

# Hampton Falls School District News

2011-2012 School Year  
September-October 2011

## A Note from the Principal

The close of the 2010-11 school year saw the retirements of three LAS veterans; Jan Galloway, Barbara Dykeman and Peg Herrick. We wish them the best of luck as they move into this new phase in their lives. While we will miss our former colleagues, we are equally excited to welcome two new staff members to the LAS community.

Beth Simon has been selected as the new Food Service Director for Lincoln Akerman. Beth lives in Hampton and comes to LAS after working in the Food Service Department of the Hampton schools. She was selected from a group of very talented candidates and the LAS Search Team was impressed with her experience, knowledge of food service programming, eagerness to bring technology into the LAS Food Service Program and her ability to work as part of an intimate team. She has already been in to school to get her bearings and be ready for the start of the year. We welcome Beth to LAS.

When Jan Galloway announced her retirement as a long-tenured 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher here at LAS, Barbara Cutting requested and was granted the opportunity to move from her assignment as a grade 1-2 looping teacher to the vacant 5<sup>th</sup> grade position. This is an exciting change for Barbara and we all supported this new educational venture for her. That meant that we had a vacancy in our

1-2 looping teacher role. I am happy to welcome Jessica McDougall to the LAS family. Jessica comes to us from the West Yellowstone School District in Montana where she has most recently taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade. When the vacant LAS position was advertised in late winter/early spring, we received in the neighborhood of 140 applicants and Jessica was selected as the top candidate from this very large and talented pool. Jessica's experience as a teacher demonstrated a strong commitment to building positive relationships with students and parents as well as strength in curriculum implementation, differentiated instruction and the use of technology within the classroom. She was eager to come to New Hampshire because her fiancé is a high school principal in the south/central part of the state. Jessica is getting accustomed to the humidity of coastal New Hampshire, not a common experience in the mountains of Montana, and is eager to meet with new students, parents and colleagues at Lincoln Akerman. Welcome Jessica!



## School Board Goals

Over the summer the School Board developed goals for the 2011-2012 school year. The first goal is focused on the School District facilities. This new goal is an extension of work started

last year in an effort to ensure that the students in Hampton Falls have a safe and effective building space that supports the instructional programs offered.

**To utilize information from consultants and community-based committees in decision-making and prioritizing actions on:**

- *The best current and future uses of the Kensington Road property.*
- *The short and long term planning for the school building, including educational programming needs and space issues.*
- *The Capital Improvement Plan with emphasis on Life-Safety issues and critical needs with economic efficiency.*

During the 2010-2011 school year the Board completed a systematic analysis of programs as related to student need and growth. This year the Board will continue the focus on academic progress to be sure that the programs offered at LAS are meeting the needs of all students at every level of learning.

**To continue the systematic progression of all educational areas in meeting all students' needs for growth and enhancement. The focus will grow to include:**

- *The technology infrastructure improvements and their impact on student learning.*
- *The Common Core Standards and how the educational programming is being adjusted to meet and exceed these new standards.*

- *Evidence of student growth with respect to student performance in assessments and through individualized projects.*

Each month Assistant Superintendent, Barbara Hopkins will work with LAS staff to provide curriculum presentations at the School Board meetings. The proposed schedule is:

September- PE/Health/Guidance  
 October- Social Studies  
 November- Science  
 December- Library/Tech: Info Skills  
 January- Arts/Music  
 February- World Language  
 April- Reading/Writing  
 May- Other Unified Arts  
 June- Special Education

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The Hampton Falls School Board usually meets on the first Thursday of each month. Hampton Falls residents are encouraged to attend meetings. Information about meeting dates and times, agendas and minutes are available on line at [www.sau21.org](http://www.sau21.org).