for Students/ Early Release *subject to change
<b>June 14</b>	Teacher Workshop Day

## End of Year Celebrations

### Kennett High School

Academic Awards Night - May 23rd @ 6pm  
Scholarship Night - May 31st @ 6pm  
Graduation - June 10th @ 10am

### Kennett Middle School

Conway School Board Awards - May 24th @ 6:30pm  
Promotion Ceremony - June 16th @ 6pm

### Conway Elementary School

Promotion Ceremony - June 19th @ 6pm

### Pine Tree Elementary School

Promotion Ceremony - June 19th @ 6pm

### John Fuller Elementary School

Promotion Ceremony - June 19th @ 5pm

### Josiah Bartlett Elementary School

8th Grade Celebration - June 12th @ 4:30pm

### Jackson Grammar School

Promotion - Last day of school \*June 20th @ 11am  
\*subject to change

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# A Year In Review

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## Superintendent Summary

The photo on the front cover provides all with hope that warmer days are ahead! This is a reminder to all of us to stop for a moment and catch a sunrise or sunset to keep us all grounded.

With snow on the ground, SAU 9 begins the process of celebrating the accomplishments of another successful year with a focus on establishing goals for next year. As we look upon the past eight months of the school year there were some positive changes that were widely recognized, most notably getting parents and community members back into the schools. For the first time in the past three years there were little to no restrictions in opening the buildings to share in the excitement of “school.”

There was a focus on scheduling parent/guardian conferences at each of the schools with students leading their learning. Student ownership in learning is a critical skill to develop to help set goals and personalize strategies to further support individuals as they navigate through their educational experience. We thank the community for sharing their experiences with the conferencing and look to use this feedback to improve next year.

Beyond the scheduled conferencing there were many opportunities to celebrate our school communities. The return of the Mount Washington Valley Louis Fuchs concert after a three year absence was a welcomed event. The sounds of the elementary and middle school band and chorus to a packed audience in the Kennett Middle School gymnasium provided a reminder of how important the performing arts are to a community.

There were several State of New Hampshire champions in several varsity sports as well as over 35 student athletes recognized by the NHIAA (New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association) as scholar athletes. The celebration of fire trucks, emergency vehicles and school buses parading through town after a championship win is a slice of small town America that makes our community special.

The Mount Washington Valley Career and Technical Center continues to shine as students competed and won a number of awards at statewide competitions. Some of these students will compete at the national level this upcoming summer. Kudos to all of the students and staff for their hard work and dedication to their craft.

Kennett High School will be celebrating the 100th graduating class in June, with a number of events scheduled to continue the celebration in the fall. Kennett High School is rich with tradition and we invite all to participate in the significance of this milestone.

There are a host of other events coming up in the next few months and I encourage the community to attend a game, concert, or school event. There is a lot to be proud of and it only takes a few moments to be reminded of how important the schools are in our communities.

Sincerely,



**Kevin Richard**  
Superintendent of Schools

# Personnel

## Staff Development

SAU9 is committed to ensuring that all staff are able to access high quality professional learning opportunities. Research suggests that when focused and aligned to both needs and goals, well-designed professional learning can create a profound impact on student achievement (Speck & Knipe, 2005). The opportunities for professional learning within SAU9 vary from completing college level courses, attending conferences and workshops, and engaging in on-going, job-embedded study with the support of experts. During the 2022-2023 school year, SAU9 educators successfully completed over 70 college courses and participated in over 130 professional learning conferences/experiences.

One focus this year has been improving student achievement in mathematics. The second generation of our Math Lab Cohort has engaged in sustained professional learning throughout the course of the school year. This group consists of 19, K-8 educators from our elementary and middle schools. The goal of our Math Lab Cohort is to support educators as they dive into an exploration of effective practices in math instruction and develop

understanding of how students best learn math based on research. The group also engages in reflective work to examine their beliefs and how they impact actions. Working with our math instructional coach, our Math Lab Cohort educators collaborate to enhance instruction by engaging in cycles of learning new ideas and skills, setting individual goals, and then reflecting on the impact of those moves on students based on the student behaviors they observe. The initial Math Lab Cohort of the 2021-2022 school year, 15 additional K-8 educators from across SAU9, is also continuing to meet to enhance their practices and grow their ability to create student-centered mathematics classrooms.

