

# Nelson School Board Report



Parents and guardians reconnecting on the first day of school

## Special events in our school

- *Linda's Closet Race*  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- *Open House BB*  
Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 5:30-6:30 pm  
*Classroom Visitations*  
6:30-7:15 pm

## Activities and Programs

Emilia Whippie hosted a "Meet the Teacher" evening the week before school began which was attended by the majority of students and their parents. Prior to this gathering, Emilia sent each family a letter introducing herself. Those students who were unable to attend the "Meet and Greet", wrote back to Emilia as her letter was cleverly written and encouraged a response.

The opening day of school was smooth and enjoyable and began with students, parents, and staff gathering in the multi-purpose room enjoying bagels, coffee, and juice while reconnecting with one another after the summer break until 9 a.m.

Nelson School opened its doors for the 2011-2012 academic school year with 25 students, which is three more than we anticipated in March of 2011, and the same number as of September 2010.

In keeping with the philosophy of the Responsive Classroom, classroom teachers created opportunities for building community both in their individual classrooms as well as school-wide. Guided discoveries abounded in the lunchroom, playground, and classrooms.

Students and staff embraced the new art teacher, Rebecca LaQuerre, our new Spanish teacher, Hannah Trombly. The transition from French to Spanish has been smooth.

## Building and Grounds

- ✓ Programmable thermostats installed in all classrooms and hallways
- ✓ Window replaced in hallway
- ✓ Individual floor tiles replaced in hallway and multi-purpose room as needed
- ✓ Furnace cleaned
- ✓ Protocol for generator created
- ✓ Floors waxed
- ✓ Rugs cleaned
- ✓ Lawn and fields mowed
- ✓ Ramp painted
- ✓ AED inspected

***"The mission of Nelson School is to instill strength of spirit and ignite a love of learning."***



Waiting for the Bus to Go Home

## Professional Development Activities

New England College Guest Speaker  
Sheila

Differentiated Instruction and Co-Teaching  
Sheila, Cindy, Kristin, Emilia, and Jennifer Kiernan

Differentiated Instruction  
Sheila, Cindy, Kristin, Emilia, Jennifer Kiernan, Martha, and Vicki

Response to Intervention  
Sheila

Responsive Classroom Training and/or Institute  
Kristin and Jennifer Hed

Technology Development  
Kristin

Mentor Training  
Cindy

Lindamood Bell Visualizing Verbalizing Two Day Training  
Emilia, Vicki, and Jennifer Kiernan

AED and First Aid Recertification Training  
Sheila, Cindy, Kristin, Emilia, Rebecca, Jennifer Kiernan, and Karen



Emilia Whippie 5/6 teacher (left)  
Rebecca La Querre, art teacher (right)

## Upcoming Events

Monday, September 16  
✓ Brian Shankney to speak to boys about Scouting

Tuesday, September 20  
✓ School Picture Day

Thursday, September 22  
✓ Mentor/mentee meetings

Monday and Thursday, September 26 and 29  
✓ String lessons begin

Wednesday, September 28  
✓ Goose Pond Hike

Monday, October 10  
✓ Teacher workshop day (common assessments)

Wednesday, October 19  
✓ Mentor/Mentee meeting

Friday, October 28  
✓ Halloween stations  
✓ Early Release Day and School Board Retreat

Friday, November 11  
✓ Veteran's Day, No School



First Year String Students

Molly Gray, Tae'Iar Forcier, Sara Kim (teacher), Fallon Smith, Sarah Hull,  
and Elizabeth Hull