

# Dunn School Principal Report

## March 2010

Grade 3	170
Grade 4	172
TOTAL	342

### Recognition

A group of students in Mr. Skilling's class has organized a bottle drive to benefit the Red Cross. These four children have placed posters around the school and made announcements to promote this effort. The Bottle Barn in Gray will be the drop spot for the bottles. I know the kids are excited about their effort and should be applauded for their care and concern.

I would also like to recognize Donna Cormier for her efforts in organizing a school-wide reading program. The students earned different prizes and recognition throughout the program. Today I drew tickets for small stuffed frogs, the students were very excited and it was fun to see them celebrating with each other.

### Topics of Interest

Four additional staff members have completed the Beacon teacher training with RISC. Lisa Burns, Blaine Skilling, Chris Petersen, and Sue Martin recently took part in the three and a half day training in Lewiston. Each of the participants was very excited to share with staff how much they enjoyed and believed in the work. This brings the total number of Beacon Teacher trained staff to 7 at Dunn School.

The recent Shared Vision and Rich DiLorenzo presentations were well received by the community. I also want to note that a number of staff members from the district participated. This is an example of the energy that is being created by the RISC work!

The first Art Show and Music Concert was a tremendous success. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders that displayed their work and performed their songs were awesome. Mary Patterson and Steve Grannell once again have organized an excellent evening for families. The next show is set for April 13<sup>th</sup>, I hope to see you there!

Three way conferences are now going on. Wednesday (31<sup>st</sup>) and Thursday (1<sup>st</sup>) the parking lot has been full as parents and students meet with teachers and discuss each child's progress towards

the established goals. Report cards are handed out at these conferences. Thanks to the PTSA for providing dinner on Thursday night for all those that are staying late to hold the conferences.

Destination Imagination has been a tremendous success this year. Three of the five teams that participated in the regional competition have been selected to move along to the state competition in Orono on April 10<sup>th</sup>. All five teams had a chance to perform for the entire school last week. This school wide presentation was followed up by a burrito luncheon provided by Bruce's Burritos in Yarmouth. Thanks to Bruce Luttrell and Erin Bruce for their generous donation.

The Dunn School Science Fair is set for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. I would like to thank Amy Edwards for volunteering her time to organize this fun-filled event. I look forward to working with her over the next few weeks pulling the details together. Mad Science will be here to entertain the children that participate.

The Standards Based class that meets each Monday night at Dunn School is nearing completion. It has turned out to be a great opportunity to discuss teaching/learning. The staff members that are participating are finding the work very worthwhile.

I am now planning a book blog using the book, Delivering on the Promise. There are currently 10 staff members that have committed to participate while a few others are on the fence. I hope to get about 15 participants.

### Success/Challenges

Recent reports from the state show our three-year average in math and literacy to be very good. I hope that we continue to build on that data. I know teachers have been using PLC time to examine recent NECAP releases.

End of the year plans are now being made. Things like transition, placement, and celebrations are in the works. It is hard to believe that we are now in the third trimester.

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