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Outdoor Recreation (Darron Laughland): Our guest speakers enriched the curriculum with diverse insights in this quarter's Introduction to Outdoor Recreation (OR) class. Four Attitash Mountain (Vail Resorts) staff members had an engaging discussion with students about the ski industry. Bill Aughton from the Mountain Rescue Service explored the perilous world of mountain rescuers and delved into wilderness medicine topics. Jeanne Twehaus, our school nurse, shared her expertise in wilderness first aid. Matt Coughlan with Recon Trails provided valuable perspectives on trail construction, and students actively participated in trail work near the school. Field trips encompassed a broad spectrum, from a visit to AMC Dodge Camp, exploring the history of recreation in the White Mountains and trail building, to an adventurous day of whitewater kayaking with guides from Great Glen Trails. The curriculum focused on essential skills such as strokes, boat control, river hydrology, self-rescue, and river safety. Before the break, Erik Samia, an alum of KHS and a representative from the AMC, conducted sessions on trail-building techniques and ax safety while also imparting valuable knowledge on fire building, wilderness first aid, cooking with cast iron pie skillets, and discussing the impacts of population on recreation resources. The class delved into various topics, including knots, map reading, wilderness first aid, and team building. In January, the agenda includes an exciting ice climbing adventure with International Mountain Guides, lessons on *Leave No Trace* camping skills, and a historical overview of outdoor recreation in the United States.

PLEASE view video through this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUOL_rPHBBU





Teacher Education (Kelley Murphy): Just before the break, our third- and fourth-year students had an enriching experience with our Pine Tree kindergarten buddies during our annual Gingerbread Adventure. This event provided a unique opportunity for Teacher Education students to witness authentic learning in action from the perspective of a kindergartner. A notable addition this year was our involvement in planning the community event, and we had the privilege of hosting everyone for lunch at Mineral Spring Cafe. The culinary delights, featuring chicken tenders, potato wedges, and cheese pizza prepared by our Culinary students, contributed to the overall success of this memorable occasion.



Health Occupations of America (HOSA) (Pam Clay-Storm): HOSA students participated in the Learn How to Save a Life program on December 12th, hosted by the University of Rhode Island at the Pope Memorial Library. The program featured an outstanding presentation covering drug myths and facts, overdose response, and training on the administration of naloxone.



STEM Aviation (Joe Riddensdale): Students conducted a drone presentation at Jackson Grammar School, led by Jack Calderwood. The presentation included a slideshow and an outdoor demonstration in the parking lot, where the students observed the drone in flight. To engage the students further, one flew the drone up to 400' and captured a picture of Mount Washington. Concluding the session, Jack took a photo of the students and faculty. Additionally, students from the program successfully piloted a drone from Aroma Joe's to Kennett High School, delivering a medium hot macchiato. The focus has shifted to learning the programming skills necessary to guide the drone autonomously along a pre-programmed flight path.

