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Laconia Celebrates National Library Week

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National Library Week (April 4 - 10, 2021) is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions and promote library use and support. This year's theme, "Welcome to Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and that everyone is welcome to use their services.

Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Wiese used this week at Laconia to remind students the library can help access needed resources and services. Libraries, including our district's school libraries, have been adapting to our changing world by expanding their resources and services. Through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves.

Because of the pandemic, our services look a bit different this year, but we wanted the students and staff to know that we are still here to support them wherever we can. To help get this message across, the library sponsored daily dress-ups days and activities.

On Monday, we asked students to wear black and/or white. We provided a black and white book display for them to peruse and "check out." Since reading can take you places, on Tuesday we asked the student body to dress for a trip. Using our green screen, we snapped pictures and then placed them in a bucket-list location.

We know that reading increases your vocabulary, so on Wordy Wednesday, students were asked to wear a shirt with words on it. We, also, provided them with a brain-break where they were asked to build words from the word "hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia," which means a fear of long words. Aiden Last was the winner of the most words created.

Working with the business and art department, for Throwback Thursday, the students and staff were given the opportunity to receive a free cloth mask with a favorite childhood book character on. Ranging from more recent characters like Pete the Cat to historical characters like Winnie-the-Pooh, the masks were a big hit! Madison Lemke, sporting her Winnie-the-Pooh mask, even came down to the library to read and record *Winnie: the true story of the bear who inspired Winnie-the-Pooh* by Sally Walker. That recording will be shared with our elementary teachers so that they can have a "mystery" reader on demand.

On Friday, we wrapped up the week promoting our newly genrifed library by asking students to wear the color of their favorite genre. Whether they wore green for sports or pink for romance or any of the other genres, it was helpful to see what types of books students like to read. Students were also given a library trivia activity that had them identify famous people - some real, some fictional - that had library careers. Without a doubt, sophomore Courtney Meenk knows her librarians!

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Austin Boyd (standing) and Zachary Wegner (seated) show off their Arthur and Lorax masks.

FAC Work Continues

Submitted by Superintendent Wayne Weber

The District Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) is well into the process of learning about district facility needs and is about to engage in the development of plans to address those needs in the future.



The first four meetings included facility tours, along with a review of the Facility Condition and Assessment Report. This report was compiled by district partners Plunkett Raysich Architects and C.D. Smith Construction. Additionally, the FAC reviewed the Educational Space Analysis for our district and learned about collaborative learning spaces.

At April's meeting, the FAC learned about School Finance. Brian Brewer with R.W. Baird shared how schools are funded, reviewed the District budget and current debt, and explained how large capital projects are funded. Additionally, on April 24, FAC members toured two area schools that have recently experienced a major remodel with additional space being added on. These tours allowed the members to see how existing spaces can be reconfigured to better meet the needs of today's learners.

Each of these meetings to this point have been designed to help the FAC members better understand the state of each district facility, how to address facility needs, and the impact any plans may have on district finances and local taxpayers moving forward.

The next FAC meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Rosendale Intermediate School where the committee will begin to discuss preliminary options to address district facility needs. Meetings are open to the public and all meeting materials, including a complete list of the FAC members, are shared on the district website. I encourage our district residents to attend meetings and review the resources shared. Additionally, feel free to reach out to FAC members or me for more information. Together, let's build a stronger tomorrow.



Staff for Wordy Wednesday (seated) Danielle Flouro, Kimberly Schuenemann, Kelsey Nelson, Linda Sattler (back row) Dani Olejniczak, Cindy Bailey, Beth Jenson, Beth Kwakkel, Kaytie Storms, Tony Zar, Jenny Pils, Josh Demski, and Anita Holdridge.



Left Side: Trinity Craft and Gracie Jones give Cinderella's Castle at Disney World two thumbs-up. Right side: Dressed for their trip to Hawaii, (front row) Galena Everson, Whitney Madison, (back row) Grace Clark, Bella Geisthardt, and Jada Jahn pause for a picture at the green screen in the library.

