

**RSU #16 School Board
Administrative Report
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Staff

- I am on track to return to school on Monday, May 22. Dean of Students Kelly Adams and the Whittier Middle School staff have done an excellent job in my absence. I am grateful for their efforts in stepping up and providing leadership at school.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

- The Through Year Assessment is scheduled for May 2 and May 4. Parents have been notified twice through the school newsletter. Teachers have prepared students for the change in schedule. While the name of the test has changed, students are familiar with the format.
- Teacher Sean Galipeau-Eldridge took a large group of students to Maine's National History Day competition at UMaine Orono on Saturday, April 29. We are very proud of all students who qualified and then chose to participate at the state level. The following students placed in their categories: Alyssa Mason (2nd place, Individual Exhibits), Leksi Langevin (3rd place, Individual Exhibits), Avian Banaitis and Lily McAlister (3rd place, Group Exhibits), Brayden D'Auteuil (3rd place, Individual Websites), Delilah Farrington and Phoebe Paradis (3rd place, Group Websites), Irelyn Smith and Skye Loring-Dymond (2nd place, Group Websites), Madelyn Mitchell (2nd place, Performance) and Isaac Lizotte (3rd place, Historical Papers). Students finishing in first or second place in their category qualified for the national competition in Washington, D.C.

Events

- Congratulations to Eli Fanus and Angela Gilbert for directing a very successful school play on Thursday, April 13. "Seed of Midsummer Night's Dream" was a hit and featured many middle school students showcasing their acting talents for the very first time. I am very grateful to Eli and Angela for providing this opportunity for our students.
- Whittier students Eli Culleton, Kaleb Christner, Cameron Cunningham, and Dylan Cobb participated in the Maine Music Educators District II Honors Jazz Festival at Greeley High School. Bandmaster Larry Williams has been working closely with this group of 8th graders in preparation for the honors event. We look forward to seeing them continue their musical journey in high school.
- Upcoming May events:
 - o School Dance - May 5
 - o Trimester 3 Progress Reports - May 12
 - o Grade 8 State Science Testing - Week of May 15
 - o Wellness Day - May 26
- We have tentatively scheduled our Grade 8 Promotion Night for Friday, June 16. We have held the event on the high school football field for the last two years, and we have been very pleased with the experience. Our plan is to be outside again this year, if the weather cooperates.