

## **Superintendent Update 6-19-17**

### **WE Free the Children at White Brook Middle School**

WE Free the Children won a grant for \$250.00 from Allstate to help create survival bags for homeless teens in the area. Due to the generosity of Allstate and an anonymous donor, WE FTC will be filling 20 survival backpacks with a plethora of toiletries, towels, and sewing kits so the homeless in our community are able to better care for themselves. We are very proud of our middle school students, their teacher Judith Breier and their dedication to helping others.

### **Maple Elementary School**

Maple School held it's All School Theme Night on Thursday, June 15 with the evening beginning with a free book fair at 4:30. Margaret Betts arranged for hundreds of books to be donated to Maple School for the event. Students traded Maple Bucks for beautiful new and gently used books. After the book fair, classrooms were open to showcase student's yearlong projects focusing on wellness. At 6:00 a performance was held outside. Students in preschool through fourth grade sang songs related to the school's wellness theme. During the performance an announcement was made that the school's Aqua Tab fund-raiser raised \$3,300 to be donated to the Marco Depestre Foundation for fresh water Aqua Tabs for Haiti. It was a very special evening for all who attended. Follow this link to see a photo of the event: <http://www.epsd.us/district/mapletheme.pdf>.

### **White Brook Middle School**

The last week of school is packed with activities for our middle school students. Field Day is Wednesday for grades 5 and 6 and Thursday for grades 7 and 8. The 8th grade semi-formal is on Wednesday night at Wyckoff Country Club and Awards Night is Thursday evening at 7:00. The annual White Brook talent show will take place on Friday. Continuation for graduating 8th graders will be on Monday, June 26th at 9:00 a.m. On Tuesday one of our students, Alice Wanamaker, will be facilitating a workshop with staff from Safe Passage in Northampton. The workshop will be on bystander education and will provide participants with the skills to help them act when they see behaviors that put others at risk for violence, discrimination or bullying.

### **Elementary Ice Cream Social and Art Show**

The annual Elementary Ice Cream Social and Art Show was held on June 1 at Pepin School. The event was sponsored by the elementary PTO, and elementary school art teacher, Nadine Pomakis put on a great student art show for all to enjoy. Follow this link for a photo: <http://www.epsd.us/district/icecreamsocial.pdf>.

### **Center and Pepin Elementary Schools**

Center and Pepin students in the Quest Enrichment Program shared their final independent projects with families, with topics ranging from Balto, the Hero Dog to oil spills and pollution. Martha Jenkins, the Quest teacher, did an excellent job of supporting our students in exploring their interests and learning new presentation skills. Joyful learning was evident in each project. Follow this link for a photo from the evening: <http://www.epsd.us/district/quest.pdf>.

### **Easthampton High School**

Friday was Field Day at EHS. Renaissance provided the students with a free Taco Bar! Events that occurred during the day were student elections, student awards, bottle flipping, a Junior class fundraiser: purchase a strip of duct tape to tape Principal Burke to the wall, soccer, volleyball, basketball, dance party, and trivia. Follow these links for photos of some of the events:

<http://www.epsd.us/district/tugofwarehs.pdf>, <http://www.epsd.us/district/ehsteacher.pdf>,  
<http://www.epsd.us/district/bottleflipping.pdf>, <http://www.epsd.us/ducttape.pdf>.

Just a reminder! "A Local Lens, Histories of Easthampton and Beyond" is tonight at EHS from 6-8 PM.

### **Upcoming Events**

June 19 – A Local Lens at EHS, 6:00 – 8:00

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please email me at [nfollansbee@epsd.us](mailto:nfollansbee@epsd.us).  
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Warmest regards,  
Nancy Follansbee