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**Dear Parents:** 

It has been a while since I have written a letter and thought it was time to update you on all the excellent educational experiences going on here at Stratton School. If you haven't been to the Website/Facebook page lately, I would encourage you to check it out as you will see numerous examples of good teaching and learning. Several that come to mind include the Martin Luther King posters and writings by the Kindergarten, worm gardening with the 1st and 4th Graders, squid dissection, and the February VIP wall shared by Ms. Osganian.

On another note, I have been in class with the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders the past several weeks listening to their well written persuasive essays. Students were asked to select a school related topic, support it with factual information and orally present it to their classmates and staff. This exercise not only worked on writing skills but also emphasized presenting solutions to issues important to them. A great exercise in civic responsibility that we could use more of.

Stratton School will continue the ski program at the mountain for a couple more weeks, weather permitting. These ski lessons are part of our academic day and embrace our school's mission of experiential learning opportunities for students and staff. I want to thank Sugarloaf for their continued support.

Updating the COVID news, we have been fortunate because of the continued efforts of our school community. As tiring as these efforts are, they have worked and the vaccination opportunities are finally getting closer. I am looking forward to getting mine sometime this month.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Sincerely,

Barry O. London

Principal/Assistant Superintendent



Come grow with us!