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At the Lancaster School

Lancaster Elementary School students have an exciting opportunity this spring to extend their learning beyond the school day through a new partnership with White Mountains Science, Inc. This collaboration brings a 10-week after-school STEM program designed to spark curiosity and deepen students' understanding of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The program offers hands-on, project-based learning experiences that encourage students to think critically, solve problems, and work collaboratively with their peers. Each session features engaging activities such as building simple machines, exploring environmental science concepts, and experimenting with coding and engineering design. These experiences aim to make STEM learning both meaningful and enjoyable while helping students develop skills that are increasingly important in today's world.

Open to a wide range of grade levels, the after-school program provides an inclusive environment where all students can explore their interests and build confidence in STEM subjects. Educators and facilitators from White Mountains Science, Inc. work closely with Lancaster Elementary staff to ensure that activities are aligned with student needs and interests.

Funding for this opportunity is made possible through federal grants, along with the generous support that White Mountains Science, Inc. receives from partners who believe in its mission to expand access to high-quality STEM education.

School leaders are enthusiastic about the partnership and the opportunities it creates for students to grow as learners and innovators, reinforcing Lancaster Elementary's commitment to enriching educational experiences for all students.

At the Whitefield School

In second grade, students have been actively learning and growing across all subject areas.

In mathematics, they are exploring both two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes and learning to recognize them in the world around them. They are also strengthening their skills in adding and subtracting two- and three-digit numbers. In addition, students are learning about money through engaging, hands-on activities. They earn coins throughout the day and use them to "purchase" items from the classroom shop, helping them apply real-world math skills.

In science, students are studying different types of animals and what makes each one unique. This work connects to their writing, where students are researching an animal of their choice.

They identify its classification and key attributes, then compose an informational piece based on their findings.

All of their writing will be compiled into a book that will be sent for publication. Once the books are returned, families will be invited to attend a special book signing and author celebration. This promises to be a wonderful and exciting event.

At the White Mountains Regional High School

Sixteen WMRHS students represented the North Country with pride at the New Hampshire YMCA Youth and Government Pre-Legislative Assembly on Saturday, March 14. Led by advisors Frank Lombardi and James Cromer, the delegation spent the day in Concord preparing for the upcoming Model Legislative Session by refining bills, practicing parliamentary procedure, and collaborating with peers from across the state.

This year's WMRHS cohort continues to distinguish itself as one of the most active and engaged groups in District 7. Earlier this winter, students excelled at the District 7 Caucus, earning several key leadership roles. Alexis Hicks was selected as a Supreme Court Judge, Jacob Provencher as Co-Chair of Public Works & Transportation, Charles Schmidt as Senate Chaplain, and Abigail Bovay as a Lobbyist. Media staff members Kiara Koxarakis, Mya Rouillard, and Korbyn Keddy will help document statewide events.

The House of Representatives delegation includes Hailey Briere, Addyson Kenison, Reese Dubois, Sadie Dunn, Kira Olson, Annabelle Walker, Kamryn Young, Amber Phinney, and Lilyan Johnston. Each member drafted original legislation to present this spring.

The Youth and Government program gives students a hands-on opportunity to experience democratic processes, strengthen public-speaking skills, and develop confidence as emerging civic leaders. Mr. Lombardi and Mr. Cromer continue to guide students through bill writing, committee work, and the use of Robert's Rules of Order.

WMRHS celebrates the dedication of these young leaders and looks forward to their participation in the statewide Model Legislative Session on April 10–11 at the New Hampshire State House.