

## Daniel J. Bakie Elementary School Highlights

The Daniel J. Bakie School is one of four schools in the Sanborn Regional School District. Bakie, the only elementary school in Kingston, offers a quality education to 365 students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. It is a school facility comprised of 28 classrooms, a cafeteria/gym, a media center, a computer lab, and an outdoor classroom. The other Sanborn elementary school, Memorial, serves the elementary students from Newton. The Middle School, also located in the town of Newton, serves the students in both Kingston and Newton. Sanborn Regional High School, located on Route 111 in Kingston, serves students from Kingston, Newton, and Fremont.

All professional educators at Bakie practice the Responsive Classroom model and use the "morning meeting" as well as responsive language to build community in the classroom. Driven by professional learning communities, professional staff meet regularly to collaborate on curriculum, instruction, and assessment. A competency-based school district, teachers work toward proficiency for all learners. Our school is designed to provide personalized learning that allows for choice and flexibility.

Guided Reading is the driving model for literacy instruction. Both reader's and writer's workshop allows teachers to best meet the needs of individual students. The Six Traits of Writing, along with Lucy Calkins' Units of Writing, guide instruction in writing. Our math program utilizes Everyday Math, along with other supplementary materials to build a strong foundation in math. Social Studies and Science employ an investigative, simulation-driven methodology designed to help students ask questions, discover solutions and think critically.

Our Enrichment Coordinator serves as a resource to support tiered learning and multiple intelligence theory in the classrooms and provides support for math and literacy instruction as well. She also provides experiential opportunities for all students through artist-in-residencies and school-based experiences designed to deepen learning.

The *Bakie Booster organization* is a valued resource in our school community. They have consistently earned the NH Blue Ribbon Award for a high level of volunteerism and also conduct social and school fundraising activities throughout the year. Some of the events that they organize are the Halloween Spooktacular, Spaghetti Supper, Father-Daughter Dance and Mother-son sports outing. They sponsor field trips and an assembly for each grade level and are generous with their donations of time, money, and necessities for our teachers.

Our Unified Arts program includes Music, Art, and Physical Education/Health. Aligning their curricula with the national and state frameworks, our Unified Arts teachers strive to integrate the arts into classrooms throughout the year. In addition to the arts, we have a full program of co-curricular activities including Fall, Winter, and Spring Intramurals, Computer Club, Student Council, Invention Fair, and the Wee Deliver (mail delivery program). Our guidance counselor coordinates a peer mediation program with fourth and fifth student mediators, and our Student Services staff provide a comprehensive special education program for students with varying needs.

Led by Principal Christopher Snyder and Ann Rutherford, Assistant Principal, the D. J. Bakie Elementary School is a beacon for the community of Kingston. If you have any questions regarding our excellent programs, please contact us at 603-642-5272. We are proud of our school and invite you to visit!