

KES Newsletter

Volume 5

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Dates to Remember

October 24
KES Grade 6 & Killington
Recreation Dept. Halloween
Party and Haunted House
5:30 - 7 PM

End of First Marking Period

October 27
Deadline for Candy Drop to
help Pittsfield meet their "Trick
or Treat" crowds

October 28
Art Garage @ Roger Clark
Memorial Library 3:30 - 5 PM

Advance Directive Workshop
@Plymouth Schoolhouse
Activity Center 5:30-7PM

November 3
Killington Art Guild Making
Greeting Cards 6 - 8 PM
@Sherburne Memorial Library

November 7
KES School Board Meets
@8:15 AM @ KES

November 10 & 11
KES Students Noon Dismissal

Parent/Teacher Conferences
during afternoons

KES Free Winter
Clothing/Gear Swap @Dining
Hall during afternoons

November 13
KES Community Thanksgiving
Luncheon

November 26-28
Thanksgiving Recess/No
Classes

December 5
Festival of Trees
KES students perform @5PM

December 16
KES Holiday Concert @ 6:30
PM

December 22-January 2
Holiday Recess/No Classes

January 5
Classes Resume

Parent Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences are right around the corner: the afternoons of Monday, November 10th and Tuesday, November 11th. Use the ABCs to get the most out of your parent/teacher conferences. Here's how:

A - Ask questions. Before the conference, jot down a list of questions you have considered. Bring the list with you to the conference. Questions you might ask include the following: What will my child learn this year? What are my child's strengths and needs? How does my child get along with peers? How can I support my child in being a successful learner?

B - Be honest. You know things about your child that can help the teacher help your child learn best. Share what you know. Share your child's likes and dislikes, share problems and concerns. If parents are arguing at home or a family member lost a job, it is likely your child is worrying about this at school.

C - Cooperate. A teacher may share a concern about your child during the conference. If this happens, work with the teacher to come up with a plan to address it. You and the teacher both want what is best for your child. Decide what you will do at home and how the teacher will help your child at school. Set a future date to meet and review how the plan is working. (Elementary school parents make the difference! vol. 21, no. 3, November 2009, p. 1)

Look for conference sign-up information to come home with your child in the next week. Remember, due to conferences, children will be dismissed from school at noon on November 10th and 11th.

Thanksgiving Lunch Invitation to Parents

Please join us for the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at KES on Thursday, November 13th. We will have two seatings in order to accommodate all of our students and families. Families whose child's last name begins with A - H will enjoy lunch from 11:50 am - 12:30 pm. Families whose child's last name begins with I-Z will enjoy lunch from 12:40 - 1:10 pm. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per adult meal, and each family usually brings a pie to share. Feel free to drop pies off in our kitchen anytime on Thursday morning. Parking can be a little tricky because we keep the playground open to our students for recess. Many people park on Schoolhouse Road. Please call us if you have any questions, and remember to mark your calendars!

Environmental Learning Continues at KES

An exploration of ecosystems will take place in all KES classrooms throughout the year under the guidance of our Four Winds Environmental Learning volunteers. Children will learn that organisms in an ecosystem depend upon other things - both living and non-living - for food and various needs. Children will be asked to think about the interactions of organisms with each other and their environment: how energy flows from the sun to plants to animals, how plants and animals are linked in a food web, and how matter cycles through organisms and back into soil. The following titles establish the focus for each monthly lesson presented to students: Signs of Leaf-Eaters, Life in the Dirt, Leaf Litter, Snags and Rotting Logs, Squirrel Tales, Staying Warm, Woodland Deer, Forest Birds, Stream Life, Pond Life.

Thank you to Annie Masillo for coordinating Four Winds lessons, materials, and the volunteer corps, and thank you to the following individuals for teaching new and exciting lessons to our students: Courtney Desena, Tyler Gugliotta, Liz Cotter, Francesca Whyte, Jennifer Iannantuoni, Wilbur Abrams, Laura McKenna, Erin Webster, Annie Masillo, Stephanie Kowalczyk, and Shari Borzekowki.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

Help Us Keep KES Kids Safe!

Last year, the KES community in conjunction with the national Safe Routes To School program worked out a safe and efficient traffic flow pattern for morning drop off and afternoon pick up times to ensure the safety of all children by minimizing conflicts between students and vehicles.

1. The curb in front of the school is for live parking only - parents should not leave their vehicles. This ensures that children walking in without parents do not need to interact with traffic at all. If parents park here and leave their vehicles for a while, then drop off parents end up double parking and we have gridlock as well as children walking between cars, which we do not want.
2. There is no parking of any type beyond the cones at the walkway to the Kids' Kingdom Island. This area is for the bus only. Do not block access to this area.
3. Parents walking in with students should park along the Kids' Kingdom Island - parallel along the right side of the drive between the Kingdom and the Sugar Shack Island or head -in behind the Kingdom. Please leave enough space along the Kingdom to walk with your children. We prefer to have everyone walking inside of the row of cars instead of in the roadway, again to minimize conflicts between people and vehicles.
4. Please do not park anywhere along the Sugar Shack Island.

