

West Running Brook Middle School

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FRIDAY FOCUS

This morning, we sent the 8th graders to Canobie Lake Park and publicly recognized the 6th and 7th graders for their academic achievements and observed habits that led to their individual successes this year. Today marked the 175th day of school. It is a tradition to send the 8th grade students away (and certainly symbolic). Similarity, it will be meaningful to consider the impact of the specific praise 6th and 7th grade students received today from their teachers, both directly and indirectly, as their summer lays on the horizon to unfold. If you attended with your child(ren), I do trust that you witnessed how deeply the staff think about your kids when they are away from you. If you did not attend, I do hope that you will catch pieces of the program on the local Derry television channel. I am proud of our students. I am proud of our staff.

Last evening, I watched Ben Harper perform with Charlie Musselwhite in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, doing their rendition of blues music. For one of them, it is a change of musical direction but one that has influenced everything he had previously recorded. For the other, it is simply a continuation of his work in the blues since early childhood. Blues music embodies things we also wish for young people to learn and that we attempt to model for your child(ren) each day - grit, perseverance, determination, pushing through obstacles, self-reliance, and recognizing that we all share common experiences. At one point, the performers talked to the audience of “things we should cling on to.” This morning to begin the award assembly, I shared this and how it made me think about wanting to emphasize that we should cling to things like this - to positivity, to recognizing individual accomplishment, to highlighting excellence, to supporting those around us when we do not “win,” to simply spend time together as a community to further define who we are and push a bit to who we want to be. End of blues music connections (it is not even a favorite genre of mine, but fitting here).

Be well,

Justin Krieger
Principal

[A Few Upcoming Dates and Information of Interest](#)

- [Cookout](#) - The cafeteria will be serving a cookout lunch to all students on Monday, June 11th. The lunch is free to all students thanks to the support of the PTSA. I do hope you consider supporting the work of the PTSA as the year opens again in the fall.
- [8TH GRADE PROMOTION](#) - Thursday, June 14th at 3:30 PM. Students are asked to arrive no later than 3:00 PM.
- [June Health Update](#) - You can check out Ms. Larua Walker’s health update, [here](#).
- [Last School Days](#) - Thursday, June 14th for 8th grade students; Friday, June 15th for 6th and 7th grade students.
- [Summer Fun](#) - WRB and GHH are gearing up for their fundraising golf tournament on Friday, August 10th. It is off to a tremendous start with energy and we are looking to build upon it. Come on out with friends, family, co-workers, play some hooky from work, and wish for day of sun on the open green. For more info, please contact [Ms. Audrey Allen](#).
- [Summer Work](#) - The office is open throughout the summer months. Stop in, call, or email with how we may be able to support you in June, July, and August. Enjoy your child(ren) this summer.