



WMRSD Leaders and Learners – Your Community Connection White Mountains Regional School District

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At the Lancaster School

Lancaster Elementary School welcomed families for its annual Student-Led Conference Night on April 8, 2026, creating an engaging and celebratory atmosphere centered on student learning and growth. The evening provided students with the opportunity to take the lead, guiding their families through classrooms and sharing evidence of their academic progress.

Throughout the building, students proudly showcased a variety of artifacts that demonstrated their growth and mastery across subject areas. From writing samples and math work to projects and portfolios, each piece told a story of perseverance, improvement, and achievement. Students explained their learning goals, reflected on challenges, and highlighted successes, helping families gain a deeper understanding of their educational journey.

In addition to the conferences, families participated in a fun and interactive Family School Bingo activity. This added an element of excitement and encouraged families to explore different parts of the school while engaging with staff and learning more about the school community.

The evening concluded on a sweet note with an ice cream social sponsored by the Lancaster Parent Teacher Organization. Families gathered to enjoy treats, connect with one another, and celebrate the hard work of students and staff.

Student-Led Conference Night once again proved to be a meaningful event, strengthening the partnership between school and home while empowering students to take ownership of their learning.

At the Whitefield School

This year has been a wonderful journey of growth and discovery for the preschool students. From the very beginning, the children have demonstrated increasing confidence as they settled into daily routines and developed a strong sense of belonging within the classroom community.

Meaningful progress has been observed in their social development. The children are learning how to be kind and respectful friends by practicing sharing, taking turns, and using their words to express their feelings and needs. It has been especially rewarding to observe new friendships forming and to see the children demonstrate empathy and care for one another during both structured activities and free play.

Academically, the children are making steady gains in early learning concepts. Many are becoming more familiar with recognizing letters and numbers and are beginning to connect these skills to everyday experiences through play, songs, and hands-on activities. Their curiosity and

enthusiasm for learning continue to grow as they explore new ideas and build confidence in their abilities.

The class has also enjoyed several special highlights throughout the year. Visits from the Believe in Books outreach program have helped spark a love of books and reading. Another favorite has been “Mingling Mondays,” during which preschool and kindergarten students come together to play and learn. During this time, classrooms are open for exploration, providing opportunities for children to interact with a wider group of peers, try new activities, and build confidence in new environments. The children have also enjoyed participating in outdoor play during the “Winter Wednesdays” program, where they engaged in sledding and building snow sculptures.

Overall, the progress of each child has been a source of pride. The students are developing not only foundational academic skills but also the social and emotional tools that will support them as lifelong learners. The school looks forward to continuing this exciting journey together throughout the remainder of the year.

At the White Mountains Regional High School

One of the unspoken goals of the Adventure Program at WMRHS was to give students an outlet, a pursuit or interest that transcends the school environment and supports the community. This year the program has doubled down on snowboarding and other sliding sports as they are such a deeply rooted part of our economy.

The community surrounding WMRHS has come through in spades for the school in that the Adventure Program has been gifted nearly 10 snowboards of differing sizes, as well as boots, and bindings. The students have worked on tuning snowboards, waxing bases, sharpening edges, and troubleshooting bindings to get each board up and running well.

Snowboarding and skiing can be infinitely frustrating to learn from a place of zero experience, but can also be incredibly rewarding and fun from the perspective of recreation and community. Students are now asking to borrow school boards, boots, and helmets so that they can go to local areas like Mount Eustis in Littleton and ride together on the weekends. One student in particular has become a volunteer at Mount Eustis after visiting there several times through Adventure Class.

As the Adventure Program continues to grow, it stands as a powerful example of what can happen when a school and its community invest in one another. The generosity of local donors has not only provided equipment, but has opened doors for students to discover new passions, build confidence, and form lasting connections beyond the classroom. In turn, students are finding ways to give back, strengthening the very community that supports them. This spirit of connection, resilience, and shared responsibility is the very essence of Sparta, students and community members lifting one another up and taking pride in the place they call home.