



Dean of School's Report ~ January 22, 2020

Theme of the Month: Self-Reliance

[Updated: January 17, 2020]

1. **Mission in Action (From The World Language Department):**

The world language classes are very busy getting ready for midterms! Before the break students were taking a look at Holiday celebrations and traditions in French and Spanish Speaking Countries. Students were making connections between how they celebrate December to these countries. With January's theme of the month being self reliance, the language learners at Founders are busy being resilient while continuing to learn a new language through many different activities like, creating New Years resolutions, learning new grammar to be able to speak about the past, and self expression with learning the verb Ser. Our students are certainly persevering to become bilingual speakers.

2. **Round Table Feature (From The Washington House):**

The Washington House celebrates holidays from around the world! Students have teamed up to research winter holidays or traditions. Many choosing to share traditions from their families' heritage. They will create a slide with information about their holiday and make a related food or game. We will all come together in the days before break to share and celebrate together.

3. **Student Feature:** Andrew Cameron (9th grade) and the cast of "Fiddler on the Roof, Jr." will discuss their performances on November 15-16, 2019.

4. **From Director of Faculty (Mrs. Hayes, Director of Faculty):**

Teachers are busy preparing and grading mid-term exams. As this is the halfway point in the year, it is important for teachers to take time to assess their students and plan the next 5 months of instruction. Even though most students leave at 12:30, teachers work late into the evening wrapping up first semester and preparing for second. Thank you to all of the teachers for your time and effort.

5. **From Director of Student Affairs (Mrs. Oliveira, Director of Student Affairs):** Student Services has been assisting seniors with college applications, career information, and scholarship searches. Acceptance letters are beginning to trickle in. So far, students have been accepted at Plymouth State University, Southern New Hampshire University, Suffolk University, University of New Mexico, Colorado School of Mines, University of Vermont, and Nichols College. In November, Student Services partnered with the Office of Student Wellness at NHDOE to bring Youth Mental Health First Aid training to the whole staff. This training teaches adults who interact with young people how to help adolescents dealing with mental health or addiction challenges. Ms. Parent has been facilitating executive functioning groups for students who struggle with organization and work completion. She plans to run more of these group interventions after the holidays. In an effort to help the many students who feel stressed, Mrs. Oliveira will be offering De-stress Drop-Ins during J period on Wednesdays for high school students and on Tuesdays for middle school students.

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6. Department Chairman Report (Jackie Efraimson, World Language Chair):

The World Language Department is continuing to add in Comprehensible Input into lessons on our curriculum. Comprehensible Input is language input that can be understood by listeners despite them not understanding all the words and structures in it. It is our hope that within the next few years the Department will be teaching with at least 50% or more CI in our classrooms. We are also hoping to start planning a World Language night for the Spring.

7. Curricular Presentation: The Humanities Department will present on English curriculum.

8. Students of First Quarter:

High School ~ Jonathan Olson (10th grade): *"He is very respectful and polite by not interrupting and always listening to others' thoughts and opinions. He is open-minded and always respects others opinions before stating his own." "Jonathan is very helpful and polite. He always helps his friends wherever they need him." "Jonathan is respectful and polite." "He is very polite and always helpful to his friends."*

Middle School ~ Avah Page (8th grade) *"She is super sweet and kind. She always brings a smile to my face." "She is a very good friend. She always helps me with homework and she is really nice." "Very nice, good friend, helpful. A good student."*

9. Volunteers of the Month: Mr. Michael Lawton is the *Volunteer of the Month* for [November](#). Mrs. Patty Humphrey is the *Volunteer of the Month* for [December](#). Mrs. Diane Kolbe is *Volunteer of the Month* for [January](#).

10. Employees of the Month: Mrs. Huffman is the *Teacher of the Month* for [November](#). Mr. Dupont is the *Teacher of the Month* for [December](#). Mrs. Cassie Hayes is *Employee of the Month* for [January](#).

11. THANK YOU: We would like to THANK to Mike Lawton for DJ'ing the Fall Festival, and Halloween Dances; Standardized Test Subcommittee for administering the PSATs on October 30, 2019; Thank you to Mrs. Humphrey for the donation of lockers; Student Senate and House for visiting the State House on December 13, 2019; Those that bought calendar raffle tickets for the Annual Fund; Student performers in Winter Choral and Band Concerts; Those faculty, staff, students and parents who assisted with Open Houses.

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