



Wolf Tracks



Principal's Newsletter of Prospect Mountain High School

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Please note: First Quarter Report Cards will be distributed to students on November 4, 2005.

Student Recognition

I am pleased to announce that Prospect Mountain High School achieved Adequate Yearly Progress this year as indicated by the No Child Left Behind Law. According to the New Hampshire Department of Education schools should meet specific performance standards in reading and mathematics. There are two ways in which a school's adequate yearly progress is measured. First student performance is measured by how many total students took the test, how the students performed as a group and the performance of specified subgroups within that population. Second, for high schools in New Hampshire, the graduation rate is taken into consideration.

This year Prospect Mountain High School faculty, staff and administration is focusing efforts on personalizing education for every student. Personalizing education for every student was suggested as a way to achieve continued improvement on the Department of Education website. You can read the report on Adequate Yearly Progress by going to www.ed.state.nh.us/education/News/ayp05-06.htm. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please feel free to contact me at rholden@pmhschool.com or 875-3800 extension 3139.

Staff Recognition

John Anderson's masters thesis entitled, "The Triumph of Trying: James Dickey's Mystical Journey Through the Zodiac," was published in *The James Dickey Newsletter*, which is the most prominent scholarly journal devoted to James Dickey's legacy. James Dickey is a poet. Mr. Anderson has also had one of his poems published in *Pearl*, a Long Beach, CA based literary journal. Congratulations, John!

The following students were elected as Student Council Officers:

<i>Vanessa Cusson</i>	President
<i>Catherine Booth</i>	Vice President
<i>Lindsey Turner</i>	Secretary
<i>Jacob Browning</i>	Treasurer

The *Student Council* would like to thank all who participated and supported them with the pizza and soda before the Open House on October 6, 2005. They raised over \$300.00 from that event. The Student Council will hold a food drive during the month of November to benefit local food pantries.

Freshmen will be treated to an awards ceremony including an ice cream social on Thursday, October 27, 2005. This event is to acknowledge their excellent work during the first quarter. There will be awards ceremonies each quarter for deserving freshmen this year.

The *Class of 2006* would like to thank everyone who came to the Harlem Wizards basketball game on October 20, 2005. It was a very successful event and a good time was had by all!



Luke LaFreniere gets some pointers on a foul shot from "Speedy" of the Harlem Wizards.

Open House

Thank you to everyone who attended the Open House on October 6, 2005. It was wonderful to see so many parents and students attend this event. We will be having another parent night during the second semester. More information will be forthcoming.



Parents and students mingle at the Open House on October 6, 2005.

PMHS Report Card – Students Speak Out

Recently students at PMHS were asked how they felt about the school. Here is a sampling of what they wrote:

Grade 9:

“Prospect Mountain is a very nice school, the building is great. All of the teachers here are kind and they try their best to give their students the best education possible. The school provides a safe environment to learn in also.”

“...This school also has a lot of pride. Their sport games are always packed with people who want to watch the students in their school play and it brings pride to our school and it shows we have a lot of spirit....”

“PMHS is a wonderful lovely place to be in. I would like a little more time between classes for locker time. The staff is awesome...”

“...Some of the teachers are very fun, and make teaching worth listening to, where as other teachers treat us like we are still in second grade...”

“...I think there needs to be a football team!”

Grade 10:

“This semester is okay. But this detention for a missed homework assignment (expletive deleted). If people don't want to pass and be slackers then they should be able to.”

“I like being here! This is a great school! I would rather be here then (sic) in ... wherever. ... There are some teachers that make me angry also... but I will not say who! ... But other than that I love to come to school every day.”

Grade 11:

“I think this school looks great and I find it easier to learn with not so many kids in the class. The teachers are willing to stay after school and help out with students...”

“I think the school is kind of like a jail we can't go outside and hang. I also think that the school should be more layed (sic) back on some things. But it really hasn't been a bad school to me...”

“...I'm doing well, almost all A's so I shouldn't be complaining. I think the 'failure is not an option' is a good idea and has improved a lot of students' working habits.”

Early Literacy Program

Prospect Mountain High School is beginning an Early Literacy Program. The purpose of this program is to provide a reading book each month to every preschool aged child in the towns of Alton and Barnstead. We are looking for community members to join a committee to work on this program. If you, or anyone you know of, has knowledge or experience with 510(c) 3 applications for non-profit corporation status and would like to be a part of this program, please contact me at (603) 875-8800 or email at rholden@pmhschool.com



Jessica and Brittany Smith don firemen's gear during Fire Prevention Day on October 21, 2005.

Department News

Social Studies

Mr. Bingham's Advanced Placement American History Class went to Gettysburg, PA over Columbus Day Weekend. They learned what it was like to be a soldier during the Civil War by tracing the steps of soldiers in three regiments.

