• **Montshire Night**
  More than 150 people attended the Elementary Science Night at the Montshire Museum. Classes from both schools displayed work including animal reports, states of matter experiments and fourth grade planet projects. One table even included a hands-on activity with batteries and wires. After seeing student work, families were invited to enjoy the museum exhibits. The water and bubbles exhibits were big hits among the students and parents.

• **Jump Rope for Heart**
  The Westshire students outdid themselves this year by raising $7,664 for the American Heart Association. Our school goal was $5,000 but with the motivation to “pie” Mrs. MacQueen, many students went above and beyond with the 4th graders collecting more than $3,100! Three 4th grade students raised in excess of $2,100 and for their efforts, the three girls, all at once, gave me a cream pie in the face. Kudos to all of our students (every child in our school raised at least $5 with most averaging over $100), and a huge thank you to Ms. Otis, our amazing PE teacher, for all her efforts and for bringing this awesome program to our school.

• **Elementary Mural Project**
  We are so excited about the elementary mural project and can’t wait to see how our bathrooms look after the renovation. Ms. Bando will be working with Joy Michelson-Clancy, former Rivendell art teacher, to create awesome wall art. The paintings will show inspirational quotes, also called precepts, and will hopefully remind our students to be kind and considerate to others. Many children are familiar with the precepts Auggie’s teacher, Mr. Brown, shared with his students in R.J. Palacio’s book, *Wonder*. The first precept from the book reads, “When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind”. Mrs. O’Hearn will be introducing a list of precepts to students and they will help narrow down the list to their favorites. Ms. Bando will ask the younger children in each school to vote and the older students will choose the final precepts to be painted by the 4th and 6th graders. The younger students will contribute by painting additional precepts on canvas.

• **Upcoming Events**
  There is so much happening before the end of the school year. In early April our Title I teachers are hosting an evening for parents. The Vermont Symphony Orchestra will join us for their annual music assembly in late April. We are planning our ROCKS afternoon in May, and our field day at Treasure Island in early June.