

149 150 Reasons to Choose RSU # 14 Windham Raymond Schools

2011 - 2012

Kristen Grant, Windham Primary School Assistant Principal, was named the 2011 Elementary Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maine Principals Association.

The REAL School received a \$10,000 gift from an anonymous donor to help support the Teen Aspirations Program. This program helps students to identify personal goals and to engage in community-based activities to support those goals.

Pender Makin, Director of the REAL School, and Dr. Kyle Rhoads, Principal of Windham Primary School, each presented a session at the Maine Principals' Association Fall Conference in Portland. They received high praise from participants and organizers.

Three Windham Middle School Students – Eric Webb, Sierra Yost, and Elliot Clark – participated in the “Kick Start Maine” game show on WPXT, which aired on November 10, 2011. The show features random trivia questions testing contestants' knowledge. Of the 50 eventual contestants from schools throughout Maine, 18 have been from Windham.

Windham High School's Boys Soccer Team won the Western Maine Class A Championship. They won the State Championship on November 5, 2011!!

Colin Minte, the High School Boys Soccer Coach, was named Coach of the Year by the Southern Maine Activities Association (SMAA). Coach Minte was also named Coach of the Year for the State of Maine by the Maine Principals' Association (MPA). Quite an honor for a first-year coach!!

Only three schools in the Class A Conference made playoffs in ALL fall sports and Windham High School was one of those three schools!

The first year of the High School Girls' Volleyball Team was a huge success. A strong foundation has been established with an 11-3 record. A special thanks to the girls and parents for their hard work.

Windham Chamber Singers performed at the start of the Maine Arts Assessment Conference on October 7 at USM in Portland.

School Nutrition Director Jeanne Reilly was featured in the September 2011 issue of School Nutrition magazine. The article noted Jeanne's work to bring fresh, local foods to the program, along with her ability to meet some of the challenges associated with the nutrition program.

School Nurse Marcia Mullen (who retired in June 2011) was named School Nurse of the Year by the Maine Department of Education.

School Resource Officer Jeff Smith was selected as a 2011 Honoree of the Caring About Lives in Maine award.

The Athletic Department is honoring a Senior female and Senior male at “Senior Athlete of the Week” during this school year. Students will be chosen based on specific athletic performance in a contest, citizenship on or off the playing field, or a display of sportsmanship that is worth noting. Bob the Screen Printer is sponsoring two \$250 scholarships for two of the senior athletes selected by a blind draw in the spring.

Windham Middle School students participated in LIVESTRONG Day on September 30, 2011, as a means of supporting the fight against cancer. Students and staff were encouraged to wear yellow to school and had the opportunity to write the names of people they know who have fought cancer or are fighting cancer on a huge yellow LIVESTRONG poster.

Windham Raymond Adult Education, in partnership with Gray-New Gloucester Adult Education, has been awarded \$37,500 from the Finance Authority of Maine. The funds will be used to support the Pathways to College and Career Success.

Our Adult Education GED/Diploma completion rates have increased over the past three years – 66% / 89% / 90%. Post-Secondary enrollment rates have increased over the past two years – 32% and 67%. The English as a Second Language (ESL) has grown from 14% to 32% over the past three years.

Windham High School students taking Advanced Placement courses has increased by 82 students over last year. We now have 229 students enrolled in AP courses.

The number of students meeting their individual growth targets in Math and Reading has increased over the past few years. In 2008, 57.8% of students met their growth target in Math and 54.8% met the target in Reading. In May 2011, 63.9% of students met their targets in Math and 62.3% met their target in Reading.

Page Nichols, a full-time volunteer at the REAL School (and now an employee), received the Commissioner’s Recognition Award for her commitment to making a difference in the lives of at-risk students.

Danielle Bellavance, a 2011 graduate of Windham High School, received a \$1,000 scholarship as a State finalist in the National Honor Society Scholarship Program.

Windham High School biology class students have begun the process of creating an aquaponics setup. Aquaponics is the combination of aquaculture (raising fish) and hydroponics (growing plants in water w/o soil). Once set up, students will be able to study photosynthesis and respiration, water and nitrogen cycles, general inquiry, and experimentation. Students will also use the system in math class to calculate flow rates, create data tables and graphs about growth and evaporation rates, slopes, etc. It’s a pretty exciting curriculum!

