

# M L DAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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To the Citizens of Arundel:

Thank you for this opportunity to once again share news of the progress Arundel students have made over the past academic year.

Mildred L. Day School is filled with talented and energetic students, along with a dedicated and skilled staff, leading to outcomes that continue to be impressive when compared with Maine averages. Over the past four years, M.L. Day students have improved their performance on statewide math assessments significantly, moving into the top quartile in the state. Most recently, more than 73% of third- and fourth-graders, and more than 80% of fifth-graders met or exceeded the standards in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). At the same time, these students have made community service a regular and vital part of their time at school and at home. In February, the students donated more than 2000 items to the local food pantry and animal shelter, while continuing their outstanding participation in the Jump Rope for Heart and Pennies for Patients campaigns.

One exciting new initiative at M.L. Day School is the rapidly-expanding robotics program. With grants from the Perloff Foundation, students as young as grade 2 are now building and programming robots, and participating in robotics track meets to show off their skills. The Education Foundation of the Kennebunks and Arundel and the MLD PTA generously support various initiatives as well,

including programming from the Heartwood College of Art and productions at Merrill Auditorium in Portland.

The citizens of the RSU continue to support upgrades to the school facility. In just the past few years we have been able to provide new furniture in the library, ipads in every classroom, an improved technology infrastructure, and upgrades to the heating and cooling system. We are now hopeful that a referendum in November 2014 will result in a renovation of the facility to address the long-standing concern of continued settling of the eastern wing of the structure. Please stay tuned to our website ([www.rsu21.net](http://www.rsu21.net)) for updates on the planning process for that vote.

I would like to recognize Dr. Kevin Crowley and the staff at Mildred L. Day for the outstanding efforts they have made to prepare Arundel's students for continued success at the middle and high school level and beyond. Whether those students attend Kennebunk High School, Thornton Academy, Biddeford High School, or any number of other schools, we can be assured that the staff at Mildred L. Day has prepared them well for the challenges to come.



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