Another area of focus has been middle grades literacy. We were fortunate to be able to collaborate with Penny Kittle and Linda Rief to provide a 10 session, year-long professional learning experience for teachers of literacy in grade 6 through 9. Included in this work have been literacy teachers, reading specialists, and library media specialists. Educators have been collaborating to study research-based practices in literacy instruction to increase student engagement and achievement. Through job-embedded coaching teachers are enhancing their understanding of how to plan daily instruction using a workshop model, increase independent reading through books clubs, build writing skills and assess student competency and needs through conferring.

Whether it occurs during specified days set aside on the school calendar, after school, or during vacation periods, professional learning is a critical tool that allows us to have a positive impact on student achievement. By dedicating time and resources to support high-quality professional learning opportunities tailored to the needs of educators, we will be able to ensure each and every student is able to achieve their goals.

## Thank you to our 2022-2023 retiring staff for their years of dedicated service

Name	School	Position
MaryAnn Abrams	Kennett High School	Science Teacher
Cheryl Cook	SAU#9	Finance Manager
Gayle Dembowski	Jackson Grammar School	Principal
Cheryl Furtado	Kennett High School	School Counselor
Patty Gagnon	John Fuller Elementary School	Grade 2/3 Teacher
Melissa Grady	Jackson Grammar School	Paraprofessional
Andy Grigel	Conway School District	Building & Grounds Coord.
James Harrington	Kennett High School	Automotive Teacher
Marge Morrison	Pine Tree Elementary School	Clerical Aide
Kimberly Perley	Bartlett Elementary School	Paraprofessional
Margot Robert	Jackson Grammar School	Grade 2/3 Teacher
Charlene Roberts	Kennett High School	Special Education Teacher
Sarah Shaw	John Fuller Elementary School	Paraprofessional

# Technology

## Technology Improvements

### Conway School District

This year the Conway School District I.T. department replaced obsolete Chromebooks across the school district, over 200 of which were for Kennett High School and about 300 others spread across the three elementary schools and middle school. We have disposed of over 6000 pounds of “E-waste” with more expected to process soon.

We expanded the use of interactive presentation boards adding five in the elementary schools and three more at the high school. The high school has also begun an obsolescence rotation of Windows-based PC laptop computers for faculty where at least 20 will be replaced yearly.

The team has been extremely busy with day-to-day tech support issues including software installation, device repair/replacement, student online testing support and user account management. Kennett Middle School has updated the lecture hall projector, sound system in the gym, and even added a programmable laser cutter/engraver for the shop class.

Overall, it has been a very busy year for technology!

### Jackson School District

Jackson Grammar School is pleased to continue its 1:1 initiative where each student is provided a Chromebook and each teacher is provided with a Windows laptop. This year, students and teachers alike are excited to now have access to a cart of 14 new iPads for classroom use. Already students in grade 2/3 have created presentations using the app Explain Everything. The app allowed students to pull together hand drawn pictures, recordings of their voices, copyright free images and research on a country of their choice to create their presentation. They did a fantastic job!

In December, students were introduced to coding. The students were amazing as we watched 100% engagement while they applied problem solving, persistence and resilience.

Students in the K/I class have recently begun using the Wet, Dry, Try app to practice handwriting skills. This app mirrors the hands-on experience of writing on a slate chalkboard and helps students through the formation of capitals, numbers, and lowercase letters in simple, step-by-step sequences.

Jackson Grammar School now has a Padcaster Ultimate Studio available for use! A Padcaster uses an iPad to create an all-in-one mobile production studio that students can learn to use for

all kinds of projects.