Doug Daigle, Windham High School Social Worker, received the Keeping Maine’s Children Connected *Great People Who Rock Award*. This award honors and recognizes the extraordinary efforts and impressive leadership in working with and supporting youth who have experienced a disruption in their educational program.

The Maine Department of Education did a routine audit of our Adult Education program and reported that we “have a strong, community-connected program and an obvious supportive and

collegial atmosphere. There is much great work to be proud of at Windham/Raymond Adult Education.”

Diana Ward was named one of three Maine Adult Education Association’s 2011 Outstanding Adult Education Teacher of the Year. Diana is an energetic 71 years young, with a wonderful wit, charming personality, and tenacious drive to keep herself and her students fit.

The Food Service program received a \$50,000 grant for upgrading equipment and for a “boot camp” training for Food Service personnel.

A team of people from Windham Rotary worked to create a new play opportunity at Windham Primary School. They painted a huge and colorful United States map on the court area near the basketball hoop near A-House. There are lots of wonderful learning opportunities for students with this new map: learning time zones boundaries, state capitals, National Park sites, sites/dates of ethnic cultures, calculating distances between sites, natural resources, etc.

2010 – 2011

On June 14, 2011, Mid-Maine Waste Management presented a \$500 award for helping with a “Re-Naming” contest for the company to Donna Morton’s 4th grade class at Manchester School. The new name presented by the 4th graders was Green Energy Maine / GEM.

Congratulations to the Jordan Small Middle School Robotics Team for another outstanding performance at the Southern Maine Robot Track Meet held in mid-May. Fourteen schools participated with over 100 individuals competing in eight events. JSMS competed in four events and ranked high in all divisions. Greg Meader brought home a first place trophy in the ping pong shot put competition by building a robot designed to accurately shoot the most balls in 30 seconds into a hopper four feet away.

The following students have been accepted into the 2011 Maine All State Chorus: Leighann Lomonte, Rachel Scala, Rosalyn Moisan, Molly Keane-Dreyer, Chris Frost, Logan Burns, Adam Fowler, and Jameson McBride.

Windham Chamber Singers did their annual spring tour in Northern Maine this year. An incredible ten performances in just four days. Standing ovations were the norm after each performance and audience members commented on the students’ manners and incredible talent.

Special Olympics of Cumberland County held a Track and Field event at the Windham High School track. Over 400 athletes participated. Primary School students made banners for one of their classmates, Anna Tinsley, to show their support.

Doug Daigle, Windham High School Social Worker, received the Keeping Maine’s children Connected *Great People Who Rock* Award for his extraordinary efforts and impressive leadership in working with and supporting youth who have experienced a disruption in their educational program. Mr. Daigle will be honored at a ceremony at the Blain House in Augusta on June 9, 2011.

Dr. Kyle Rhoads, Windham Primary School Principal, had his article, “Despite Rough Seas, Teachers in Rural Maine Swim Together,” published in the April 2011 issue of *JSD*, Larning Forward’s journal.

Reanna Johnson was chosen as a student speaker in April 2011 for the Adult Education Hall of Flags Day at the State House in Augusta. She represented Windham Raymond Adult Education as she articulated her personal story and how adult education is helping her reach her goal of becoming a Naval Marine Biologist.

The Maine Art Education Association's annual youth Art Month exhibition displays more than 100 works of art by students around the State. Windham Primary School students, Sophie Phipps and Gabriella Serynk, had their art work displayed at the Portland Museum of Art during the month of March 2011.

Kendall Curit, a senior at Windham High School, was awarded the "Youth Life Saving Real Heroes Award" by the American Red Cross in March 2011. Kendall helped save a woman after a car accident on Interstate 295 when he stopped her from going into shock and helped keep her breathing. When an 18-wheeler started to jackknife, Kendall quickly pushed himself and the woman to safety, out of the way of traffic.

High School Junior Nolan Allen was named the winner of the Southwestern Maine Activities Association Boys' Basketball Most Valuable Player Award. Nolan scored 396 points for an average of 24.8 points per game. Nolan was also selected for the Southwestern Maine Activities Associations' All-SMAA First Team.

