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the Athol Royalston



Highlights

My First Year

Completing my first year as superintendent in Athol-Royalston has been nothing short of amazing. I have been motivated by the commitment to success teachers, parents, community members, and staff has for all students in the community. The openness and honesty of everyone during feedback sessions have been a breath of fresh air. To hear teachers and staff talk about their accomplishments and teamwork with peers has been wonderful. In talking with students, I have heard frequently about how they feel. They have frequently stated their schools are getting better. I have seen growth everywhere. At ACES and RCS the work teachers have done in implementing Wonders and Engage New York has shown the development of more rigorous classrooms. At RCS the tiered systems of support in literacy have proven to increase learning growth in many students. At the middle school classes have higher learning expectations and at the high school students are raving about the advisor/advisory curriculum that has been implemented through the Positive Coaches Alliance. Success has come about because of everyone's willingness to try new things. I'm truly proud to be part of this team. I look forward to our continued work next year.

Superintendents Calendar

6/13/2018

- Project Bread
- AHS Visit
- P.R. Meeting
- Budget Meeting

6/14/2018

- ARMS Visit
- RCS Spring Concert

6/15/2018

- ACES Donuts with DAD
- Math consultant conference call

6/18/2018

- Literacy Meeting

6/19/2018

- PR-K graduation
 - DILT
- 6/20/2018**
- Staff cookout

6/21/2018

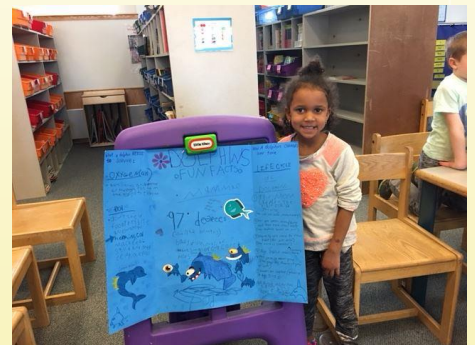
Last Day of School

Focuses for 2019

- Design classrooms where student literacy skills are consistently the focus of daily instruction



- Create and use a tiered system of social, emotional, and behavioral supports to improve overall student engagement in classrooms.



- Use data to drive decision-making in the areas of curriculum, instruction, student learning and social emotional-supports.

Pictures of The Week

Athol High School Graduation and RCS students visit tech lab at UMASS



What will be new and innovative for the 2018-2019 school year?

- Foreign language classes will be offered to students at the middle school at earlier grades.
- High school new computers will exceed 100.
- Online benchmark testing will take place in grades 1-8 across the district.
- Community-led after-school programming will begin at the middle school in partnership with a local church.
- Service-learning projects will be developed in schools.
- Wonders core program for ELA will be in place across all schools Pre-K to 5.
- Data will drive all intervention time across the district.
- A new drop out prevention person will be in place at the high school pending Title 4A funding.
- District will be applying for additional funds for after-school programming at ARMS in collaboration with the YMCA.
- An Early Childhood Director will be placed at ACES.
- A new special education coordinator will join the special education department.

Congratulations

On Monday night June 12, 2018, **Kenneth Vaidulas** was recognized for his outstanding service to the Athol Community. Mr. Vaidulas was found doing incredible service work with RCS 3 graders at the historical society the next day. He was teaching the students about the advancement of tools from the 1800's to present day. Mr. Vaidulas joined the school committee in the fall and has been a significant voice because of his previous experience in working K-12 as a teacher and administrator.



School Activities

Over the last two weeks, schools have begun celebrating student successes and displaying students work.

AHS

- The graduation of the class of 2018
- Induction of new National Honor Society students
- Music Department Banquet
- Elementary school motivation to graduate walk
- Student and teacher focus groups
 - Senior field trip to Boston



ARMS

- Multicultural Night
- NJHS Induction
- Memorial Day Celebration
- Grade 8 Step Up Ceremony
- Grade 5 Transition Visits
- Safety Drills
- Grade 8 Washington Trip
- Grade 6 Natures Classroom Trip

RCS

- Kindergarten Step Up
- Band Concert
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Field Day
- Day at Athol Historical society



ACES

- Donut Day with Dad
- Student and Staff Focus groups
- Band/Chorus Concert
- Kindergarten Rhymes Program
- Field Day
- Science Fair
- Pre-K and 4th grade graduation

