

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE
UNIT #51

PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

May 29, 2025

Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Adams- Chair Person
Molly Goggin- Vice Chairperson
Adam Gauthier
Timothy Robinson
Eric Nilsson

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Lane- Interim Superintendent of Schools
Kristen White- Principal PES
Derek Hamilton- Principal PMHS
Members of the Public

- I. Mrs. Adams called the meeting into session at 5:34 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ACTION ON AMENDED AGENDA
Email /minutes – Mr. Gauthier
Old Home Day request for use of Drake Field – Mr. Hamilton
Mr. Nilsson made the motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mrs. Goggin. Vote 5-0.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 8, 2025 - Motion to accept the minutes made by Mr. Gauthier
Second by Mrs. Goggin
Vote 5-0
May 8, 2025, Non-Public minutes
Motion to accept the minutes made by Mr. Nilsson, seconded by Mr. Gauthier.
Vote 5-0.
Motion made by Mr. Nilsson, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to seal the non-public minutes. Vote 5-0.
- IV. PUBLIC INPUT- None
- V. SITE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE- Mr. Hamilton shared that the council was 100% in agreement with the proposal for new diploma options that Mr. Anthony had helped put together. The proposal will come before the board at the June 5, 2025, meeting.
- VI. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT- Mrs. Lane

- Employee contracts: CBA covered employee contracts were issued on May 9th with a due date of May 23rd. Support staff, professional staff, administration, and custodial contracts will be issued by May 30 and are due back June 13th.
- Open positions at this time include one elementary teacher position, one Board Certified Behavior Analyst, two PMHS case manager positions, one PES school counselor, and one Director of Student Services.
- The financial manager, Rheana Anderson and Mrs. Lane have been working to create Benefit Summary Sheets. The board will review these for approval at the June 5, 2025 board meeting.

VII. PES PRINCIPAL- Mrs. White

- Documents provided, see agenda. In addition, Mrs. White shared information about the Charlotte's Web production in the PMHS gymnasium on May 28. She will provide more information in her next board report.

VIII. PMHS PRINCIPAL- Mr. Hamilton

- Documents provided, see agenda

IX. PMHS ASST. PRINCIPAL'S report, shared by Mr. Hamilton - Mrs. Brown was attending the CRTC graduation ceremony.

- Documents provided, see agenda

X. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES' report was provided by- Mrs. Vary in the packet. She was not in attendance.

- Documents provided, see agenda

XI. SCHOOL BOARD

Welcome to Dr. Sandie MacDonald, our new Superintendent, and Dr. Erik Anderson, our new PMHS Principal.

Open Enrollment Update – no new information

Fair Funding Update – no new information (still unfair!)

School District Treasurer Search – please find enclosed ad. Mr. Gauthier made the motion, seconded by Mr. Nilsson, to accept Leslie Vogt's formal resignation with regrets, effective June 11, 2025. Vote 5-0.

Email/Minutes – Mr. Gauthier made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Goggin to hire Dr. Sandie MacDonald as Superintendent, and to include the email votes by the board members to indicate the vote of 5-0.

Old Home Day request for use of Drake Field on September 13th from noon through 10:30 p.m. This is a combination of Old Home Day and Homecoming events. Mr. Nilsson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Goggin. Vote 4-0-1 with Mr. Gauthier abstaining.

XII. Committee Assignments

- Budget Committee- no new information
- Drake Field and Facilities- no new information at this time
- Negotiations – no new information
- Legislation- Mr. Robinson shared some Senate Bill information from the POST re: SB292, SB105, and SB295
- Foss Family Scholarship- 11 graduate and 10 senior applications. The committee met at 7 a.m. on May 29th, with \$49,500 to be awarded at the graduation ceremony on June 14th at 10:00 a.m.
- Public Relations- nothing at this time
- Selectboard Liaison – Mr. Nilsson shared our meeting with the selectboard on Tuesday, May 27th re: the TAN formal request. This request was made for the town to borrow money in anticipation of taxes forthcoming.