Manchester School held a "Toys for Technology" sale before school the week of May 16. Students brought in new or slightly used games, toys, stuffed animals and books for other students to purchase. Prices ranged from 25 cents to \$2 and the students raised \$457 to help purchase more technology for Manchester School.

Manchester School students Nazari Henderson and Ryan Logue raised \$21.20 for new playground toys by selling a newspaper they published themselves. Nice job, Boys!! Another Manchester student – Kendra Gray – held a bake sale on her own and raised over \$20 for technology for the school. Thank you, Kendra!

Bloomfield Business Week named North Windham as the best place to raise kids in Maine! The March 20, 2011 edition stated, in part: A village in the town of Windham near Sebago Lake, North Windham has low crime and above-average schools. It is part of the Windham Raymond School District.

Every year, 10,000 US students take the American Chemical Society Chemistry Olympiad local exam. The top 900 students in the country go on to compete in the National exam competition. Only the Top 10 students in Maine are invited to compete at this National competition each year. Only 2 students per school are allowed to compete and Windham High School students, Ben Richardson and Talia McKay, had scores high enough to compete in the National ACS competition. On April 16 they spent 3.5 hours competing in the written portion of the exam and returned to the lab after lunch for a 2-hour laboratory practical exam. Sometime in mid-May, the top 20 students in the country will be announced.

The results of the State's written survey on student drug and alcohol use shows that Windham Middle School students show a decrease in the use of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana for six years.

The Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals received a \$1,000 cash award from the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation's "Community Matters More" grant initiative for non-profit

organizations. This grant was thanks to a write-in vote from members of the RSU # 14 school community.

We have approximately 1,400 athletes in our District participating in athletics grades 6 through 12. This is an astonishing number and is a direct correlation to the competitive teams we field at Windham High School that belong to our league, the SMAA. Our High School athletic program participation increased from 45% last year to 48% this year.

Since the 2007 – 2008 school year our overall school lunch meal participation has increased 26% in total meals; 85% increase in participation of students qualifying for free meals; 20% increase in participation of students qualifying for reduced meals; and a 1% increase in participation of students paying full price for meals. Over 1,500 lunches are sold each day.

Windham High School's Meghan Gribbin has had a stellar Junior year season in basketball. She leads the list of local SMAA Girls' Basketball All-Stars. Gribbin led the Eagles to an 11-7 record this season. Freshman Sam Frost was selected to represent the Eagles on the SMAA's All-Rookie Team.

The Boys / Girls State Championship Swim Meets were held in February 2011 and the following students qualified for New England's meet based on their performance in the State's. Elaine Miller, Ashley Crocker, Bronte Sone, McKayla Eskilson, Alex Farinell, Nathan Paluso, Lance Webster, Alex Gilvey, Daniel Sepulveda, Sage Difillipo, Nick Sundquist, Hunter Adams, and Cole Moran.

Nathan Paluso is the New England Champ in the 100 breast stroke!

Peter Small, High School Swim Team Coach and High School Teacher, is Maine's Swim Coach of the Year for 2011.

Windham High School scored their personal best in their performance on March 12, 2011 at the Maine Drama Festival. Windham's performance moved some to tears and earned a standing ovation from the audience. Benedetto Robinson and Joanna Clarke won All Cast Awards for Acting. Kiki Tringali won a Special Commendation Award for make-up and hair design. Rachel and Matt Scala each won Special Commendation Awards for Musical Composition.

On February 17, 2011, more than 1,200 students heard the PSO perform over a series of three KinderKonzerts, an event sponsored by the Windham PTA and the Windham Primary School Cultural Arts Committee. Lucky student Chandler Johnston, a second grader at Windham Primary School, got a lesson on a modern French horn.

Blaze Sports America invited Stephanie Joyce, RSU # 14's School Health Coordinator, to speak at a webinar in March 2011. She will be sharing the importance of including students with different abilities in physical activity, equipment incorporated into the fitness arcade at Windham Middle School, and including these pieces into school wellness policies.

The Maine Education Policy Research Institute observed over 100 classes in 25 schools across Maine, took note of class sizes, use of technology, and level of student engagement. They pored over school records and assessed the condition of school facilities. They also interviewed groups of students, parents, and staff members. Windham Middle School was profiled as a higher-performing and cost-efficient school. They scored better than the State and better than peers in performance criterion.

