

## Principal's Report

January 10, 2023

\*Carole Bays will attend the meeting to talk about the extensive work she has done to get the BES Community Garden up and running! There are some very exciting things happening!

\*I nominated Christine Young Rineer for an award through the NH Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health. This CHART (Character and Resiliency Together) Award recognizes an educator who models character and resiliency, and Christine was selected to receive an award! I will share a copy of my nomination so you can see the many special qualities Christine possesses. As soon as I receive more information from the state, we will have a more formal recognition ceremony.

\*We had our first week of Winter Activities. It's been a long time since we participated in this tradition and the students and families are thrilled. Students had the choice of rock climbing, swimming, gymnastics, White Mountain Science activities, downhill and Nordic skiing as well as snowboarding.

\*Our holiday concerts were a HUGE success! The building was full of families here to celebrate the holiday season!

\*We are able to have a special three day program in mid January that focuses on inclusion, empathy and social inclusion through drumming with Rich Regione. This is from his website!

*Rich Regione, a professional, national touring drummer, juried and accredited artist in residence, Mr. Rich founded Youth Beatz in 2005 to share the many benefits of rhythm and fitness with others because he felt it had benefited his life so greatly. Youth Beatz is a very specific and intentional program designed to develop and sharpen soft skillsets in both children and adults. What becomes clear the moment Mr. Rich enters any room is simple: He is a caring and vibrant personality, whose dedication and commitment to drive positive change, are effective and unquestionably contagious.*

\*The budget committee was a huge success! Having more people part of the process really made a difference.

\*Our after school enrichment activities have been a real hit! Robotics has been ongoing, intramurals have happened, art club, garden club and drama club are set to start. Chess club will happen later this year! The drama club will be presenting Matilda so stay tuned for more details!