

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

BRENTWOOD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Principal's Report to
the School Board
October 15, 2007
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CURRENT ENROLLMENT

	P	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Projected Enrollment, 2006-2007	11	62	73	57	77	74	67	421
Actual Enrollment, June 2007	13	60	69	51	73	76	59	401
Projected Enrollment, 2007-2008	6	57	71	73	55	78	82	422
Actual Enrollment, September 2007	11	54	78	66	52	74	78	413
Actual Enrollment, October 2007	11	53	77	66	52	74	78	411
Actual Enrollment, November 2007								
Actual Enrollment, December 2007								
Actual Enrollment, January 2008								
Actual Enrollment, February 2008								
Actual Enrollment, March 2008								
Actual Enrollment, April 2008								
Actual Enrollment, May 2008								
Actual Enrollment, June 2008								

Five additional students (four in 2nd and one in 5th) have been registered and will begin attending SCS on Monday, October 22nd.

Y.M.C.A. SCHOOL'S OUT PROGRAM

Kristina Wagnitz has been replaced by Rebecca Foss as the Y.M.C.A. School Age Program Director. Additionally, some of School's Out staff supervising the Swasey program changed last week. It didn't seem to be a good use of time to have Rebecca attend tonight's meeting as she needs some time to familiarize herself with the onsite program. She and I had an initial conversation regarding the beginning of the school year last week and will touch base again very soon. Would the Board like her to attend in November or provide a mid-year update at the January 2008 meeting?

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MY VOICE[®] SURVEYS

The NHDoe Follow the Child initiative is designed to foster student aspirations and promote student success through an emphasis on personalized learning and assessment. The first step in this process is for schools to gain insight as to whether students and staff perceive their school as a place in which they are known, supported, challenged, and inspired. All staff and the children in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are in the process of completing an anonymous survey which was designed by the Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations for the Follow the Child initiative.

The surveys contain questions that probe conditions that can affect their personal, social, physical, and academic development and, ultimately, their aspirations for life.

Last year the survey was only available to middle and high school students and staff. This year the program has been extended to include upper elementary. The surveys will be mailed on November 1st and feedback will be given in early December at a 'Data Review' which I will attend along with three additional seminars to be held in early 2008 with themes of Self-Worth, Active Engagement, and Purpose. This information will be shared with staff as an additional tool to assess our instructional and school program.

HOMEWORK CLUB

For the past several years, we have offered a Homework Club four mornings a week. This has been supervised by two paraprofessionals who are familiar with the upper grades' assignments. Students could attend by teacher invitation only. This was one of the programs that was eliminated as part of this year's budget cuts.

It is abundantly clear that this program is very important to many students' academic success. I am asking for permission to reinstate it as quickly as possible. The cost results from paying the staff each for 1.5 additional hours per week totaling approximately \$1,342 for the year. The benefits are priceless.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS AND EVENTS

- October 16th: P.F.G. Meeting, SCS Library at 6:30 p.m.
- October 17th: Cross Country Meet at 4:00 p.m., Stratham Memorial School
- October 19th: 5th Grade Field Trip to Spencer-Pierce Little Farm for 5BA and 5 BR. (5R and 5W went on Monday, October 15th)
- October 19th: Reptile Presentation at SCS for 3rd Grade (sponsored by the P.F.G.)
- October 24th: Cross Country Meet at 4:00 p.m. at East Kingston Elementary School
- October 25th: Kindergarten classes take a walking field trip to the Bartlett Library
- October 26th: First quarter grades close
- November 7th: Early release (1:00 p.m.), parent conferences
- November 12th: Veterans' Day, no school
- November 13th: P.F.G. Meeting, SCS Library at 6:30 p.m.
- November 14th: Early release (1:00 p.m.), parent conferences
- November 19th: School Board meeting, SCS Library at 6:00 p.m. (to be confirmed)