Windham Middle School has been asked by CompassLearning™ to host a webinar on March 31, 2011 to explain the Odyssey Showcase, an integral part of the instructional day at RSU 14's schools.

Windham Primary School met and exceeded its goal of 2,011 community volunteer hours for the 2010 – 2011 school year. The increased their goal for the period of March to June 2011 and hope to reach a total of 6,033 for the entire school year.

Windham Primary students and staff collected 1,020 items for the Windham Food Pantry in 100 days.

Jordan Small Middle School students submitted healthy recipes in a recipe challenge. Three of them – Jumpin' Jordan Small Chili, Turbo Veggie Soup, and Bake Quinoa – were prepared by St. Joe's Chef Stuart Leckie in front of the students. 7th and 8th grade students voted on their favorites and the winning recipe will be featured on future school lunch menus.

Former Windham High School graduates Sam Clarke (WHS '06) and Michelle Parvin (WHS '88) were featured on CSI: Las Vegas on the February 17, 2011 episode. Sam played an Assistant District Attorney. Michelle was the Assistant Director for the episode.

Congratulations to our High School Wrestling Team! They won the CLASS A EAST SPORTSMANSHIP BANNER at the State Championship Meet in Augusta on February 13, 2011.

Congratulations to our Boys' Swim Team who captured their first Regional Championship on February 4, 2011 by winning the Southwestern competition.

REAL School students are working with USM nutritionists to plan, shop for, and cook healthy recipes. Through a grant, the students are also able to take the ingredients home and prepare a meal for their families.

Through the PEP Grant, REAL School students and staff have been provided with baseline testing and developed a personal fitness goal.

Jordan Small Middle School Teacher Terry Taiani was selected by the Maine Department of Education to participate on the Item Review Committee for the elementary math component of the NECAP. Mrs. Taiani spent three days in Massachusetts with teachers from other New England states analyzing the math questions from this year's test and creating questions to be field tested during the testing session in the fall of 2011.

During the last week of March 2011, one teacher and three students from the REAL School will be going to the Dominican Republic to work with Seeds of Independence at medical clinics in the sugar cane fields.

Our PEP Grant application received a score of 100% from each of the three trained individuals who reviewed and scored our application.

The 13th Annual Richard Nickerson Scholarship Concert was held on January 8, 2011, and the debut publication of *Applause!* was featured. The newsletter is written by and for Windham alumni and is meant to connect alumni with one another and to encourage alumni pursuing a career in the arts beyond Windham high School. You can access the publication on the Windham High School website.

Windham Raymond Adult Education has an average of nearly 2,400 annual enrollments in over 300 different courses, workshops, training programs, trips and special family literacy events. In 2010 – 2011 we have 2,853 enrollments as of January 2011 – an increase of nearly 20%.

Raymond Elementary School and Windham High School were awarded salad bar grants from the Great American Salad Bar Project. Each school will receive a salad bar (valued at \$3,000 each), along with storage and kitchen equipment that will be needed to prepare produce for the bars.

It was “Windham Night” on January 14 at the Maine Red Claws basketball game in Portland. The Chamber Singers performed the National Anthem and the Windham Youth Basketball Sixth Grade Boys and Fifth Grade Girls Travel Teams had a chance to scrimmage on the parquet floor at half-time. The game’s TD Bank Home Court Hero Award went to Matt Desmond and Matt Dyer, Windham High School Seniors who have spearheaded a campaign to renovate the basketball court at Manchester School.

Steve McFarland, Workforce Education Coordinator for Windham Raymond Adult Education was honored at the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting in January. He was named this year’s recipient of the SLRC’s Community Service Leadership Award, which recognizes individual or group efforts that have made a significant contribution to the quality of life in the Sebago Lakes Region.

Ramona Ervin-Dickson, Windham Middle School student, won Maine’s first place in the essay contest for the InvestWrite National Essay Competition, part of The Stock Market Game program.

812 students took part the American Mathematics Competition 8 (AMC) in December 2010. Students who received scores of 13 or above are invited to participate in the AMC 10 in February. Devin Herald and Jack Giampino were the top scorers for Windham Middle School with a score of 15. There are a total of 9 Windham students who scored 13 or higher.