XIII. PLAN FOR NEXT AGENDA- June 5, 2025

1. Open Enrollment update
2. Fair Funding update
3. Benefit Summary sheets
4. Steps in debt reduction for RAN – borrowing in anticipation of future revenues
5. Operating budget balance sheets for current fiscal year which ends June 30, 2025
6. Audit update
7. Student site-council proposal re: diplomas
8. Board participation in graduation ceremony
9. Title IX Policy Updates which were reviewed and approved in February with the vote to review and approve within 30-60 days.

XIV. BOARD COMMENTS - none

- XV. PUBLIC INPUT- Debbie Vintinner asked for clarification on the 3 new holidays proposed in the Benefits Summary Sheets. Mrs. Lane explained that full year-round staff get paid for holidays, not the teachers, who are paid the 185 days they work.

XVI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION per RSA 91: A 3, II Personnel

Motion made to go into non-public by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mrs. Goggin at 7:00 p.m.
Roll call Vote 5-0

Motion to exit non-public by Mrs. Adams at 8:10 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Gauthier.
Roll call Vote 5-0.

Motion made by Mr. Nilsson, seconded by Mrs. Goggin to accept the following resignations: Abbey Farias, PES grade 2 teacher; Amy Guimond, PMHS social studies teacher; and Tianna Szarka, PMHS grade 7-8 ELA teacher, and the following nominations: Jaelyn Chaffee, PES music teacher, and Cheryl Linskey, PMHS 9-10 case manager. Vote 5-0.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Goggin, seconded by Mr. Nilsson at 8:11 p.m. Vote 5-0.

SUBMITTED BY: Sandra Adams, Chair

Pittsfield School District

To: Pittsfield School Board

From: Melissa Brown, PMHS Assistant Principal

Subject: Board Meeting – May 29, 2025

Date: May 23, 2025

ACTION

None at this time.

INFORMATION

1. Class of 2025. There are 39 students in the class of 2025. One student graduated early at the end of the first semester. Three students need additional time beyond June to meet graduation requirements. One student completed their HiSET (High School Equivalency Test) program in the fall, and another is currently pursuing their HiSET certificate. Additionally, three students attempted the HiSET, but were unsuccessful. The table below illustrates the breakdown of the class of 2025.

32/39	Predicted Graduates
82%	Graduation Rate
3	Drop Out Number
3	5 th Year Number
1	HiSET Participants

2. Eighth Grade Promotion. Since my report in April, eighth graders have made significant academic strides to meet the expectations of being promoted to ninth grade. According to the Middle School Promotion policy, “in order for a student to be promoted from eighth to ninth grade, first-year eighth grade students are required to pass all course competencies in their core courses (English, math, science and social studies).” In the 2029 cohort, six students (16%) out of 36 are being closely monitored. This is a 20% improvement since my last report. Students are receiving consistent support during and after school to bring up their grades. We have high attendance rates among eighth grade students attending the Middle School After School Program for extra help. We are confident that this number will continue to improve between now and the beginning of school in August and most students will meet the promotion requirement. This is a testament to the grit of our students, dedication of our teachers, and the support from our families!

3. Scholarships. Twenty-two local scholarships were shared with the Class of 2025. The Guidance Department received numerous applications, which were reviewed by a Faculty Council that made determinations to share with the Pittsfield Board of Trustees. The Foss Family Scholarship received the most applicants, with ten seniors and eleven graduates applying. Additionally, the Guidance Department has shared various national and state scholarships in a Google folder with the senior class throughout the year.
4. Concord Regional Technical Center (CRTC). We are excited to share that 23 incoming tenth and eleventh-graders applied to the CRTC program. Sixteen students were accepted, which is four more than this current year. Six were waitlisted and may be offered a seat this summer. One student declined their seat after being accepted due to personal reasons.

CRTC's Commencement Ceremony will be held on Thursday evening, May 29, at Concord High School. We are proud of the four students graduating from the rigorous two-year program, including one senior and three juniors. Congratulations to Ashley Clark, Sofia Costa, Aidan Hodson, and Lillian Mooney!

