

# Dunn School Principal Report

## October 2009

Grade 3	169
Grade 4	167
TOTAL	336

### Recognition

Putting together the Swine Flu clinic has required a tremendous amount of time and energy. Ann Baiocchi and Sheila Giancola have been working extremely hard to organize this worthwhile event. MSAD #15 is fortunate to have these ladies looking after the children. They are knowledgeable, hard-working, and committed to the well-being of every child.

### Topics of Interest

Office Max recently recognized Gitana Beriau for her dedication to third grade. The award "A Day Made Better" was presented to her at a full school assembly. She was very surprised and appreciative!

I am pleased that 9 staff members and myself are taking the course on Re-Inventing Schools. It is offered on-line through the University of Alaska. We are meeting every Monday at Dunn School from 3:15-4:45. There also staff members from Russell School and the GNG High School joining us.

NECAP testing is now complete. The teachers are reporting that the students worked hard throughout the six days of testing. I think the test was reasonable and look forward to seeing our results in January.

If you did not have a chance to see the Dunn students on WGME 13 Friday you can go to the television's website and look under kid correspondent for the video clip. The students, Noli French, Emma Matusovich, and Logan Nickerson did an awesome job.

The Treasures program is now into its third month and teachers are getting more and more comfortable with the program. There are still challenges but as staff uses their PLC time and training time the pieces appear to be coming together.

The cafeteria staff at Dunn School will be providing a breakfast for the third grade students and their parents on November 6<sup>th</sup>. I expect there will be a large crowd but there is always room for you! If you are available and would like to stop by you will not

be disappointed. The food is always good and the company can't be beat!

Staff members are using staff time to work on our shared vision. This is an important piece of the district wide RISC work. Our next steps include getting information out to parents regarding the similarities in responses and then to get input from students. Staff and parents are very similar in their hopes, dreams, and expectations for students.

I look forward to hosting the facility group on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. I know that the lists will be long and that the committee will have a few tough decisions ahead of them. However, each year the members make thoughtful decisions and establish a workable plan.

We are in some preliminary discussions with the Pineland YMCA regarding a proposal which will allow all third graders to take swimming lessons over the course of their third grade year. If the YMCA thinks this is something they can support then we will formally present our proposal to you and ask if it is something that the School Board of RSU #15 will support.

Students at Dunn School have been enjoying a few field trips this month. Most of the fourth grade students have traveled to the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath while all third graders and the other fourth graders have visited the Longfellow House and other landmarks in the City of Portland. All reports are that the kids really had a good time on their trips.

### Success

The fourth grade team has been doing some terrific work with their curriculum and flexible grouping. They have found a way to incorporate Read 180 and Treasures together and their Investigations assessments have shown solid growth over last year.

### Challenges

Challenges are similar to last report. Trying to make sure everything gets enough time over the course of a school day. Classroom instruction, Title I, therapies and morning meeting are require valuable time.