As part of an initiative towards technology integration, there is a newly created tech team. This is an opportunity for technology growth and student leadership. Currently there are six students on the team and they will be learning how to use the Green Screen technology to assist with a project in the grade 4 classroom. A new digital resources page has been added to the Jackson Grammar School website: [link](#).

### Bartlett School District

Josiah Bartlett Elementary School continued the replacement of netbooks to chromebooks for all students, the last of the rollout was kindergarten and first grade which happened in the fall of 2022 thanks to the Emergency and Secondary School Emergency Relieve (ESSER) funds. Another upgrade at Bartlett Elementary using ESSER funds is the replacement of projectors and unusable smart boards to interactive boards for the early childhood education through 5th grade classrooms. There is another order underway to bring more interactive boards to the middle school and unified arts classrooms. The new boards come with professional development to education the teachers and staff on how to use the boards to their fullest capability.

Middle school students will be participating in a first-ever video broadcast facilitated by Division Media. Using Title IV-A funds, Division Media will be sharing their expertise on quality news broadcast to Bartlett students. The idea is to have middle school students create and edit news pieces with support from other classrooms, to provide a wide variety of coverage to the Bartlett Elementary School and greater community.

Josiah Bartlett Elementary School staff changed the format of the former technology club or as student’s lovingly call “tech club.” Two staff members partnered with White Mountain Science, Inc (WMSI) to bring the WMSI’s mobile STEAM lab to students grades 4 - 8. The students have participated in a wide variety of challenges and projects using the engineering design process generating curiosity and exploration in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The idea is to start integrating some of these processes and tools into the classrooms.

Lastly, Bartlett changed the school website from Google Sites to Intrado (School Messenger) to align with SAU9’s website platform and structure. The website supports the American with Disabilities Act and has the ability to be modified for further accessibility. The consistency of the new school website allows students, staff, and families to navigate a website that is familiar to them whether their student is in kindergarten, middle school, or high school.

# School Reviews

## Jackson Grammar School

With the change of seasons and the end of the second trimester comes the wrap up of Jackson Grammar School ski programs, the opportunity for parent-student-teacher conferences, and excitement for celebrations as we head to the end of the school year. We are so proud to see our students shine in their conferences! A huge thank you to Mike Dufilho, Nordic Ski Coordinator, and Neil Stokes, ESSC Coordinator, for all their work this ski season! We loved skiing the trails of JXN XC and Black Mountain Ski Area and thank their crews for all their support this ski season! These programs wouldn't run without parent and community volunteers - thanks to each of you!



The 2023 Ski-A-Thon raised over \$4000 with JGS Jaguars skiing 500+km. The afternoon event is an annual highlight to celebrate the Nordic season in Physical Education class and the after school Nordic program. We were thrilled that Coach Vosburg and the KHS Nordic ski team joined us, along with JXN police chief Chris Perley, and the Yeti. This year's Ski-A-Thon Yeti Spirit Award went to our 3 kindergartners, shown here with Nordic Coordinators Mike and Nora Dufilho.



Fifth graders hosted skiers from the Freeman Frost White Mountain Classic at JXN XC this winter, earning money towards their sixth grade class trip. Parents and students served pasta, salads, and desserts donated by local restaurants - thank you to the Valley Originals, JXN XC, and parents for their support!

All School Meeting at JGS continues to inform and entertain, bringing together the students and staff, with parents and community members dropping in for the 30-minute start to Thursday mornings. The second trimester's ASM has been full of visitor and student presentations: Mrs. Weeder invited JGS alumna Dominique Dodge to discuss and play her harp, with her visit continuing into Grade 4 music and their study of musical instruments. Grade 4 later presented their invented musical instruments, a practical integration of their study of sound in science with Mrs. Heysler. Mrs. Groves's KI showed off their 100s Day projects, and fourth grade was back with slide shows about animal adaptations - their uniquely created animals were critiqued by a scientist from Florida Tech. Mrs. D had the whole school up and dancing one morning while each meeting, led by Mr. Marshall's fifth and sixth graders, introduces a mot du jour from French class, schedule items and upcoming events, and leads the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and the school pledge.