5. Inspiring the Mastery of Post-Secondary Achievement in College, Careers & Training (IMPACCT). IMPACCT is a partnership of Vocational Rehabilitation New Hampshire (VRNH), Granite State Independent Living (GSIL), and high schools throughout New Hampshire. The program is dedicated to helping underserved students and students with IEPs/504 plans become part of the local workforce as they navigate from high school to employment, post-secondary education, or training that leads towards a career.

This program leads a small group of students as they work through an academic curriculum presented as a simulated work environment. Students can earn academic credit through Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs), with soft skills and training embedded throughout the program. Through this experiential approach, the program encourages students to reengage with their education and understand its value for their careers. This program has helped numerous Pittsfield students build a path to graduation and has decreased dropout rates. We are thrilled to announce that two seniors will graduate from the IMPACCT program on Wednesday, June 11th at NHTI.

6. Summative Evaluations. I am responsible for completing summative evaluations of the Guidance Team members and Specialists each spring. Summative meetings provide an opportunity for me to have in-depth discussions with each individual I supervise. We review their personal SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound) goals that they had set for themselves for the current year, professional development activity logs, professional performance reflection,

a summary of my observations of them throughout the school year, and set new personal SMART goals for upcoming school year.

This is an especially gratifying aspect of my professional responsibilities, as the discussion is generally positive and aims to help them better their practice. I hold summative evaluation meetings with the Guidance Counselor, School Nurse, and Online Coordinator/Media Specialist. Previously, my summative meetings included the College and Career Coordinator and District Family Support Coordinator, positions that no longer exist. I also genuinely enjoy holding end-of-year reflection meetings with the AP/Guidance Administrative Assistant, Student Support Coordinator, and our College and Career Navigator. We review the past year's goals and make strategic plans to continually improve to serve each student and family to the best of our ability.

7. National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). The NJHS Induction Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 3 at 6 p.m. in the PMHS lecture hall. We have 13 enthusiastic middle school students who will be inducted that evening. We want to congratulate the following students who will be inducted into the NJHS:

1. Elijah Rao
2. Mae Schuster
3. Kayliegh Green
4. Charlotte Pecorino
5. Keira Smith
6. Spencer Garrett
7. Rayanne Larck
8. Maia Manter
9. Maeve Marston
10. Olivia Pelletier
11. Mckinley Perron
12. Katherine Schuster
13. Kara Valencia

We hope to see you there!

8. GEAR UP's PMHS Job and Internship Fair. GEAR UP's College and Career Navigator, Ms. DesRuisseaux provided a fantastic opportunity for students in grades seven to twelve by hosting a job and internship fair this month. Nearly twenty businesses and organizations set up tables and presented their offerings to our students. The Boys & Girls Club of Central and Northern New Hampshire, The Common Man Roadside, Department of Corrections, and MSA Globe were just a few of the organizations that attended the fair.

Every student group engaged meaningfully with the vendors, and the energy in the building was genuinely inspiring. Many students completed the Career Bingo activity, asked thoughtful questions, and made lasting impressions. Several

students dressed professionally for the event, brought resumes, and even filled out job applications on the spot! Multiple organizations shared how impressed they were with our students' curiosity and preparation.

Pittsfield School District is Seeking a Treasurer

Does working with numbers intrigue you? If you are able to commit to 8-10 hours a month, the Pittsfield School District is looking for a Treasurer to fill out the term left vacant by the current Deputy Treasurer. The role of the treasurer is to monitor the financial health of the district, and when needed, to advocate for improvements needed to regain financial worthiness. The treasurer handles many of the banking activities such as deposits and the scope of bank services, but not the day-to-day financial activities. The treasurer maintains bank records, including statement reconciliation, and would also keep documentation of pending/outstanding obligations and pending income. Should you have an interest in serving in this regard, please contact Sandra Adams, School Board chair, at sadams@sau51.org.

