



Dean of School's Report

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- Honor Roll for the Third Quarter:** The third quarter ended on April 5. The following percentages of students made the honor roll: 18.5% made High Honor Roll (A or greater i.e., 94% or higher); 28.3% made Honor Roll (B+ through A- i.e., 87-93%); 11.8% made Honorable Mention (B i.e., 84-86%).
- From Student Services:** Student Services continues to work with students individually to plan for college. The department is also attending end-of-year, extended school year special education meetings. Both counselors are also working hard on addressing academic concerns and questions related to student's grades and mastery.
- Volunteer of the Month:** Pamela Morin is Volunteer of the Month for April 2018. She has been described by another parent as a "*rock star in getting the finances set up for the PTSA.*" She paid incredible attention to detail in tallying the proceeds from the recent "Penny Wars" which raised lots of money.
- Teacher of the Month:** Natasha Hyde will be the Teacher of the Month for May. Mrs. Hyde is a math teacher in her first year. She is dedicated to her subject and students. Congratulations, Mrs. Hyde!
- Excellence in the Workplace Award:** Dean Mooney nominated Kate Mote for an "Excellence in the Workplace" award from the Merrimack Rotary Club for her dedication to our school's drama productions and teaching English/Writing. Congratulations to Ms. Mote!
- Spring Fling:** The Student Senate and their advisors did a great job on the Spring Fling fundraiser to benefit the senate. Over \$1,400 was raised and several Round Table advisors participated to have numerous games and activities.
- Mission Committee:** Next school year, a Mission Committee comprised of teachers and administrators will be an internal committee. The purpose is to discuss ways to continue implementing the school's mission and themes throughout the school, as well as enhancing leadership opportunities and skills.
- A Visit from the U.S. Secretary of Education:** On May 14, 2018, the U.S. Secretary of Education visited Founders. The Honorable Betsy DeVos was given a student-led tour by the student House of Representatives, heard the chorus sing two patriotic songs, partook in a hands-on science experiment in the lab, a Q and A with history students, and a reception with teachers and trustees.
- Middle School Drama Club:** The Middle School Drama Club will present "*Peter Pan*" this Friday and Saturday at 6pm. The student actors/acresses, directors and producers have been working very hard.
- PSAT Scores:** This Spring, students in the 8th, 9th, and 10th Grades took the PSAT tests appropriate for their grade level. For many of these students, this is the 2nd or 3rd time that they have taken these tests, so we can now begin to study grade-wide trends to see whether the scores have been improving and where our school might have some room for improvement. Our Registrar, Greg McKenzie, will present the scores.
- THANK YOU:** A special thank you to those parents who provided a Teacher Appreciation luncheon on May 3 and helped with the Spring Fling; a special thank you to the students of the Student Senate and Student Activities Committee for coordinating events of Spirit Week; and the teacher advisors and student directors of the Middle School Drama Club.

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