Thank you for your cooperation - over the past year this plan has resulted in a smoother, safer drop off area! If you have additional suggestions, or would like to join the Safe Routes to School Group, please let me know!

Jenn Conley, jconley@conleyassociates.com
Safe Routes to School Coordinator

Second Grade News

Caterpillars Are Not Pets By Leo Durney

Hi, my name is Leo. One sunny day, we went to find caterpillars. Caterpillars are creatures that squirm around. My whole class got a caterpillar. Matt found one and Elle said, "You did?" Kingston found one, too!

We took care of them. We fed them. If you have a caterpillar, you do not name it because it is not a pet.

Next, you feed it, and feed it, and feed it. They play and play. Then they fell asleep. When will they wake up?

After that, you watch it grow.

Finally, we let them go. I felt sad because we had them for so long and I wish I could see them turn into a butterfly or moth.

Watching Caterpillars

By Gavin Barmore

One sunny day the class and I found caterpillars. They were fuzzy and funny, too!

Two weeks later they grew. We fed them a lot. Four weeks later the caterpillars were more than three inches long.

We watched and watched and watched and then I couldn't watch anymore. Thirty-three days later, we let them go. I was sad that we had to let them go.

Our Caterpillars

By Elle Molalley

Hi, my name is Elle. This is a true story. It was a sunny day. My class was going outside in the field. Matthew found a caterpillar. We were excited!

First, we got recyclable containers. We put our caterpillars in our jars that Mrs. Laird gave us.

Next, we looked in our jars. We saw that the caterpillar was eating the leaves. The caterpillars looked like little balls because they were curled up.

After that, we looked in our jars again. We saw waste. Some of us couldn't find our caterpillars. My caterpillar was on a leaf.

We watched our caterpillars for days and days and days. Finally, we were going to let them go. We went outside. We let them go in the soccer field. It was fun finding caterpillars!

Roger Clark Memorial Library News

Annual Halloween Candy Drop Time!

We know you love Halloween in Pittsfield. Please help Pittsfield's Roger Clark Memorial Library make it a little bit more fun for EVERYONE. Drop donations of trick-or-treat candy at the Pitt-Stop, at the front desk at the Killington Elementary school, or at the Pittsfield Library by October 27th. We will divide it up and distribute it among homes that traditionally welcome trick-or-treaters by October 28th.

BOO! it's The ART Garage @ Roger Clark Memorial Library

Tuesday Oct. 28th 2014 3:30-5:00 pm

Join Traci and the ART Garage for another creepy- crawly, up-cycle CRAFT extravaganza on Tuesday, October 28th at Roger Clark Memorial Library. Together, we will bring the Spirit of this Spooky season to the Library. Crafting Halloween-ish fun for you and decorating the library for its Annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat BOO give-away. See you at the Library-Let's do ART! Please sign up at pittsfieldvtlibrary@gmail.com.

Killington Art Guild

Killington Arts Guild Program "Greeting Card Making" with Lauren Wilder
November 3, 6:00-8:00 PM

The Sherburne Memorial Library, River Road, Killington VT

This will be an interactive evening to explore your own creative instincts

and generate greeting cards to send to family and friends for special occasions or for everyday wishes. Some materials will be provided; participants can bring a pair of scissors and glue and any small trinkets and/or fancy papers they may have.
For further information contact Lauren at 802-299-1777 or orlwldr@gmail.com.

KES Families' FREE Winter Clothing/Gear Swap

Once again, the KES parent group, the KEEPERS, will manage the FREE winter gear swap during Parent/Teacher conferences on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, November 10th and 11th. Winter clothing and sports gear will be available for families to choose from along with some advice from our seasoned parent volunteers. Come join us and ask what your child might need for the KES Trailblazer Ski and Ride program, which begins in January. All students need equipment and warm clothing in order to participate.

If you have equipment or clothing your children have outgrown, we'll accept donations on Monday morning, November 7th, at 8 am, in the KES dining hall. Come to the swap to find items your child will need for a cold and snowy winter!

Advance Directive Workshop

You're invited to learn about the Advance Directive form and have questions answered - free of charge! Join us in learning about the VT Advance Directive form with speaker Betsy Burghardt, MA, CMC, Director of Case Management, MAHHC.

Tuesday, October 28th, 2014, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Plymouth Schoolhouse Activity Center, 35 Schoolhouse Road, Plymouth, VT. All are welcome so bring a friend!

RSVP: ohf@sover.net or 802-457-4188. A light supper will be served. First come, first served.

This workshop is brought to you by the Ottauquechee Health Foundation in partnership with the Plymouth Schoolhouse Activity Center.

Contribute to Children in the Dominican Republic

Contact Dallas Cox, 603-369-8086, if you are able to donate soccer cleats and/or over the counter medicine (expired is okay) to children in the town of Batey, D.R. Donations will be delivered to the children between December 2-7.

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