

KES Newsletter

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February 5, 2016

Dates to Remember

February 6
Harry Potter Book Morning
@Sherburne Memorial
Library 10-noon

February 8
Blood Drive
Pittsfield Town Hall
11:00 - 4:00

February 11
School Board Meets
@8:15AM @KES

Trailblazers' Ski/Ride week 5

February 12
Valentine Cookie Decorating
@Sherburne Mem. Library
3:15pm

February 15-19
Winter Recess/No Classes

February 16, 17, 18, 19
Sherburne Memorial Library
1-3 PM

Tuesday: Board Game Day
Wednesday: Movie Day
Thursday: Paint & Sip
Friday: Minute to Win It

February 22
Girls On The Run Open
Registration @ KES
Computer Lab 3-3:30 PM

February 25
Trailblazers' Ski/Ride week 6

February 29
In-Service/No Classes

Killington School District
Meeting and Vote @KES @

Town of Killington
Informational Meeting @KES
@

March 1
Voting Day for Town Budget
Australian Ballot @
Killington Town Hall

March 3
Trailblazers' Ski/Ride week 7

March 10
School Board of Directors'
Meeting @KES @8:15AM

Trailblazers' Ski/Ride week 8

March 13
Auditions @ Chandler for
Anything Goes

March 14
Girls On The Run Begins

March 17
Final week of Trailblazers'



Trailblazer News

The KES Trailblazers' program has just completed the fourth week of skiing and riding and we are looking forward to the remaining five weeks to continue learning to love this winter sport! The tenacity of many volunteers does not fail to make sure KES students are equipped with hard goods and appropriate instruction and supervision. Many thanks go to Ray Rice and Andrew McKenna for fitting skis and boots on a moment's notice so that all of our students were ready to ski. Also, many thank yous to Rebecca Claffey, hard goods sherpa, Killington/KES liaison Eunice MacDonald Rice, Adaptive Ski and Sports, Killington Ski Resort and Leslie Guth, Surefoot, Peak Performance, Skiology, and all of our committed faculty, staff, and volunteers for continuing to support this worthwhile program.



Kind Hearts at KES

February is friendship month and KES students are ready and willing to celebrate! Each day for the remainder of the month of February, students

Ski/Ride program

April 11-15
Spring Recess/No Classes

May 3
KES Spring Concert
@6:30PM @ KES gym

are encouraged to notice others demonstrating random acts of kindness. Students are encouraged to describe an act of kindness that they have either witnessed or, that they have received by another KES student(s), by writing them on designated "kindness tickets." These acts of kindness must represent kindness that is above and beyond our daily expectations. For example, a simple hello in the hallway is a polite greeting that we expect from each other. However, if the friendly hello is from a peer who has not been as kind and friendly as they could have been lately, and they are trying to patch up a friendship, that act of kindness is worthy of writing down on a kindness ticket. Kindness tickets will be collected in a box outside the principal's office. Each day I will review the tickets and, students who have demonstrated appropriate kindness at KES will receive a heart with their name on it, which will be displayed in the school.

I encourage all KES students to make February a month of being respectful, responsible, safe, and extra kind in everything they do!

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Introducing the KES Green Team!

Sixth graders Alex Rice, Austin Clarke, Evan Joaquin, and Lilly Kowalczyk are leaders of the KES Green Team. They have developed two goals for all students at KES this year:

To reduce the amount that we throw away and consume
To reduce the amount of electricity and energy that we use

The Green Team will be educating students at KES about the importance of these goals and giving everyone a challenge each week. For example, we recently had a "Waste Free Lunch" on Wednesday, where we reduced the amount of trash we threw away by 50%. Next week, the Green Team will be planning a "Hibernation Vacation," where we unplug all electronic devices during February vacation. (We will unplug because some devices drain electricity, even when turned off! This will save electricity, and money.)

Stay tuned for more information and challenges from the Green Team!