Deborah Tarr, Raymond Elementary School Teacher, has been awarded the Nassau Broadcasting Golden Apple Award for her outstanding work with students.

2010

In the fall of 2010, Raymond Elementary School first grade teacher Jani Cummings began a new program in which her 22 students set a goal to read each day and accumulate more than 5,000 minutes of reading, an aggressive goal for 6-year-olds just learning to read. By using Read to Feed, the students learned the value of giving to others. The Sebago Lake Rotary Club donated \$500 for the program and the students learned more math skills by calculating how the \$500 could be spent to buy livestock for a family in poverty.

Annual District Achievement Report – 2009 – 2010 Strengths

- School-wide Reading increased significantly in both 4th and 5th grades
- Both grade level cohorts increased % of students meeting reading growth targets on NWEA
- Maze universal screening at both grade levels indicates increased % of students scoring in the “above” range
- Overall 4th grade increased performance on NWEA math; and 80% are predicted to be proficient on NECAP – Fall 2010
- 84% of Title I 5th grade students met their reading NWEA growth target
- Gifted & Talented students at both grade levels increased their percentiles overall in reading

- 80% of Gifted & Talented students in 4th grade met their reading growth target
- Title I students average NWEA reading & math scores for both grades increased more than 10 points
- Special Education students average NWEA math score for both grades increased more than 10 points
- 80% of Manchester students had 0 or 1 office discipline referrals

Manchester School NWEA scores:

- Grade 4 average score in reading increased 8.6 points
- Grade 5 average score in reading increased 6.8 points
- Grade 4 average score in math increased 11.5 points
- Grade 5 average score in math increased 9.1 points

Manchester School was featured on WCSH's *Schools that Shine*

Manchester School's Gifted & Talented program – REACH – collaborated to create a news segment with WGME 13 – Kids' Correspondent

Mrs. Morton, a Grade 4 Teacher at Manchester School, was awarded a Golden Apple Teacher Award by Nassau Broadcast Network.

Standards-based Teacher Deb Ledoux presented at the Maine Principals' Association on "Establishing a System of School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports."

Kathy Floyd, Windham Adult Education Instructor, received the New Adult Education Teacher of the Year honors at the Maine Adult Education Association Annual Conference.

Raymond Elementary School Teachers Kathy Gillis and Kirsten Hackett were awarded the Horace Mann Mugs & Kisses Award for being compassionate and positive and for going above and beyond.

On November 16, 2010, a group of Jordan Small Middle School students were invited to participate in the American Mathematics Competition at USM. The following students were designated as State Honor Roll Students for their performance in the competition: Kaitlyn Dostie, Jeffrey Pollard, Daniel Hanson, Aiyanna Maciel, Cameron Peavey, Courtney Stedt, Nick Ball, Emily Gagne, and Sean Mains.

Devin and Jack Giampino, Windham Middle School students, were the top scorers in the American Mathematics Competition at USM. They will also be taking the AMC 10 exam.

Aiyanna Maciel came in first in the annual National Geography Bee held at JSMS and she will be taking a written test and advance to the State competition if she has a strong score on the written test. Maggie Nunn placed second and Sean Mains placed third in the Geography Bee.

Sixth-grader Hannah Brackett, Jordan Small Middle School, earned Second Place in a singing competition in the fall of 2010.

Windham Primary School celebrated their 20th year in November 2010 and over 500 people visited or took part in the reception and presentations. Many visitors shared stories and memories.

College Enrollments:

- Windham High School students enrolled in college the fall immediately following graduation from High School – 51% in 2009; 60% in 2010
- Windham High School: 34% were enrolled in public institutions in 2009; 17% were enrolled in private institutions in 2009
- Windham High School: 43% were enrolled in public institutions in 2010; 17% were enrolled in private institutions in 2010

RSU # 14 is the only District in Maine that has received TWO Blue Apple Awards from the National Health Education Association, Alliance for a Healthier Generation. Both Windham High School and Windham Middle School have received the Blue Apple Award for their outstanding health and wellness programs.

