

February 22, 2012

## Upcoming Dates

**February 27- March 2** February Vacation

**March 8** PTA Meeting,  
Library 6:30 pm

**March 21** Delayed Opening, 10:55am

**March 29** Literacy Night, 6-7:30pm



(picture above: Chandler Bullard of Northeast Passage presents wheelchair activities to Dondero School students)

## Northeast Passage to Dondero!

During the week of February 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>, Chandler Bullard of Northeast Passage came to Dondero School to allow each student in every physical education class the opportunity to wheel around in his own shoes. Bullard is a paraplegic, who shares his own means of transportation with others. Each class quickly learned how to maneuver their wheelchairs and was able to play cooperative games such as high-five freeze tag, taco tag, and ranger tag. Grades 3-5 even got to play wheelchair basketball and handball. Students rolled around the physical education room to learn about diversity. The wheelchairs in physical education class were the talk of the school all week. Many staff and faculty members even took advantage of this unique learning opportunity.

Northeast Passage is a privately funded program of the University of New Hampshire. Northeast Passage's mission is to create an environment where individuals with disabilities can enjoy recreation with the same freedom of choice, quality of life, and independence as their non-disabled peers. At the end of each lesson Bullard would ask each class if wheelchair bound people could participate in sports and every student would unanimously agree that they can after experiencing it. This truly was a great opportunity for students to play and learn at the same time

## Donors Choose Dondero!

In an effort to better teach the "21<sup>st</sup> century learner", Linda George is looking to add a new 42" Plasma tv to the library's media teaching tools. Through the organization Donors Choose, Ms. George has set up a site to allow people the ability to donate to this cause. Please visit <http://www.donorschoose.org/lindageorge> to see more information about how Ms. George plans to integrate the new television into the school's media program. With the help of several donors already \$167 has been raised, though \$389 is still needed.

If you are able to help with this goal please visit to <http://www.donorschoose.org/lindageorge>