Girls On The Run by Ms. Murray, Grade 4 Educator

Thanks to Anna Molalley, Jessica Fuster, Jess Langlois, and Kara Stickney for offering to assist in the program! Any support you can provide is appreciated greatly by all of the girls.

Dates for Your Calendar:

- Sessions will be held from 3:00-4:15 on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Sessions will be held the weeks of: March 14th-May 30th.

Registration:

- Registration packets will be handed out next week. They are due back by Friday, February 26th.
- We will host a registration afternoon on Monday, February 22nd from 3:00-3:30 in the K.E.S. computer lab.
- If folks need help registering, or have questions about Girls on the Run, please stop by.

Miss Murray and Mrs. Getty are very excited to work with the girls at K.E.S. this year. We look forward to this year's program!

GEO Bee News

"For an energy boost, visitors plunge into ice holes in frozen lakes in a country with Helsinki as its capital. Name this European country. Runners travel more than 150 miles in an annual desert race called the Gobi march. This race takes place in which Asian country?"

Sixth graders answered questions like these in their annual Geo Bee, sponsored by National Geographic. Congratulations to Otto Nisimblat, winner of the KES Geo Bee, and to all students who participated. Otto will advance to the state geo bee at Middlebury College later this year. Good luck, Otto!

Summer SOAK News by Sherry Soua, WCSU Director of Instructional Support Services

This is just a reminder that the 2016 Summer SOAK participation and medical forms are now available on our registration site. These need to be received by the WCSU prior to registration which begins on March 14th. Also, you will be able to find our scholarship application on the WCSU Summer SOAK site (<http://www.wcsu.net/summer-soak>). Different from last year, a form will need to be completed by parents in order to receive scholarship money. If you have any questions about the forms or the process, please contact your school.

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Theater Opportunity at Chandler Music Hall

Next summer's youth musical at Chandler will be *Anything Goes*. Auditions are scheduled for Sunday March 6 for teen lead roles and Sunday March 13 for elementary and teen chorus roles. Performances will be held on the main stage at Chandler Music Hall in Randolph on June 30 through July 3. On- and off-stage opportunities are available to students ages 7 through 18. Students wishing to audition should contact Emily Crosby at outreach@chandler-arts.org by the end of February as preparation for auditions is necessary. Deadline for registration is March 2. Registration and audition fees will be charged and partial scholarship assistance is available.

The directing team for this production includes Kim Nowlan Hathaway, Charlie McMeekin and Billy Ray Poli. *Anything Goes* is presented with

special permission by Tams-Whitmark. The age-old tale of boy-meets-girl and the complications which ensue intrigue every audience, and no musical puts it on stage better than *Anything Goes*.

Cole Porter's score include It's De-Lovely, Friendship, I Get a Kick Out of You, All Through the Night, Anything Goes, You're the Top, and Blow, Gabriel, Blow.

Contact: Emily Crosby, 802-431-0204, outreach@chandler-arts.org
Chandler Center for the Arts, 71-73 Main Street, Randolph VT

For more information about youth offerings at Chandler, please visit www.chandler-arts.org

Sherburne Memorial Library News

Celebrate Harry Potter Book Night at Sherburne Library!

Join us Saturday, February 6th from 10am to noon for a fun morning of spells, games, and prizes. All ages are welcome! Wear your best Harry Potter costume or wizarding robes!

Student Council News

The Student Council is once again planning the Mathathon, a fundraiser to benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. During the Mathathon, students complete math problems in math Fun Books, and raise money for the hospital. Killington Elementary students have participated in this event for the past 23 years, and have raised over \$57,000 for this worthy cause. The Student Council will host an assembly next Wednesday, February 10th, where they will distribute all materials and instructions. All students are to complete the Mathathon Fun Books, which contain math problems. They should work on these problems over February vacation, and begin to collect sponsors. Please look in your child's backpack next week for additional information.

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