

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**  
**Bow Memorial School**  
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**NECAP TESTING** - The month of October at BMS seemed to be dominated by NECAP testing. All grades completed these extensive tests between October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>. We are all looking forward to returning to teaching and learning on a full-time basis.

**GRADE 6 & 8 FUNDRAISERS** - Our sixth and eighth grade classes ran fundraisers this month for their respective week-long trips in the spring. Grade six continues with the Yankee Candle sale and Grade eight is raffling off tickets to a New England Patriots game.

**SCHOOL DANCE** - The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended our first school dance of the year. Sponsored by the Student Council the dance was a great success by all accounts.

**RED RIBBON WEEK** - The Bow Memorial School community participated in several activities as part of Red Ribbon Week. This year's theme is "Substance free is the Way to Be."

**SMART BOARDS** - Several BMS teachers continue to be trained to use "Smart Boards", as we continue to advance in using technology to enhance learning. This tool appears to hold great potential.

**LONG TERM SUB** - Mrs. Beth Duhaime, a Bow resident, has been selected to replace Ms. Wetterer, who is on an extended medical leave. We are very pleased to have Mrs. Duhaime join our staff.

**LIP PROGRAM** - Our LIP (Leaders in Prevention) program is underway for the 2010-2011 school year. At this time we have over 50 students in the program.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES** - Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. November 10<sup>th</sup> is an early release day and the 12<sup>th</sup> is a full school day devoted to these important conferences.

**DESTINATION IMAGINATION** - Mrs. Romano and her colleague at BES, Mrs. Kurtz, have held the initial sign up meeting for Destination Imagination version 2010-2011. Currently 41 students at BMS have indicated interest in the program.

**ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG** - Mrs. Shaw's sixth grade Social Studies students participated in an archeological dig. The dig, which simulated a real archeological experience, was a huge hit with students and a terrific learning experience.

**Mrs. Estefan** - Mrs. Estefan, one of our guidance counselors will return to work at the beginning of November. During her maternity leave she was very ably replaced by Mrs. Rolon. Our special thanks to Mrs. Rolon for keeping everything running so smoothly.

**FIRST LEGO LEAGUE** - Mr. Edwards has initiated a First Lego League Team at BMS. Approximately 10 students are participating in this fledgling activity. Regional competition for this group is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at BHS.

**FALL SPORTS** - Our fall sports season has ended with the BMS Wildcats continuing to grow and learn on the athletic fields.

**ARTIST IN RESIDENCE** - On November 3<sup>rd</sup> our "Artist in Resident" program will feature NH Cartoonist, Merck Bennett. Mr. Bennett will work with the entire Grade 7 class. He has worked in several local schools with great success. We look forward to reporting on his residency in the future.

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