Director of the REAL School, Pender Makin, was a presenter at the Maine Principals' Association's Fall Conference in November 2010. Attendees gave high ratings to Mrs. Makin's presentation on "Secrets of 'The Kid Whisperers': Strategies for Engaging Your Most At-Risk Learners (at the Red Hot Tip of the RTI Triangle and Beyond)."

Standards-based Teacher Julie Young also presented at the Maine Principals' Association's Fall Conference and received high ratings. Ms. Young presented a session on "Developing A Professional Learning Community with Title I Staff."

Jim Babcock, School Psychologist, and Windham Primary School Assistant Principal, Kris Grant, were also guest speakers at the Maine Principals' Association's Fall Conference and presented a session on "Supporting Our Students – Saving Our Schools: Student Behavioral Interventions That Work."

99% of classes in our District are taught by Highly Qualified Teachers.

The results of a Student School Climate and Mental Health Survey given to Windham Middle and Windham High School students show that the **majority** of students either **strongly agreed or agreed** with the **statements about their school** with 95.8% indicating that the school is safe for staff; 89.9% responding that the school is a safe place for students; and 89% responding that the school provides health services for students. The **majority** of students either **strongly agreed or agreed** with the **statements about the adults in their school** with 93.9% indicating that there was an adult in the school that always wanted them to do their best; 90.4% stating that there was an adult who listened to what students had to say; and 88.9% responding that there was an adult who noticed when they were not there.

Bloomberg Business Week (<http://images.businessweek.com/SlidesShows/20101214/the-best-places-to-raise-yourkids-2011/slides/20>) ranked Maine as the 20th state and the Best Place to Raise Kids in Maine: North Windham.

Peter Allen, retired teacher at Manchester School, was awarded the EcoExcellence Award in early 2010 by EcoMaine. He was honored for his dedication and commitment to educating Windham's youth in the science of recycling.

Sabrina Nickerson, Grade 4 Teacher at Manchester School, was named a Lincoln Scholar and traveled to Illinois to participate in an intensive, week-long study of Abraham Lincoln. Ms. Nickerson presented an American History program at the Maine Humanities Council and represents elementary school teachers on a panel for the American History Association.

Manchester School was the recipient of PROP's Volunteer Station Award in their Foster Grandparents program. Our Foster Grandparents provide extra support on classroom projects; lead crafts; help with students needing extra help in math and reading.

Windham High School's one-to-one ratio for laptops takes advantage of the devices by the newly installed iRotate, which allows the Netbooks to be rotated 90 degrees to open and display text like a book. It's as close to a digital textbook that exists in schools today.

The Windham High School classes of 2009 and 2010 completed a whopping total of 13,061 hours of community service! A sampling of service hours included volunteering in soup kitchens, food pantries, helping neighbors by shoveling, raking and assisting students in our elementary schools.

The Sebago Educational Alliance Virtual High School started in the fall of 2010, offering over 100 courses on-line for high school students. Courses offerings include full semester courses in the Arts, Foreign Language, Language Arts, Life Skills, Math, Science, Social Studies and Technology.

The Windham High School Stadium Football Field won the Field of Excellence Award, given by Pioneer Athletics, the leading manufacturer in athletic field marking paint and equipment. Colleges, universities, high schools, and parks & recreation departments submit an application, photos, and letters of recommendation describing their institutions and athletic field maintenance program. The photos we submitted will be used in publications throughout the year and on the Pioneer Athletics annual calendar. We also receive a banner, a certificate, and a plaque. Mike DiDonato, Grounds Manager, is a Certified Sports Field Manager and we appreciate his hard work in assuring the safety of our athletes on the fields.

Wayne Martin, Maine's 2009 High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year, was invited to sit in on Congressional hearings and discuss initiatives revolving around childhood obesity. Mr. Martin also talked about the Carol M. White PEP Grant we received. The PolarUSA company paid all expenses for the trip.

Jennifer Gritter, Teacher; Deb Ledoux, Standards-based Teacher; and Kris Grant, Windham Primary School Assistant Principal, were featured workshop leaders at the University of Maine's State-wide Conference on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

Erick Schadler, 8th grade student at Jordan Small Middle School, submitted a "Burst of Autumn" photograph and was a winner in the State's 2010 MLTI Screen Saver Contest.