Mrs. Robert's second and third graders wrapped up their research about Asia, presenting their learning via videos they created to the school community in All School Meeting.



After School Enrichment really took off this last trimester, with activities that included ice skating, chess, marshmallow towers, and cup stacking - with a guest appearance by JGS Physical Education teacher Mrs. Porter!

The sap is flowing as sugaring season progresses in grades 4-5-6. We're spending more time outside as the cold eases, getting ready to start the yearbook, and looking forward to kindergarten registration on May 8th! While there are still plenty of snow banks to climb, we're looking forward to an exciting trimester ahead!

# School Reviews

## Josiah Bartlett Elementary School



ECE students at Stoney's Sugarhouse & checking sap buckets



Spring has sprung in Bartlett.

Despite recent snowy weather we are sticking with our plans to hold our traditional Maple Sugaring Celebration with a community pancake breakfast on April 8th, in collaboration with Bartlett Rec. Students

from ECE to Middle School participated in learning about the history and science of maple sugaring and snowshoed to tap trees, collect sap, and boil it to syrup. Other signs of Spring are the wrap up of the ski program. We want to thank Attitash Mountain Resort, Bear Notch Ski Touring, MWV Adaptive Sports, and the Eastern Slope Ski Club for supporting our students in skiing over the last few months. We had a lot of healthy, active fun playing together on the snow, and look forward to doing it all again next Winter.

Our work continues to include improvement in core academics and other content. We are staying focused on developing the tenets of our Portrait of a Learner; Character, Mindset, Learning Processes, and Communication.

Mindset is our school theme this year to put emphasis on the understanding that with continued effort, everyone can continue to improve. Teachers are reporting strong learning momentum and they recently sent home trimester 2 report cards. We also hosted student-led conferences during which children could present evidence of their growth to family members, while teachers supported them as facilitators. Staff and students continue to focus on essential learning outcomes. Later this Spring we will administer NWEA and NHSAS assessments that will provide school wide measures of learning this year at JBES.

We are pleased that we have been able to invite JBES families into the school for several celebrations. We have had Shout Out Assemblies, Winter and Spring Concerts, a JBES Talent Show, and our first Coffee and Kids Family Breakfast. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our connections with student families, knowing that those partnerships are important for students to do their best learning. Some of our current after school offerings include Chess Club, Tech Club, Broadcast Bears, and Middle School Track Team. As we near the end of the school year there will be many student celebrations including Step-Up events for all grade levels but especially important for incoming middle school students from Jackson, and 8th grade students who are leaving for KHS.

Our community is fortunate to have such a dedicated staff of bus drivers, food service workers, office staff, maintenance crew, paraprofessionals, interventionists, teachers, nurse, counselor, and family support. They go above and beyond on a daily basis to support the children of Bartlett and each other.



Ski Day at Attitash Mountain Resort

# School Reviews

## Conway Elementary School



Conway Elementary School is a diverse learning community committed to the academic success of all through best teaching practices, engaging families, and developing respectful and responsible students.

There are so many exciting things happening here at CES. One of the opportunities happening this spring is the Missoula Children's Theater! Members of the theater visit schools around the country, bringing live theater to kids. The Missoula Children's Theater fosters creativity and enhances innate capabilities in individuals worldwide by providing access to community-driven performing arts experiences. MCT actively engages students in the arts. They will do an intensive week, working with staff and students to put on the play Hansel and Gretel.

### Cougar Pride Families

Our **Cougar Pride Families** advisor/advisee program was back to a full schedule this year. In this program, K-6 students are assigned to a staff member. Staff members serve as caring adult advisors for their assigned students (advisees). These relationships are maintained throughout a student's elementary experience and beyond.

### Field Trips

We are excited to have the opportunity to be back out in the community and visit some amazing places in and around NH and the MWV. Some of the field trips coming up include visits to Tin Mountain (1/2, 4/5) Camp Calumet (all grades), the Boston Museum of Science (4/5), a historical tour of Boston and a portion of the Freedom Trail (6).

