

White Wing School Annual Report 2011-2012

The School Board for White Wing is comprised of church members and parents of children at White Wing School. Members of this year's Board include Amy Savoie (Chair), Gillian Hinkle (Treasurer), Betsy Moore (Secretary), Sarah Belanger, Jennifer Berube, Hilary Keating, Michelle Lanier, Julie Reilly, and Sarah Widhu. Deb Castonguay continues to serve as the school's director.

White Wing School is a non-sectarian, non-profit preschool and kindergarten offering programs for children from two years old to six. We offer a developmentally based curriculum, and our program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

White Wing School enrolls up to 94 students and employs 7 teachers, our Office Manager, Kim Coumas and our Director, Deb Castonguay.

White Wing School undertook a significant capital improvement project this year. The first stage of improvements to the play space was achieved with the addition of the new climbing structure in the playground adjacent to the parking lot. There will be future improvements to the play space in front of the school facing Lowell St.

Since Hudson instituted public kindergarten, White Wing has been seeking to retain students from Hudson in our kindergarten program. To that end, we have adopted the Scott Foresman Reading Street curriculum which is used by the public schools in Nashua and Hudson.

Under the guidance of Gillian Hinkle, our treasurer, we have undergone a significant revision of how we report the management of our money. We have undergone an internal audit of QuickBooks and established new processes which ensure transparency in day to day operations. We have also moved the scholarship fund and PAWWS money (Parents at White Wing School) from our operating account and into separate accounts of their own which is a non-profit best practice.

The Donna Purkhiser Scholarship fund allowed White Wing School to welcome 7 children to our school who would not have otherwise been able to attend. The Scholarship Committee, led by Victoria Agnew, distributed \$7000 to these families. We face the challenge for the next school year of having a smaller scholarship fund and more applicants.

Two members of the Board will be stepping down and we would like to thank them for their contributions to White Wing: Michelle Lanier and Mary Merkel. Next year we are looking forward to Julie Reilly filling the Vice-Chair position.