

December Profile Principal's Report

Profile School was proudly represented in the All New England Band Festival by Ms. Madeline Elms and Ms. Caroline Greene. Our students spent the day rehearsing with 119 other amazingly talented high school band students, selected from throughout New England, culminating with an evening concert. Ms. Greene and Ms. Elms also joined Ms. Gia Spiotti and Ms. Annabelle Mullins in representing Profile School, with Ms. Greene and Elms representing our band and Ms. Mullins and Spiotti representing the Chorus at the New Hampshire All State auditions. Congratulations to our band and chorus programs and all of these young women for their impressive accomplishments.

The Profile STEAM class crossed the border into Vermont, competing at the University of Vermont for the Aiken Engineering Challenge. The competition fielded numerous teams from the region, with Profile School bringing two teams to the completion:

1. Profile STEAMrollers, Jack Price, Ben Glover, and Gabe Jacobs
2. Profile Pirates, Sam Greene, Tom Oliver, Dan Kenerson, and Miro Badurina

We are proud to have placed 5th, (Profile Pirates), and 6th, (STEAMrollers), overall and second to Hanover High School, whose teams took the top four places. The competition task assigned to the teams was to create and use a crane-type device to pick up ping pong balls and place them in different targets. Each target had different levels of difficulty, as well as differing point values. We estimate that approximately thirty teams initially signed up, with only teams participating in the competition due to the difficulty of the operations. Several of the team participating had major problems and were unable to score at all. Both of Profile's teams won two out of three matches, and were able to score.

All SAU administrators attended a two-day workshop hosted by NCES. Ms. Beth Steenwyk presented techniques for implementing training and professional development. More than 50 North Country educators attended the workshop and its focus was threefold:

- 1) To improve the fidelity of effective practices within educational settings
- 2) Enhance the sustainability of implementation efforts aimed towards improving academic production
- 3) Emulate and Elevate successful programs and practice;

The two days sessions were incredibly productive and provided administrators techniques, strategies, and practices that will be useful and applicable for the SAU. Many of the concepts and applications will be of great benefit to Profile as we enter into our climate and culture committee work.

Profile School will be hosting a student teacher from Plymouth State during second semester. The student will be working with Lori Innes in High School English.

Follow-up Items:

- Climate and Culture Committee meeting 12/6 @ SAU.
- Climate and Culture Section added to Profile website
- Climate and Culture survey results released to staff on 12/12 per C&C committee
- Met with Student Council about participation at alpine and Nordic ski events
- Followed-up with Special Education Department about written processes to prevent future deficiencies with NHDOE

Upcoming Events:

- 12/24-1/1 Holiday Break