

Bellows Falls Middle School Principal's Report
Rockingham School Board – December 19, 2011

Enrollment:

Grade Level	Number of Students
5 th	42
6 th	62
7 th	83
8 th	66
Total Enrollment	253

Attendance:

Grade Level	September	October	November
5 th	95%	93%	89%
6 th	92%	92%	92%
7 th	83%	85%	83%
8 th	95%	93%	94%

Supports:

Support	# of students	% of students
EST	21	8%
504	24	9%
IEP	48	18%

Free and reduced lunch is at 62%.

Events:

- Grades closed on December 4th and report cards for the first trimester were mailed on Friday, December 9th.
- Assembly: On Wednesday, December 14th students running for office (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) on the leadership council will give their speeches to the student population. When speeches are complete we will move into our holiday concert for students. We will begin at 12:10 in the auditorium.
- On December 6, 2011 Mr. Rumrill our band director took a group of band students to Green Mountain High School to audition for the Vermont District concert band. Mr. Rumrill received the results on Friday and 18 of our band students made it. This is the largest number of a middle school in the district. The winter festival will be held on February 3rd and 4th at Hartford High School with a 4:00 pm concert on the 4th.

Curricular Updates:

Reading/Math: Lexia and Symphony training has been postponed until after Christmas break, the date conflicted with the Kansas writing training.

Writing: Winona Lowe will be here on December 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20. We will be training teachers on the following: Fundamentals and proficiency of sentence writing, paragraph writing, paraphrasing and summarizing, and essay. She is also working with a pilot team around lesson planning.

Things for immediate action:

- Middle School restructuring plan is being worked on by the S.W.A.T. (School Wide Academic Team). **The ALT team met with Casey Murrow, we should have a document by December 15th to submit to the state and for peer review.**
- Homework procedures: there are many inconsistencies regarding our expectations around homework. **The ALT team has just begun their work around the homework and grading procedures.**
- Grading: There is some confusion around grading procedures, final grades, and final exams, etc.