

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SAU #12, LONDONDERRY, NH
School Information Sheet
North Londonderry Elementary

Sending Schools: Moose Hill Kindergarten, Private Kindergartens

Location: 19 Sanborn Road

Web Address: www.londonderry.org/north

Hours: 8:50 AM - 3:05 PM

Enrollment: 449

Motto: "Giving Wings to Children's Dreams"

Phone 603-432-6933

Grades: 1-5

Mascot: Bear

Colors: Red and Black

Average Class Size: 20

Building Personnel: 88 (Administrators, teachers, support staff, health professionals, custodial and food services)

Administration: Principal: Paul Dutton; **Assistant Principal:** Jill Connors

Facilities Profile: North School is a 61,052 sq. ft. building consisting of 24 general classrooms, 3 special education classrooms, art space, music space, a multi-purpose room, gymnasium, and a library media center. The school has a playground area and an all-purpose field.

Learning Environment: North School offers a wide variety of instructional programs designed to meet individual student needs. We provide remedial reading support and enrichment at all grade levels as needs dictate and math enrichment programs at the 4th and 5th grade levels. North School has 15 hours/day of Instructional Assistants who provide classroom teachers with the support needed to establish smaller "learning communities" within the classroom. This also allows for flexible grouping practices on a daily basis in the areas of Reading and Mathematics.

Mission Statement: North School's mission is to provide all our students with the vision, skills and knowledge necessary to maximize their individual potential. Central to this accomplishment is the collaboration among all shareholders and disciplines so that students can become contributing members of society and appreciate that learning is a life-long process.

Special Programs: We provide many opportunities for students to grow and develop their varied talents, including: Gifted and Talented (KEY) Programs, Sum-It Math Program, Before/After School Programs, Honey-Bear Pot Savings Program, National School Library Recognition, Blue Ribbon Volunteer Program, Battle of the Books, and Extra Curricular Activities.

Music: General music classes are provided for all students on a weekly basis. There is an instrumental Band Program for Grade 5, an Orchestra Program and a Choral Program for students in Grades 4-5. Band and Chorus members participate in a variety of programs including winter and spring concerts, Memorial Day Parade Program and other special activities.

Special Education: The Special Education Department offers an array of services designed to meet the specific needs of individual students with disabilities. Referrals to Special Education can be made through the RTI (Response to Interventions) process and by teachers, parent(s), guidance counselors and/or others working with the student. Eligibility for Special Education is determined through a team process with a review of measurements of academic and functional achievement and cognitive profile, classroom performance, teacher and parent input and a determination of the need for specialized instruction. If eligibility criteria are met, a case manager is assigned, an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) is developed and the supports and services needed by the student are implemented and monitored to ensure successful access to the general curriculum. Placement is determined by the IEP team to ensure programming in the least restrictive environment.

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Guidance/Counseling: The school counselor is available for our student population when developmental challenges occur, as well as being a support system in dealing with issues from divorce, alcohol and or drug dependency, death of a loved one, or difficult peer relationships. The counselor's goal is to help children grow academically while giving support and education related to these issues. Referrals to the guidance department may come from students, parents and teachers.

Library Media Program: The Library Media Center provides a comprehensive collection of resources to support the curriculum, to promote an appreciation of reading, and to develop information literacy skills. Additionally, the Library Media Specialist works collaboratively with teachers to develop projects that reinforce these skills. As of 10/1/14, the collection includes: 17,241 circulating items; 494 reference volumes; 6 electronic data base subscription services and 32 periodical subscriptions. There are 6 library computers available to support teaching and learning as well as a variety of other audio-visual and technology resources.

Technology Resources: Computers with internet access for instructional use are located in the classrooms and in the Library Media Center. Additionally, four mobile labs of 25 computers each are available for classroom use. Technology skills and benchmarks are integrated into the curriculum. Interactive white boards are also available to support classroom and information literacy instruction which serve to enrich shared learning experiences. The first and second grade classrooms are currently participating in an iPad pilot to assess their efficacy and appropriateness in the elementary grade levels.

PE/Athletics: All of our students receive weekly PE instruction focusing on fitness, safety, and good sportsmanship. Fifth grade students participate in a district wide Cross Country Program, which culminates in a Londonderry Cross Country Race attended by fifth grade students from the three elementary schools. We also have an extensive intramural program for all grade levels.

Parent Involvement: North School has a very active Parent/Teacher Association. The PTA facilitates our mission statement by providing a variety of learning and extra-curricular programming. Volunteers are welcome and necessary to support our instructional programs. The PTA meets on the second Thursday of each month.

Activities: North School students are able to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities, including:

- After School Intramural Program Grades 2-5
- Cross Country Team
- Band Program Grade 5
- Chorus Program Grades 4-5
- Strings Program Grades 4-5
- Images of Greatness
- Reflections
- Annual Art Show
- Wellness Club
- Walking Club
- Science Club
- Glee Club 3 -5
- Destination Imagination
- Safety Patrol

History: North School opened in 1967. In 1991, portable classrooms were added to the building housing seven fourth and fifth grade classrooms, as well as a smaller special curriculum area. In 1997, a beautiful full-size gymnasium and corridor area was added. Our students and the community at large use this facility on a daily basis. In 2005 an expansion renovation project was undertaken and 11 permanent classrooms replaced the modular ones. In addition, an expanded parking area, expanded lobby, office area, and nurse's area were realized, and in the fall of 2006, the project was completed with an expanded library media center, new kitchen equipment and playground facility. A dedication ceremony was held on October 15, 2006.