Pittsfield School District

To: Pittsfield School Board
From: Charlene Vary
Subject: Board Meeting – May 29, 2025
Date: May 23, 2025

INFORMATION

1. CMF Kids Grant Proposal Summary

The *Crotched Mountain Foundation (CMF) for Kids* grant has been submitted for final approval. This grant represents a strategic, three-year investment aimed at enhancing the Pittsfield School District's ability to support students with complex disabilities through targeted improvements in curriculum, staff training, and accessibility infrastructure.

Three-Year Program Timeline

Year 1 (2025–2026): Planning and Foundation Building
Activities:

- Launch a new special education curriculum in reading, math, preschool, and life skills.
- Begin paraeducator training with 20+ hours of professional development.
- Initiate procurement and installation of ABA classroom partitions.
- Conduct site planning for ADA-compliant playground improvements and the handicapped bathroom.

Timetable:

Fall: Curriculum and training implementation begins.

Winter: Classroom improvements initiated.

Spring: Playground bids secured and ADA compliance planning finalized.

Year 2 (2026–2027): Implementation and Expansion

Activities:

- Continue paraeducator training and special education curriculum refinement.
- Construct an accessible bathroom and begin playground improvements (equipment/fencing).
- Deploy additional assistive technology tools and instructional support.

Timetable:

Summer: Bathroom and playground construction begins.

Fall–Spring: Ongoing training, curriculum use, and tech integration.

Year 3 (2027–2028): Evaluation and Sustainability

Activities:

- Complete playground upgrades and finalize accessibility improvements.
- Evaluate program outcomes (curriculum, training, tech use).
- Develop sustainability plan and funding strategy for continued support.

Timetable:

Fall: Final installations completed.

Winter: Evaluation and planning begin.

Spring: Submit sustainability plan and final report

2. ESY

1. Extended School Year Services: Our ESY services and program will run from 8:30am to 11:30 am for students Monday through Thursday from July 7, 2025 to July 26, 2025. Students with special needs that need continued support during the summer in order to continue to make progress in the general education curriculum will be offered these services. Additionally, high school students will have the opportunity to participate in competency recovery to earn credit for courses not successfully completed during the regular academic year. This year we have 32 students at PES participating and 31 students at PMHS attending ESY.

Pittsfield School District

To: Pittsfield School Board
From: Derek Hamilton, PMHS Principal
Subject: Board Meeting - May 29, 2025
Date: May 23, 2025

INFORMATION:

1. Exhibition of Learning. We proudly hosted our thirteenth annual Exhibition of Learning on Thursday, May 22, to showcase student work to families, friends, and community members. The Exhibition of Learning is an authentic opportunity for students to share their knowledge, skills, and talents. We had an exceptional turnout of families, particularly in the early afternoon. Students presented on a wide range of topics across disciplines. Common topics included business models, historical events, and poetry. Students also presented work from college courses, independent studies, and the Concord Regional Technical Center. We expanded this year's Exhibition to include an art gallery in the main lobby and school-wide performances that featured a Learning Studio film, the Drama Club, and our Band, Chorus, and Jazz Band. My general observation is that students were well prepared, articulate, and thoughtful in their responses to questions. We are thankful for the efforts of our students and staff for making this year's Exhibition of Learning a success!
2. Field Day Activities. Due to inclement weather, we had to move our Field Day activities indoors on Friday, May 23. Students had the opportunity to participate in an advisory challenge, a scavenger hunt, gym activities (basketball, soccer, and volleyball), classroom activities (board games, chess, etc.), and Kurveball Karaoke. A special thanks to the Student Council for organizing an alternative plan on short notice. Field Day activities are always a positive way to build school culture and class camaraderie!
3. Fifth to Sixth Grade Transition. On Tuesday, May 27, at 6:00 p.m. we will host a Family Information Night for students and families transitioning to sixth grade in the fall. The presentation provides an overview of arrival and dismissal routines, the daily class schedule, and the co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities available to students at PMHS. On Thursday, June 5 at 12:30 p.m. we will host the incoming sixth graders for a Step Up Day, which includes building tours, introductions to staff members, and a question and answer session with middle school students. We will also host a Sixth Grade Orientation prior to our Open House on August 21 at 4:30 p.m.
4. Eighth Grade Achievement Night. On Monday, June 16, at 6:00 p.m. we will celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2029! All students in eighth grade standing are encouraged to attend the event. Eighth graders will give remarks and we will present several awards including the Presidential Awards and Marks of Distinction. The highlight of the evening is each student taking a moment to share their future goals. We hope you are able to join us!