### Unified Arts News!

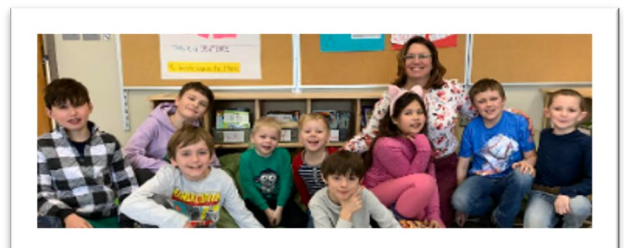
The Unified Arts Team (Stevi Laird, Kristen Burke, Kristen Spinney, Meg Murphy and Alex Donaruma) is hosting its first annual Arts Night on May 10th. Families will be transported to a glow in the dark ocean themed art extravaganza! Students and families will walk through creative art displays, and research projects. They will watch students perform in

the karaoke room, in the lobby and on the main stage. Face painting, photo booths, interactive art and SEL beach vacation stations will make this a truly spectacular evening for everyone. There will be food cart areas where families can purchase food and beverages while also helping to support grade levels (class field trips, community service projects, etc.). The Unified Arts Team is working hard with the help from school staff, district staff and CES PTO to make this a memorable experience for the Conway Elementary School Community.



### K-Kids!

K-Kids, made up of 6th grade students, is focusing their efforts on school-wide community service projects this year with a plan to also participate in MWV Community projects this spring. They hosted dress-up days and participation drawings to build community within the school, put together baskets for our Cougar Pride Family event and are helping collect cans of food for the recent community food drive for End 68 Hours of Hunger. Next, K-Kids will be working on a school-wide Penny Challenge to build school spirit while raising money for local causes. Planned spring projects include Playground Buddy Benches, Positive Message Murals, and Valley Clean Up Day.





# School Reviews

## Pine Tree Elementary School



The Pine Tree School community has had a great year so far! We have re-established traditions and learning experiences that foster our core values of community, relationships, and belonging.

All staff are committed to providing as many enriching experiences as possible both inside the classroom and in the community. We strive to integrate engaging, hands-on methods for teaching core

content and try to provide innovative approaches to instruction. This year, students in grades 4-6 are participating in CoderZ, which is a gamified coding platform that combines STEM, computer science, and critical life skills. Additionally, grade 6 students are participating in the Take Flight curriculum where they learn to fly orbs and drones. The Take Flight project through Harvard University, emphasizes communal goals and works to dispel the concept of who belongs in STEM, by broadening ideas around skills in multiple STEM disciplines.



Integrating the community into what we do each and every day is very important to our school values and enhances what our students learn over the course of the school year. We invite community

members into our classrooms as much as possible and try to get students to connect with our community through field trips, partnerships with community organizations, and curricular connections.

In addition to community integration, we began this school year initiating year-long community service “give back” projects in each of our classrooms. Each class generated ideas about causes that were important to them, methods for raising money, and who they want to help. Examples of projects include building a community garden to help pollinators; raising money through

various means such as a kickball tournament, the sale of craft items, or spare change to donate to organizations such as End 68 Hours of Hunger, Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital, Tin Mountain Conservation Center, and the Ronald McDonald House among many others; hosting a diaper drive for new moms; a toy drive for youth in our community; and redesigning our Little League field for community use, to name just a few. These projects are entirely student-led, with adults facilitating their work and monitoring their progress toward their individual goals. We always strive to empower students to be agents of their own learning and this year-long project is another example of that in action. Founding members of our Jr. Rotary Club presented an overview of each class’ year-long community service projects to family and community members at our community service project exhibition on February 15th. Following their presentation, families and community members viewed display boards created by each class that explained each project, what each class has accomplished thus far, and their plans moving forward toward completion of their project. We were incredibly proud of our students for their enthusiasm, professionalism, and ability to represent their classmates. The essential skills all students learn through these hands-on project-based activities stretches across multiple content areas and disciplines. Additionally, they are working collaboratively with peers; practicing problem-solving strategies, effectively communicating, and working as a team. We are thrilled with the progress each class has made toward their final project and are excited to see the cumulative impact these projects have on the greater community.

