Dear ConVal District Families,

It is unfortunate that the Children and the Arts Committee will be unable to host our annual Lantern Parade this December due to Covid restrictions. We have, however, come up with an alternative plan to **LIGHT UP** the Monadnock Region during the weekend of December 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

The theme will be "Home Sweet Home" and the plan is twofold.

1. We are asking families to create lanterns that they will display outside their own homes. We'd LOVE to see pictures of those lanterns. Photos can be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:childrenandarts@gmail.com">childrenandarts@gmail.com</a>, PM via Facebook to Children and the Arts Festival, or post on Instagram. If you tag us with #lightupmonadnock anyone will be able to see the lanterns around the region by following the hashtag.

You can search the internet for LOTS of easy lantern-making ideas. Make a lantern (or 5 or 10!) and hang it/them outside your home during the first week of December.

(You will want to purchase long-lasting LED lights. We've found them at One Hundred Candles <a href="https://www.100candles.com">https://www.100candles.com</a> Or, you may find them somewhere else.)

2. A group of artists and community members will be creating an installation at Putnam Park in Peterborough. Families will be invited to wander through the park during evening hours (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) to enjoy the illuminated creation. (To keep everyone safe, masks will be REQUIRED while strolling through the park.)

Questions? Need ideas? Please email Jeannie Connolly at <a href="mailto:jayconn@comcast.net">jayconn@comcast.net</a>

We have our fingers crossed for TONS of family participation.

We can all use a little light in our worlds right now!

Let's LIGHT UP the MONADNOCK REGION!

The Children and the Arts Committee