

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

September 23
VT Fairy Tale Festival
@ Sherburne Library
10 AM - 4PM

September 25, 26, 27, & 28
Grade 6 to Marsh Billings
Rockefeller National
Historic Park (MBRNHP)
8:20 AM - 2:30 PM

September 27
K/1 to Billings Farm
8:20 AM - 2:30 PM

Parents and community are invited to meet the WCSU Superintendent, Mary Beth Banios @KES @ 2:15 PM

September 29
Grade 2 to MBRNHP
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

September 30
Boy Scout Information Day
Grades 1 and up
East End Park, Woodstock
9-10:30 AM

October 2
Marek Bennett

October 9
Columbus Day/No Classes

October 13
9 AM WCSU Spelling Bee
@WUHS

October 17
Managing Social Media
Free Parenting Class
@KES Library 5:30-7pm
Childcare Provided

Student Council Elections

Students in grades 1 through 6, faculty and guests, were treated to well written and delivered speeches from the Student Council officer candidates on Thursday morning. Elections followed and congratulations are in order for the following newly elected officials:

President: Paige Fieldhouse
Vice President: Elle Molalley
Treasurer: Nick Harrison
Recorder: Olivia Grasso

All candidates who run for office are winners as they grow from the experience and provide positive role models for others with their creative posters, speeches, and school spirit.

Program Presentation Night Thank You

Thank you to the many families who shared side dishes at our barbecue and attended Program Presentation Night. A special shout out to our grill masters, Chuck Claffey, Jayson Evans, and Sean Gallagher.

Valuable information was shared by the KEEPERS, the Sherburne Memorial Library, Four Winds, and the After School program. The collaboration of all these entities enriches the KES student experience.

Students and teachers enjoyed the opportunity to introduce the community to their individual classrooms. Participation in this event is indicative of how important our community values our children's education.

Helping Us Keep KES Kids Safe!

The new cones and no parking signs are on display on the KES campus and we thank you for your diligence in following the pick up and drop off rules.

We ask that you continue to only live drop in the fire lane directly in front of the school and that you go to a designated parking spot if you plan to exit your vehicle.

Please be mindful of your speed on Schoolhouse Rd. (25 mph) and the school campus (slower please). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we partner in keeping children safe.

Meet Mary Beth Banios, WCSU Superintendent

Parents/Guardians are invited to Killington Elementary School for a meet and greet with Mary Beth Banios, Superintendent of Windsor Central Supervisory Union, on September 27th, from 2:15 PM until 3:00 PM in the cafeteria.

This is an opportune time to get to know WCSU's new superintendent. She is excited to meet the school community and is looking forward to working with all of us to provide the excellent education that we all expect for our children.

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

You're Invited: Vermont Fairy Tale Festival is Tomorrow!
by Jane Ramos, Library Director

Come one, come all! The Vermont Fairy Tale Festival is this weekend at the Sherburne Memorial Library!



Over 20 libraries, 2 storytellers, 2 artists, and a handful of local vendors will be here to encourage you to fall in love with all things fairy tale!

Costumed characters will be roaming the grounds for photo opportunities and the Vikings of Ullr will be here to do sword and group fighting demonstrations. The event is free with a non-perishable food item for the food bank or an item for the humane society.

We're especially excited because the after-school program at KES put together three of the most amazing fairy houses for the festival! One will be on display on the festival grounds on Saturday. The other two, along with some beautiful fairy chairs, will be on display at Gifford Woods State Park. They will be placed on the trail along with a StoryWalk entitled "Stella, Fairy of the Forest." The houses and StoryWalk will be available to view from Saturday through the Columbus Day weekend.

Join us this weekend for a fun-filled day of stories, crafts and merriment! The event is scheduled from 10-4.

Would You Like To Teach Science at KES?



The Four Winds program has gotten off to a "buggy" start. Our theme for this school year is Life Cycles, and we will explore a topic related to that theme throughout the year. In September, parents are taking classes outside to investigate insects and learn about their stages of metamorphosis.

Each month, parent volunteers engage your children in a hands-on, nature-based science program. The children get to see that parents care about learning, nature, science and most of all...them! It is a rare opportunity to be in the classroom with your children. And the materials presented support the Next Generation Science Standards and the Common Core State Standards.

Thank you to the parents who make this program possible! Laura McKenna, Jody Keefe, Laura Almeda, Rebecca Claffey, Kristina Tooker, and Scott Harvey.

We are looking for parent volunteers in the Kindergarten, First and Second grade classrooms. Our next Four Winds training is Thursday, October 5th at 8:15am in the Specials Room.

**Please contact Annie Masillo if you would like to participate in this amazing program: acmasillo@gmail.com.

And don't forget to ask your children what they learned in Four Winds this month!

Afterschool Program News by Shayna Kalnitsky, Director



The KES Afterschool Program (ASP) is off to a great start this year. Following dismissal at last bell, we head down to the cafeteria for a healthy snack. Favorites are chips and salsa, carrots and sun butter, veggie chips, watermelon and apples. After snack, kids are thrilled to have more time to enjoy the playground before beginning special activities such as: hiking the nature trail, creating erupting volcanoes, making balloon racers and stress balls, and crazy relays and obstacle courses in the gym. The afternoon wouldn't be complete without getting homework done before parents arrive.

Special events coming up in September and October include Jr. Police Academy with Officer Whit, more trail walks and fort building, arts and crafts activities, campfire building and s'mores, gym time, and STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and math) days. If you have a special talent or area of expertise, please consider spending a day with us to share your knowledge with the kids.

Guidance News

Parents, take note... a series of one-night parenting classes will be coming to KES this year! Last spring you answered our Parenting survey on possible topics of interest - we heard you and built this series based on your responses. Coming this year:

October 17: Managing Social Media

November 14: Bully Prevention

(Both nights will be facilitated by Toni Racine from the Rutland County Parent/Child Ctr).

April 5: Building Self-Esteem

April 26: Positive Discipline

(Both nights facilitated by Fritz Weiss, WCSU Educational Consultant).

All nights will be held in the library from 5:30-7:00. Free of charge! Snacks and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to Sheila Pilsmaker, Mary Guggenberger or Mary Dolan.

Boy Scout Opportunity

Calling all boys first grade and up to join the scouts for sling shot shooting on Sat., September 30th, 9-10:30 am, at the East End Park in Woodstock. Parents and their children are invited to learn more about scouting, meet with scout leaders, and enjoy cider and doughnuts.

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