5. Senior Awards Ceremonies. We would like to extend an invitation to all School Board members to join us at the Senior Awards Night on Friday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. and the Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m. At the School Board meeting, I would like to take a moment to discuss the presentation of the Moody Kent, Richard Brooks Memorial, and Linden Sheehan Memorial Awards at Senior Awards Night and the School Board remarks at the Commencement Ceremony. The goal is to identify a School Board member to present each of the awards and/or remarks.
6. Summative Evaluations. At this time of year I am completing summative evaluations of all classroom teachers. The summative evaluation process includes a review of:
- Activity logs (related to professional development)
 - Personal SMART goals (generally related to curriculum development, classroom management, discussion techniques, or family communication)
 - Student Achievement Data (a review or projection of course completion, competency recovery, and course failure rates)
 - Professional Performance Reflection (using the Essential 8 Framework for Teacher Evaluation)
 - Personal SMART goal(s) for the 2025-2026 school year
7. Upcoming Dates & Events. The calendar for the end of May and the month of June includes several important dates and events, which I've summarized for you below:
- Tuesday, May 27, Fifth to Sixth Family Information Night, 6:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday, May 28 - Friday, May 30, Senior Class Trip (North Conway, NH)
 - Thursday, May 29, CRTC Commencement Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.
 - Friday, May 30 / Saturday, May 31, PMHS Drama Club presentation of *Fairytale Courtroom*, 7:00 p.m.
 - Monday, June 2, National Art Honor Society Field Trip to Boston Museum of Fine Art
 - Tuesday, June 3, National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday, June 4, Step Up Day (Sixth Grade), 12:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, June 11, IMPACCT Graduation Ceremony (NHTI), 6:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, June 12, PES Graduation Walk, 9:30 a.m.
 - Friday, June 13, PHS Alumni Association Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
 - Friday, June 13, Senior Awards Night, 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, June 14, Commencement Ceremony, 10:00 a.m.
 - Monday, June 16, Eighth Grade Achievement Night, 6:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, June 17, Underclassmen Awards Presentations, 9:00 / 10:00 a.m.
 - Wednesday, June 18, Staff Luncheon, Remarks, and Recognitions, 12:45 p.m.

Pittsfield School District

To: Pittsfield School Board
From: PES Administration, Kristen White and Kyle Hodsdon
Subject: Board Meeting – May 29th, 2025
Date: May 22, 2025

INFORMATION:

Walk A Thon: The PES First Annual Walk-a-Thon was an incredible success! We raised a total of \$6,112.65, far surpassing our initial goal of \$5,000. It was truly amazing to see the enthusiasm from our students, staff, families, and community members who came together to make this event happen. The weather was perfect, and families joined us, making it a wonderful community celebration.

A huge shoutout to Mr. Tanguay for all of his hard work behind the scenes. From coordinating logistics to managing donations and encouraging our students to get involved, his dedication was instrumental in making this event run so smoothly.

Our students loved walking a mile at school while learning about the importance of giving back to their community. As a fun incentive, the top fundraisers had the chance to throw a pie at Mr. Tanguay or slime Mrs. White, Mr. Hodsdon, and Mr. Curtin, which added an extra level of excitement! This event truly embodies our theme of Together. We. Can! Through hard work and community spirit, we continue to make PES a wonderful place for students to learn and grow. The funds raised will be used to support several meaningful initiatives, including a donation to the Gabe Anthony Foundation, updating our 100's chart in the front parking lot, purchasing fun items for recess, adding new books to the library, and providing funds to purchase updated library materials. We're so grateful for the support from everyone who contributed. Thank you for being a part of this success!

