What a great day Saturday was at the Salem Scramble! 500 children from grades 1-8 pushed themselves to complete a very challenging obstacle course. An event like this takes a village, and this case a whole school community! We thank Mr. George Murray, Fisk Principal, for taking the helm on this again, and to the many volunteers from each elementary school who helped out. We appreciate the support of all the vendors and sponsors who help us continue to grow this community event!

Our first school store was highly successful! We had a great turnout of volunteers. Your children were so eager to show me what they picked out. It is a fun opportunity for our students and I'm grateful we have Heather and Gina as leaders this year, and lots of volunteers to make this run smoothly for our children.

On Friday, 4th and 5th grades were visited by UNH's STEM AMBASSADORS who lead grade level collaborative teams in several science and engineering-based activities. Check out what they did on our Facebook page!

A new school "tradition" starts this week at North Salem, called PANTHER S-PAW-TLIGHT, that will run throughout the school year. The purpose is to recognize EVERY child for being a part of our community. One child per classroom (K will join in later this year) will be featured and recognized. Each student will fill out an ALL ABOUT ME poster that will be displayed for the week. We'll highlight a few of those students each day over the intercom. SPAWTLIGHT Panthers have a few special school and class privileges that include sitting anywhere they want at lunch, wearing a hat for a day in school, etc. SPAWLIGHTED Panthers will wear a wristband for all to see that identifies them as the featured Panthers of the week.

Harvest Fest is fast approaching! Volunteers will put this special family event together Friday night and Saturday for our Sunday event that goes from 2-6. Worried about missing the Pats game? Don't be! We're working on streaming it during the event which will feature food, an ongoing animal show, ALL NEW carnival games, a blow up corn maze, TONS of raffles, and just an all around fun harvest time event. Join us for 1, 2, or the whole 4 hours!

CLIX really got our photos out to us quickly! I hope that you are happy with the product.

Monday ALL students will participate in Bus Evacuation drills at the start of the day - even those who get dropped off by families. Please keep this in mind and consider dropping your child off a little earlier than usual.

Again, as the weather gets cooler, I beg of you - PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE put your child's initials in his/her outerwear. Our LOST collection is growing already!

September ends today. With the shine off of the apple, time spent getting to know one another, many assessments completed, and expectations established, students and staff are settling into consistent learning routines and schedules. It's a good feeling.

Regards,

Janice