



"Inspiring learners, committing to community, contributing to a dynamic world."



KEARSARGE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT—SAU #65

November 2016 NEWSLETTER

Tribes Come to KRES at Bradford

Last year the Bradford Elementary School staff wanted to look for a way to empower our students. We felt that we could strengthen our overall climate by providing students with more voice in how our school makes decisions.

A small committee brainstormed ideas and reported back to our staff. Based on the committee's work, we have implemented *Tribes* this year. So far these *Tribes*, made up of students in kindergarten through fifth grade, have caused quite a positive buzz for both students and staff. Students, who at their own grade levels are quiet, find themselves stepping forward as leaders in their *Tribes*. Respect for all members of our school is enhanced.

Tribes, each consisting of about ten students, have met several times. An adult or two supports each group. Each *Tribe* gave itself a name, created a *Tribe* greeting, and designed a unique banner.

Then twenty *Tribes* came together to create a **Bradford Code of Honor**. It is in keeping with our school's *Tribe Mission*, which includes providing students with a voice and building a sense of community by embracing shared decision-making. This Code may seem simple, but it will be our guide as we strive to be a learning community through which each of us can reach our potential together. Our Code of Honor has five parts: *At Bradford...We will be safe and kind. We will help each other. We will always do our best. We will own our behavior. At Bradford, every voice matters!* Pretty cool, don't you think?



Often times, much gets written about what is wrong with our nation's schools. We feel strongly that what is going on at KRES at Bradford, twenty *Tribes* strong, is an example of something that is very right!

(Photo A -The Starburst Tribe; Photo B -The Thundering Cougars Tribe; Photo C - The Tiger Stars Tribe; Photo D - The Wolf Pack Tribe)



**11/1 KRES AT NEW LONDON PTO MTG.
6:00 PM**

10/31-11/4 6TH GRADE NATURES CLASSROOM

**11/2 FAMILY LUNCH—SIMONDS SCHOOL
12:15 PM PTO MTG.
6:30 PM**

**11/3, 10, 17 SCHOOL BOARD MTGS
6:30 PM @ KLC**

11/4 END OF THE FIRST QUARTER

11/8—ELECTION DAY

**11/9 SUTTON CENTRAL PTO MTG.
6:30 PM**

11/10 KRES AT NEW LONDON VISITING VETERANS SPECIAL LUNCHEON—12:00

11/11 NO SCHOOL—VETERAN'S DAY

11/15 & 17 KRMS & SUTTON PARENT/TEACHER CONF. 5-7PM

**11/16 KRES AT BRADFORD CHIPS MTG
6:30 PM**

11/17-11/20 KRHS PRINCETON MODEL CONGRESS

**11/22 & 29 MBC MTGS
6:30 PM @ KLC**

11/22 KRES AT BRADFORD CRAZY BLUE DAY!!

11/23 TEACHER WORK DAY—NO SCHOOL

11/24 & 25 THANKSGIVING BREAK