As we close out this school year, we are excited to bring back some traditional end-of-year activities and trips. Our 5th and 6th graders will participate in the district-wide track and field meet at Kennett High School, we will go on a school-wide hike, and are planning our 10th annual Health and Wellness Day at Camp Huckins.



Our goal is to support the social, emotional and academic development of our children, in an environment that allows our students to feel safe, comfortable, and happy. We strive to foster a strong sense of community both inside and outside of school, build strong relationships in our classrooms and throughout our school, and ensure that all students feel valued and that they belong in our Pine Tree family!

# School Reviews

## John Fuller Elementary School



In February, all John Fuller students and staff spread Random Acts of Kindness throughout North Conway to local businesses, organizations and pedestrians. The students and staff braved the rain on 2/17 to deliver cards and treats to over 20 businesses and organizations. In addition, while students were

welcome a variety of local presenters for several breakout sessions from yoga to Conway Public Library to Believe in Books to White Mountain National Forest to 5-2-1-0 Let's Go and more!

JFS families have been waiting four years for this beloved annual event to return. JFS Grandparents' Day 2023 will be held on Friday 4/7. Grandparents and V.I.Ps will be joining us for breakfast, a chorus performance, and to spend the morning as a day in the life of a JFS student. Typically this event brings 200+ grandparents and V.I.Ps from all over the country.

walking, they handed bags of chocolate to pedestrians. One of the JFS values is: Kindness. Although we try to spread kindness every day, it was fun to spread a little bit of extra kindness around town on February 17th!

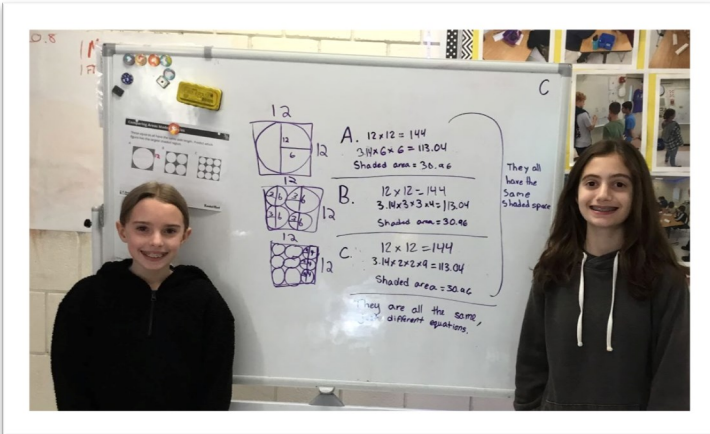
The JFS Health & Wellness committee has planned our first, JFS Family Health and Wellness Night for Thursday 3/30 5:15-7pm. Dinner was provided for students and families. A welcome presentation that evening shared the highlights from some of the great wellness initiatives and programs we currently have such as: rock climbing wall, mountain biking, sledding, etc. We were thrilled to



\*\*Pictures above are from 2019, the 2023 Grandparents' Day is scheduled for Friday 4/7

# School Reviews

## Kennett Middle School



### Math Thinking Classrooms

Our math teachers have been using ideas from the book, *Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics* by Peter Liljedahl to build student's mathematical thinking and mindsets. One common approach is the use of Non-Permanent Vertical Spaces, i.e. Whiteboards. Research indicates that when students collaborate in groups and engage in problem-solving activities using these spaces while assuming designated roles, their critical thinking, creativity, and procedural skills all show improvement. In addition the practice involves all students in tackling problems that challenge them to deeply understand the reasoning behind the math procedures they use and building in flexible strategies.