A new section of *Project Running Start* will be starting next quarter. If you are interested in Project Running Start, please contact Mrs. Kelliher at kkelliher@pmhschool.com or at 875-3800 extension 2115.

World Languages

There will be a World Language Club Jamboree and orientation on November 19, 2005 in the High School Cafeteria for students and parents who are traveling to Paris and Madrid. This trip will take place over February Vacation.

Students and parents from Kingswood, Laconia High School and PMHS will participate in this workshop. They will be given instruction on how to properly pack for a trip abroad and other information they will need to have a successful experience. This information will be delivered in a fun and interesting way. For more information please contact Peter Long, at plong@pmhschool.com or 875-3800 ext. 2217.

Guidance News

Financial Aid Night

There will be a Financial Aid Workshop on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at 6:30 pm. All parents of students going on to college are welcome to attend.

Seniors

Seniors who will be going on to college should be working on college applications. Please contact the guidance office for assistance.

SAT, ASVAB and ACT Tests

Test dates and deadlines for sign up are as follows:

SAT:	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
	Dec. 3, 2005	Nov. 9, 2005
	Jan. 28, 2006	Dec. 22, 2005
ASVAB:	Nov. 9, 2005	
ACT:	Dec. 10, 2005	Nov. 4, 2005

Winter Sports

Ms. Reynolds, Athletic Director, would like to announce the following sports will be beginning practice in November:

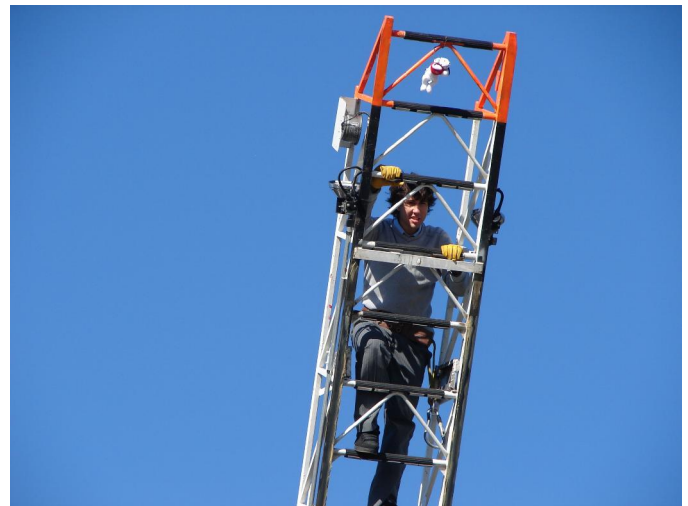
Spirit begins practice November 7. The Spirit Coach is *Tessie Vallaincourt*.

Girls' Basketball begins November 14. The JV Coach is *Matt Rayno*. We are currently seeking a Varsity Coach. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact *Kammi Reynolds* at 875-3800 extension 3100.

Boys' Basketball begins November 21. The Varsity Coach is *Rob Carpenter* and the JV Coach is *Tom Bourdeau*.

Skiing begins November 21. The Skiing Coach is *Mark Murphy*.

A winter sports schedule will be forthcoming.



Christian LaCroix climbs to the top of the ladder truck on Fire Prevention Day October 21, 2005.

PTSA

The November PTSA meeting will be a meeting of the PTSA Officers only as it conflicts with the Fall Sports Banquet.

The next meeting of the PTSA will be December 14, 2005 at 7:00 pm in Room 94. There will be a Cookie Swap at this meeting. Please bring 3 dozen cookies to the meeting.

PMHS Calendar of Events November, 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 UNH All-State Prep (Chorus) 3:00-9:00 pm	3 Chorus to PSU Adolescent Treatment Initiative 8:00 am – 12:00 pm PMHS Auditorium	4 Talent Show 6:30 pm Auditorium	5
6	7 Student Council Food Drive Through Nov. 18 Spirit Practice Begins	8 Dodgeball Tournament 3:00-4:00 pm	9 ASVAB Test Dodgeball Tourney 3:00-4:00 pm Fall Athletic Awards 6:30 pm	10	11 Veterans' Day	12
13 Alton PTSA Family Movie 2:30-6:30 pm Auditorium	14 Girls' Basketball Practice Begins	15	16	17	18 Multi-Band Concert 4:00 – 10:00 pm	19 World Language Club Jamboree 9:00 am – 12:00 pm PMHS Cafeteria
20	21 Boys' Basketball Practice Begins Ski Practice Begins	22	23 Thanksgiving Break	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Thanksgiving Break	26
27	28	29	30			