The High School Boys Basketball Team advanced to the Western Maine Semi-Final games for the first time ever in Class A. Senior Garrett Clemmer was the Second Team Southwestern Maine Activities Association's (SMAA) All-Star. Nolan Allen, Sophomore, was the Third Team All-Star.

In Girls Basketball, Sophomore Meghan Gribbon was the First Team SMAA All-Star.

Patrick Pearson, Junior, was the Regional Champion in Wrestling and the State Runner-up.

The Boys Alpine Ski Team finished Second in the SMAA contests. Senior Joseph Parent was the State Champion in the Alpine Slalom.

The Indoor Track Team has several champions: Senior Patrick Ciez was the State Champion in the High Jump. New England Championship qualifiers were Patrick Ciez, Senior Julian Gasseloni, Freshman Damien Shepard, and Senior Reilly Sullivan.

Freshman Nick Sundquist, Junior Lance Webster, Junior Nathan Paluso, and Senior Jake Shoberg were State Champions in the 400 Freestyle Relay. New England Championship qualifiers were Nick Sundquist, Jake Shoberg, Nathan Paluso, Lance Webster, and Sophomore Elaine Miller.

Nassau Broadcasting awarded Donna Morton the Golden Apple Award for her dedication to the intellectual and emotional growth of Maine's children and young adults.

Teen Aspirations Program received another year of grant funding through the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group. (\$78,000)

The Restorative Learning Program (RLP) received a supplemental grant of \$30,000.

Aileen Pelletier, Windham Primary School Teacher, and Peter Allen (Manchester School ESL Teacher) were each awarded the Eco-Excellence Award for the Town of Windham. Sponsored by EcoMaine, this award goes to those who have made a significant impact in the promotion of "green" activities in their communities.

Peter Small was voted Swimming Coach of the Year for the High School, the third year in a row.

Two Manchester School students were interviewed as part of Channel 13's Kid Correspondent program. The program aired in late April / early May.

Manchester School is featured on the Let's Go! Website at www.letsgo.org

Jaime Pappalardo, Grade 4 Teacher, and Pam Lanz, Guidance Counselor, at Manchester School and Stephanie Joyce, District Health Coordinator, were guest presenters at the annual 5-2-1-0 Symposium in Auburn. Their presentation focused on the "Obstacles to Implementing the 5-2-1-0 in Your School."

RSU # 14 is in partnership with Guiding Stars® and launching the "good-better-best" food rating system in our schools. This partnership continues the District's history of making student and staff wellness a top priority. Guiding Stars has been implemented at Windham High School and will extend to the rest of our schools in subsequent years. Guiding Stars will rate prepared meals, snacks, salad bar and grab-and-go items with zero to three stars based on its nutritional value. This system provides a simple, at-a-glance tool to allow students to quickly identify and choose foods that offer the most nutrition for the calories.

Ten Windham High School students participated in the annual Athlete Leadership Summit sponsored by the SMAA league. Each school sends students and the students vote on the school they feel deserves the Sportsmanship Award for the year. Windham high School was chosen by all the student athletes for this year's award. It is especially rewarding as it came from the students from all the other schools we compete against.

The REAL School raised enough monies for two students to travel to the Dominican Republic to volunteer in the rebuilding of a hospital and helped administer oral polio vaccines to children.

The Windham Primary School is doing a great job raising money for and using SmartBoards in instruction. There is a video on the Primary School website showing students using SmartBoards and the success they are having with them.

High School Phys Ed / Health Teacher, Kim Bartholomew, is a Healthy Schools Program Champion and presented at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's (AAHPERD) National Convention in March 2010. Kim talked about the process of using the Healthy Schools Program inventory and submitting a National Recognition Award application. She described how the national recognition had positively impacted Windham High School's wellness programs.

Windham High School was featured in the *Healthy Schools Program Success Stories* newsletter. You can find the story online at www.healthiergeneration.org/schoolstories

Manchester School Teacher, Jean McDonald, received a grant for Winter Fitness a Must! from Donors Choose. The award was three sets of Denali Classic BL Snowshoes, valued at \$400+.

Windham High School has received a grant for \$3,500 from the Future Fishermen Foundation. The Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Department has also donated \$1,000 in fishing equipment to the High School.

