WMRSD Leaders and Learners – Your Community Connection
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At the Lancaster School
Lancaster Elementary School has transitioned its weekly *Leaders and Learners* article into a podcast format that features guests answering three guiding questions: *What are you proud of*? *Why are you proud?* and *What's next?*

In Episode #014, the hosts explain the reason for the recent podcast hiatus and provide an update on the SAU 36 planning process for the 2026–2027 school year.

The podcast is available on the following platforms:
Apple Podcasts: https://podcasts.apple.com/.../the-big-3.../id1836015591
Spotify: https://open.spotify.com/show/03PNv3UieUCxdZqwKDePNO...
Amazon Music: https://music.amazon.com/.../the-big-3---lancaster-school
iHeart Podcasts: Search for *"The Big 3 – Lancaster School"*

Community members who are interested in participating in a future episode are encouraged to get involved, as the podcast aims to expand beyond the school district.

At the Whitefield School
The preschool classroom has been off to a wonderful start this year, filled with learning, growth, and connection. Children have been developing important social skills, including sharing, taking turns, using kind words, and working cooperatively with peers. They have also been increasing their independence through daily routines and classroom responsibilities.

In literacy, preschoolers have been exploring rhyming, beginning sounds, letter recognition, and letter sounds through songs, stories, and hands-on activities. In mathematics, children have been building foundational skills by practicing number recognition and counting during play and everyday classroom experiences.

Prior to the holidays, the preschoolers enjoyed participating in community activities such as spreading holiday cheer through Christmas caroling and creating cards for local elderly community members. "Kindness Matters," the classroom elf, added to the excitement by promoting kindness and encouraging thoughtful choices.

The preschool team is proud of the progress the children have made and looks forward to continuing their growth as leaders and learners.

At White Mountains Regional High School

If one of the primary goals of education is to prepare students for a smooth and informed transition into adulthood, it can also be argued that fostering positive, productive citizens is among the highest goals attainable. With this in mind, students from White Mountains Regional High School (WMRHS) traveled to Manchester, New Hampshire, during the week before winter break to tour the New Hampshire Job Corps campus.

For those unfamiliar with Job Corps, it is a federally funded program designed to help individuals ages 16 to 24 gain job skills while also providing opportunities to complete their secondary education. The program prepares students to enter the workforce confidently and competently in a wide range of career fields.

Students expressed strong enthusiasm throughout the visit. One student remarked that the campus was “amazing” while touring the dormitories and trade buildings, and another shared plans to apply after discussing the opportunity with family. In addition to training programs such as security, culinary arts, and building trades, Job Corps offers comprehensive support services including job search assistance, transition allowances, career counseling, relocation counseling, and advanced training opportunities.