



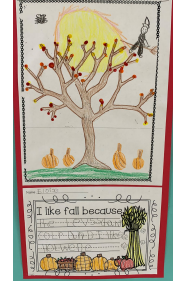
A new day is a new opportunity to make something happen!

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“It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness.” - Seneca

Noticing the Good Stuff: A Suggested Practice by Sherri Spelic from the Cult of Pedagogy



Behind the Scenes Last week the 21-22 Budget process formally kicked off with a joint Board of Finance, Board of Education, and Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss budget goals. At the meeting we expressed our gratitude for financial support for all of our safety measures this year. We anticipate COVID expenses to be around \$500K for the year. To date, we've received reimbursement for \$200K leaving us \$300K to cover. I am hopeful we will receive another round of federal funding for these expenses. Our town Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen expressed their support of funding to see us through the year. We are very grateful for their support. While we continue to monitor our expenses for this year, we are also building the budget for next year. The biggest challenge of the budget process is planning for the continuation of COVID expenses with all of the uncertainty you can imagine exists. The next step of the budget process is to review all of the budget requests, existing contracts, and grants.

As we close out the month of October this week, all eyes are on Halloween this upcoming Saturday. I am looking forward to celebrating with my two young monsters at home. While Halloween may look different this year, there will still be costumes and candy. The CDC has put out this very handy [Holiday Celebration Guidance](#). While I am finding it a bit sad that our regular family Thanksgiving gathering will be altered this year, I am trying to look at it as a challenge. Half of the challenge is keeping a positive mindset! #ThanksgivingChallenge #FindJoy #MindsetMatters

Professional Development Corner When you stop comparing yourself to others, you can accomplish great things, says wheelchair athlete Dean Furness. In this [TED Talks Daily](#) he shares how, after losing the use of his legs in an accident, he discovered a powerful new mindset focused on redefining his "personal average" and getting better little by little.



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