Spring and Band Concerts: We recently had the pleasure of participating in two wonderful musical events that showcased the talents and dedication of our Pittsfield Elementary School students: the PES Band Concert, held in partnership with Pittsfield Middle High School (PMHS), and our Spring Concert, "Around The World: A 2025 Spring Concert." Both events were hosted at PMHS and brought together families, staff, and community members to celebrate our young musicians.

The Band Concert, held in collaboration with PMHS, was one of those special evenings where everything came together just right — the music, the community, and the incredible energy from our students. Our band students performed two fantastic pieces: "Dragon Dance" by Michael Story and "Samba La Bamba" by William Owens. They sounded amazing, and it was clear they put in a lot of time and effort, both during band lessons and on their own, to perfect their performance. Seeing their pride and excitement on stage was truly something special.

We are so proud of our band members: Talia Parent (Flute), Jewel Dodge (Clarinet), Levi Clement, Noah Fife, and Paul Malm (Saxophone), Bianca Matos French and Kingsleyann Wajda (Trumpet), and Harrison LaFramboise (Percussion). A special thank you to Ms. Ingerson for her dedication to our music program and to Ms. Galley for her support and participation as a guest clarinet player. Partnering with PMHS was a

great way to showcase the continued growth of our young musicians and the strong connection between our schools.

The Spring Concert took our audience on a musical journey "Around The World." Students from grades 1 through 5 performed songs from different cultures and genres, including "Riptide" by Vance Joy, "Waka Waka" by Shakira, and traditional folk songs from Russia, Guatemala, France, and Japan. It was a wonderful evening that brought together families, staff, and community members to celebrate the joy of music.

We are so grateful to Ms. Ingerson for her hard work in guiding our students and to the PES faculty, staff, and custodial team for their support in making these events happen. A big thank you also goes out to our families and community members who came out to support our students.

We would especially like to extend our gratitude to the staff at PMHS for allowing us to use their gymnasium and for helping with the setup and breakdown of both events. Their support truly made a difference and helped us create a memorable experience for our students and families. It's events like these that remind us how special our school community is. Together. We. Can!

School Beautification Day: Our recent PES School Beautification Day was a huge success! We had an amazing turnout of families, staff, and students who came together to clean up the front of the school before the rain rolled in. It was so rewarding to see our community working side by side to make our school look its best.

A huge shout out to the Durant, Waters, Bartlett, Gauthier, and Eastman families for showing up and putting in the hard work. Your support truly made a difference! We also want to give a special thank you to Mrs. Mahanes, who not only purchased beautiful flowers but also took the time to teach our students how to plant them. Seeing our students take pride in caring for their school was truly heartwarming.

We couldn't have done it without the support of our PTO, who sponsored the event and made sure we had food and drinks to keep everyone fueled. Their commitment to making PES a beautiful and welcoming place for our students and families is so appreciated.

We are beyond grateful for everyone who contributed to making our school shine. This event truly highlights our theme of Together. We. Can! We're already looking ahead to holding another Beautification Day this summer to get the grounds ready for the new school year.

April Vacation Reading Challenge: The PES Reading Bingo Challenge over April vacation was a huge success! Our focus this year is to encourage literacy both at school and at home, and it's exciting to see that we are finding success with creative and engaging activities like this one.

We wanted to keep students reading while on break, so we put together a fun and interactive Bingo board filled with different reading challenges. From reading in unique places like the park or under a blanket fort to sharing a book with a family member or even writing their own story, the goal was to make reading enjoyable and accessible during vacation.

We are so proud to share that 48 students completed the challenge and turned in their Bingo boards! As a reward, they enjoyed a picnic lunch and a special treat with Mrs. White and Mrs. Davis. The students were

so proud of their accomplishment and loved sharing how they completed their Bingo boards. It was amazing to see their enthusiasm for reading!

