



# Antrim Elementary School

Photographs of artwork displayed during AES's Spring Festival

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may be aware, on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, the ConVal School Board approved the nomination of Mr. John Jordan as the Interim Principal for Antrim Elementary School and Pierce School for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Jordan has approximately 12 years of experience as an Assistant Principal and Principal, currently holds a Master's degree in Educational Administration, and has a New Hampshire Principal's Certification.

John began his experiences in the field of education as a full-time substitute teacher while attending evening classes at Westfield State College. He was a business administration major, but he had second thoughts about his career in business after working with the diverse population of students in the Holyoke Public Schools. While substitute teaching, the principal of the elementary school offered him a position as a one to one paraprofessional in the Behaviorally Involved Group (BIG) classroom. As time passed, he continued as a special education paraprofessional in mainstream classrooms while attending night school and gaining valuable insight and experience in the field of education. John graduated from Westfield State College and was hired at the Elementary School as a Grade One Teacher. Over the years he continued his education by obtaining a Master's Degree from the University of Massachusetts. He moved on to be the Assistant Principal in Holyoke and now, currently, the Principal.

As an instructional leader, John believes strongly in exhibiting personal and professional integrity, modeling professionalism in daily practice, and reflecting on his practices and decisions with a focus on improvement. Because John has worked in a variety of school positions, he values and respects every individual in the building regardless of his/her role and can appreciate the importance of the role they play in the education of all our students.

John will officially start on July 1, 2016. We will be inviting him to visit both schools to meet staff and students before the end of the year. We hope that we will also be able to offer a Meet and Greet event for parents before the end of the school year.

Sincerely,  
*Ann Allwarden*



Murals created by students and staff with Artisit-in-Residence, Mark Ragonese

## A.E.S.

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### Mark your calendars:

**March 21-April 1**

Cans Can Help Food Drive

**March 25**

Assembly @ 9:10am

Presenter: Kindergarten

**March 31**

Gr. K to Stonewall Farm

**April 1**

End of Quarter 3

Assembly @ 9:10am

Presenter: Grade 4

**April 4-15**

State Testing for

Grades 3 & 4 (*Additional information on the state testing will be sent home this week.*)

**April 8**

No Assembly

**April 11-15**

New Hampshire Dance

Institute Residency (NHDI)

**April 12**

PTO Meeting @ 7pm

**April 15**

No Assembly

NHDI Performance @ 6pm  
in GBS Gym

Report Cards Go Home

**April 18-22**

Spring Recess

**April 29**

Assembly @ 9:10am