



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: 474

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: 120 (Administrators, teachers, support staff, health professionals, custodial and food services)

Administration: Principal: Mary K. Coltin; **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 27 hours 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, Books and Beyond, 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, and a String Ensemble Program. 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: Programming for students with educational disabilities is highly individualized with the idea that all students are included in the regular curriculum as much as possible. The regular classroom teacher, special education teachers and paraprofessionals provide services through the use of small group and/or individual instruction. Other services include speech language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and counseling. Students identified under IDEA are provided support and/or therapy through many resources. Students with more significant disabilities may also be serviced by one of our district wide programs if deemed appropriate.

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.

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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 9/1/11, the collection includes: 16,468 circulating items; 506 reference volumes; 6 electronic data base subscription services and 35 periodical subscriptions. Presently, 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, two mobile labs of 25 computers each are available for classroom use. Technology skills and benchmarks are integrated into the curriculum. Fourth and fifth grade classes have access to interactive white boards that support instruction in all areas.

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.