A big thank you to Mrs. Davis for organizing this challenge and making it such a positive experience for our students. Seeing our kids stay connected with reading both at home and at school reinforces the importance of building literacy habits year-round. We're already looking forward to more fun literacy activities like this in the future!

Exhibition: On May 22nd, we held our annual Exhibition Night at PES. The building was full of families, laughter, and pride as our students shared their learning journeys. This event is one of our favorites each year because it gives our students the chance to shine, talk about what they've learned, and celebrate the hard work they've put in throughout the year.

- **Preschoolers** welcomed families into their "Bug World" with songs, crafts, and hands-on learning all about insects.
- **Mrs. Medeiros' Kindergarten class** brought the ocean to life with student-created clay sea creatures and facts about their chosen animal.
- **Miss King's Kindergarten class** turned their room into a red barn filled with farm animal writing and artwork, proudly sharing fun facts about their chosen animals.
- **First grade** explored plants and bees, sharing what they've learned about pollination, life cycles, and why bees are so important to our world.
- **Second grade** turned their classrooms into a rainforest, where students shared research about rainforest animals and their habitats.
- **Third graders** completed Passion Projects on topics they were curious about, from sports to animals to science. They shared their research on trifolds and even built 3D models to go along with their presentations.
- **Fourth grade** took creativity to the next level by inventing their own countries complete with geography, government, currency, and even travel brochures!
- **Fifth grade** focused on their own Passion Projects, using guiding questions and research to dive deep into topics they care about, from endangered species to space to food.

It was a night full of joy, confidence, and pride. Our students were beaming as they explained their projects, and it was clear just how much effort and enthusiasm went into their work. A huge thank you to our amazing staff who made this night possible and to our families who showed up to support their children. Nights like this remind us why we do what we do. PES is truly a special place.

End of Year Summatives: In support of the SMART goals set by staff and in alignment with our Professional Growth and Evaluation model, as well as the Danielson Framework for Teaching, all staff have scheduled end-of-year summative meetings. These meetings provide an opportunity to celebrate this year's successes, reflect on the Essential 8, and engage in meaningful dialogue about professional growth.

Together, we will collaborate to set goals for the upcoming school year that not only align with our collective mission but also support each educator's individual professional journey. My goal is to ensure that professional development opportunities are intentionally designed to support school-wide priorities while also being differentiated to meet the specific needs and goals of each staff member. We've had a tremendous year of growth and success. These reflective and forward-thinking conversations are essential to maintaining our positive momentum and continuing to build a strong, student-centered school culture.

NWEA Testing: This spring, students in Grades K-5 at PES participated in state and local assessments to measure academic progress and inform instruction.

NHSAS (New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System): (April 22-May 30)

Students in Grades 3-5 completed the NHSAS assessments in English Language Arts and Math. Grade 5 students also participated in the Science assessment. Testing was conducted over multiple sessions to minimize disruption and maintain a supportive environment. Overall, student engagement and effort were strong, and the data will help guide our instructional planning and support moving forward.

NWEA: (May 6-June 5)

Students in Grades K-5 took the spring NWEA MAP Growth assessments in Reading and Math. This assessment provides valuable insights into individual student growth over the school year. Teachers will use the results to evaluate student progress, differentiate instruction, and set learning goals for the fall.

Testing was well-coordinated by all staff, with efforts made to ensure a positive and low-stress experience for all students. Grades 1 & 2 have completed this assessment with Grades 3, 4 & 5 scheduled for the next two weeks. Based on the initial scores from Grades 1 & 2, we are pleased to report strong academic growth from fall 2024 to spring 2025. In Math, 100% of students demonstrated growth, with 73% meeting or exceeding their projected growth targets. In ELA, 96% of students showed growth, and 60% met or exceeded projected growth. These results highlight the effectiveness of early interventions and instructional strategies implemented throughout the year. Complete results from both assessments will be reviewed over the coming weeks to inform summer programming, interventions, and professional development for the 2025–26 school year. We will also share these results at our June School Board meeting.