In April 2010, the REAL School received certification as a Combined Alternative Education / Special Education School from the Maine Department of Education.

Windham Primary School Assistant Principal, Kristen Grant, was awarded the Dropout Prevent Award by the State of Maine and is one of six who was honored at the Blaine House in May 2010.

Norma Richard, Raymond Elementary School Principal, was chosen as the Maine Music Educators' Association Outstanding School Administrator in May 2010.

Steve Floyd, Assistant Student Services Director, received the "Great People Who Rock Award" for his work on behalf of homeless students and was recognized at the Blaine House on June 3, 2010.

The Windham Boys Doubles Tennis Teams conquered the court for the 4th straight year as Doubles Champions. Nick Rallis and Kurt Stultz defeated Marshwood's #1 team and played five matches in one day to clinch the title.

Nate Johnson, Ryan Johnson, and Dan Crocker represented Windham at the State Singles Tournament. This is the 3rd straight year that Windham has qualified singles players in the State Tournament.

On June 12, 2010 the Windham Boys' Tennis Team won the State Class A Championship.

Kris Grant, Assistant Principal at Windham Primary School, was recognized for her exceptional work with the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention System) program with the Commissioner's Award for Dropout Prevention.

The Windham Athletic Boosters (WAB) contributed over \$20,000 to our athletic programs this year. Money is given to every team to purchase items that could not be covered with the current budget.

WAB awarded four \$500 scholarships to Senior athletes – 2 male and 2 female awards, as well as two \$200 awards for Varsity Club members.

The Windham Athletic Boosters also organize and financially support the activities of Homecoming Week; prepare and fully sponsor the Fall, Winter, and Spring Sports Banquets; and donate their resources for many charitable causes such as Special Olympics, Walk for a Cure, and Hoops for Hope.

Fall 2009

Positive Behavior Support Presentation – Maine Principals Association – Rebecca DeSantis, Kris Grant, Jennifer Gritter, Shirley Dempsey, Lisa Backman, Deb Ledoux

Windham High School Senior Shane Eliason – winner at the New England Institute of Art’s “Passion for Fashion” Competition. \$3,000 tuition scholarship provided, along with his entry judged against other local winners across the United States.

Windham High School recognized in September 2009 Family Circle magazine for their projects in the Healthy Schools Program.

Lillie Hanlon, Secretary at the REAL School, received the Commissioner of Education’s Recognition Award for her lifetime achievements in working with students-at-risk. Both Educational Commissioner Susan Gendron and Governor John Baldacci presented this award at the Blaine House.

Richard Meserve, Special Education Teacher at the REAL School, was a nominee for Maine Teacher of the Year.

Lisa Robertson, Adult Education Teacher/Coordinator, received the 2009 Outstanding Adult Education Teacher Award at the annual Maine Adult Education Association award presentations.

Kim Bartholomew, High School Phys Ed/Health Teacher, was honored with the Healthy Schools Program Champion Award, presented to her in New York City by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, an organization sponsored by the William J. Clinton Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Kim was one of only nine individuals honored nationally.

Windham High School’s Football Team won the Class A Football State Championship, with only 11 years in existence. The Team and Coaches were recognized in February by the State Legislature.

Windham’s Football Coach Matt Perkins and Windham Boys’ Soccer Coach Paul Baber were each voted 2009 Southern Maine Activities Association Coach of the Year.

High School Senior Jack Mallis won both the James J. Fitzpatrick Award and the Gatorade Player of the Year Award for being an outstanding football player.

Richard Meserve, Special Education Teacher at the REAL School, was the Milken Award winner, the nation’s largest Teacher Recognition Program. Since 1987, more than \$60 million has been awarded to 2,400+ educators.

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Wayne Martin, Phys Ed Teacher at Windham High School, was Maine's High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

Windham High School received the Blue Apple Health Education Award by the American Association for Health Education, which recognizes schools with outstanding health education programs. Windham High School health educators were recognized with Distinction in April 2009 in Tampa, Florida.

Dr. Rod Nadeau, School Counselor / Therapist for the REAL School was recognized in the University of Maine's and Farmington's Alumni Magazine for his work with students as an adventure therapist.