Our winter co-curricular programs wrapped up strong this season. This was the first real season since Covid and we had great attendance and participation. Our coaching staff continues to remain largely school staff. We were fortunate to have only a few weather related cancellations so our athletes got full, complete seasons. Spring sports sign ups are underway with indoor practices beginning towards the end of month. Snow melt will determine when we are able to get kids back out on the fields. Our Ski and Snowboard club had the biggest season yet with 91 students joining the club to ski and ride on Monday afternoons. This club is the middle school extension of the elementary ESSC programs and is now in its 8th year.

Students at the middle school level thrive in an environment that lets them be themselves. At the same time they desire to fit in and be like everyone else. Creating opportunities that allow both to happen at the same time is an important part of school for these kids. We do this with a variety of



activities, theme days and dress up days. Creating time where kids can be like everyone else, by being themselves and giving them creative outlets helps build a positive school culture where kids want to come to school.

### KIDS Awards

This year we introduced a school wide awards assembly six times over the year as a way to recognize students who exemplify one or more of the school values. KIDS stands for Kindness, Integrity, Determination and Spirit and represents the pillars of Character and Mindset from the



SAU 9 Portrait of a Learner. KIDS awards have been a regular part of teams' awards for many years but this year we made these school wide events in order to recognize the importance of the Portrait of a Learner and to bring in more parent connections with the school.

### Louis Fuchs/Otto Ninow Concert

Kennett Middle School was pleased to host the return of the Louis Fuchs/Otto Ninow Memorial Concert on Tuesday, March 28th. The concert has been an established tradition in the Mount Washington Valley for the past 45 years. Students in grades 4-12 from all the valley schools that send students to Kennett High School come together to perform in what is usually the largest single public event of the year.



# School Reviews

## Kennett High School



The 2022-2023 school year at Kennett High School has flown by and we are now marching forward towards celebrating our 100th graduating class in school history. This is the first year since the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year that we have not had a major Covid-related change to how we are operating and it is very exciting to see where we are headed. The program of studies has been revised and we are making curricular shifts to support student learning and engagement.

We are excited to have returned to a full length school day, so that students are able to have increased classroom contact with their teachers to go into great depth of learning. The shortened classes during the pandemic presented challenges to our educators, which they did an amazing job responding to, but the increased student contact time simply allows for a more rich educational experience. During the course of the year we have looked at our scope and sequence of our courses and program of studies and are excited with the changes that have been put in place as we continue to look for opportunities to improve, to better serve our students.

It has been an outstanding year for our students athletically. We welcomed several new coaches, all of whom have had a positive impact on our program, and we are excited for



their continued growth. During our winter season we were fortunate to have two teams win their respective State Championships, as well as several

individual State Champions. The girls alpine ski team successfully defended their title for an amazing fourth consecutive year, with multiple members of the team skiing in the meet of champions, and the New England Championships. The girls basketball team also won the state championship in extremely dramatic fashion against the undefeated team from Bow. Both teams battled for the entire game and with no time left and down by one point, a foul was committed on one of our lady Eagle players. She then calmly and collectively walked up to the free throw line and made both free throws to give Kennett High School a one point victory.



It has been great to have all of the performances that had either been put off or operating at reduced capacity, be able to once again go to full participation. Our music and performing arts department have had multiple shows including our holiday performances, dance team shows, and the drumline, with more to come this spring. We have also hosted the elementary schools to offer them a concert to inspire future performing art students. Still on the docket for this year will be the school drama club performance, the dance team spring show, and several other events.

Our other co-curricular and extra-curricular organizations are thriving as well. Our Key Club continues to be one of, if not the strongest in New England. Their fundraiser, Ski for Sunshine, raised over \$15,000 for Camp Sunshine and they continue to engage in service projects that positively impact the Mount Washington Valley Community. The National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and World Language Honor Society are also thriving here at KHS.

It is hard to believe, but as we look ahead the year is quickly winding down and before you know it we will be holding graduation out in Millen Stadium. This will be the 100th graduating class from Kennett High School, so we are extremely excited to celebrate these students. It is an exciting time of year and the school is abuzz with activity. We invite you to head up Eagles Way to see what is happening.

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