Bike at Recess: On Friday, May 23rd, PES held its annual *Ride Your Bike at Recess Day*, a fun and active event promoting bike safety and physical wellness. Students brought their bikes to school and participated in a structured recess activity that included three safety and maintenance stations: a helmet check with the Pittsfield Police Department, tire pressure assistance from parent volunteers, and basic bike mechanics provided by S and W Sports. After completing all stations, students enjoyed a supervised ride around the school's circular driveway.

The event was well-supported by community partners, including the Pittsfield Fire Department and Police Department, and coordinated with the school day to minimize disruptions. Recess times were staggered by grade to allow all students time to participate. Special thanks to Mr. Curtin and Mr. Tanguay, and all of our staff, volunteers, and families for helping make this event a safe and successful experience for our students.

Staff Appreciation Week: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week at PES, celebrated from May 5th to May 9th, was a wonderful opportunity to recognize and celebrate our incredible staff. We wanted to make sure our team felt valued and appreciated for the hard work they put in every single day to support our students and create a positive learning environment.

Our amazing PTO went above and beyond to make the week truly special. We kicked off with a festive Taco Bar on Monday to celebrate Cinco De Mayo, followed by a hearty breakfast on Tuesday to start the day off right. Wednesday brought some fun and laughter with a Scavenger/Riddle Hunt, while Thursday treated staff to a dessert bar and some word games to keep things light and enjoyable. We wrapped up the week on Friday with parfaits and thoughtful gifts, sending staff into the weekend feeling appreciated and celebrated.

Throughout the week, we made it a point to share just how grateful we are for every member of our PES family. Our staff truly go above and beyond every single day, meeting the needs of our students with dedication, kindness, and a commitment to making PES a safe, supportive, and welcoming place. The demands on educators continue to grow, yet our team consistently rises to the challenge with resilience and heart. They put their all into helping students grow academically, socially, and emotionally, and we couldn't be more proud of the work they do.

It's important for our staff to know that their hard work doesn't go unnoticed. We see how much they care, how much effort they put in, and how deeply they are committed to our students and our school. We are incredibly grateful for each and every one of them.

A huge thank you to our PTO for making this week possible and for always showing up to support our staff. PES is a special place because of the incredible people who work here and the community that stands behind them. Together. We. Can!

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, June 3rd -
 - NWEA - ELA Grade 5
 - Collins- 8:25 AM - 10:25 AM
 - Bickford - 12:15 AM - 2:15 AM
 - NWEA- ELA- Grade 4 - 8:15 AM - 9:30 AM
 - Team Leader Meeting - 2:45 PM - Art Room
- Wednesday, June 4th
 - NWEA - ELA - Grade 3 - 8:15 AM -9:30 AM
 - Field Day for students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 - 8:20 AM - 11:00 AM
 - Early Release - 12:15 PM
- Thursday, June 5th -

- Make Up NWEA
- Grade 5- Step up Day to PMHS 12:15 PM - 2:15 PM
- Professional Growth and Evaluation Committee Meeting - 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
- School Board Meeting - PMHS Library - 5:30 PM
- Friday, June 6th - Grade 5 Field Trip to Strawberry Banke
- Tuesday, June 10th - Second Grade Walking Field Trip to the Library
 - Administration Leadership Team meeting- SAU 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, June 11th - Field Day for students in Grades 3 -5 - 8:20 AM - 11:00 AM
 - Early Release 12:15 PM
- Thursday, June 12th - High School Graduation Walk - 9:30 AM
 - PTO - PES Library - 5:30 PM- meet.google.com/vit-knix-vuc
- Friday, June 13th - Grade 3 Field Trip to Squam Lake Science Center - 8:15 AM - 2:00 PM
 - Grade 5 - Drake Field Celebration
- Monday, June 16th -
 - Kindergarten Celebration - 5PM
- Tuesday, June 17th -
 - Grade 5 Celebration - 6PM
- Wednesday, June 18th - Last Day of School - 12:15 PM Dismissal
- Thursday, June 19th - School Board Meeting - 5:30 PM- PMHS Library