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Killington Safety Poster Contest Winners - Congratulations to fourth graders, Quest Holding and Rosie O'Brien, for their recognition in the National Ski Areas Association's (NSAA) and Killington Resort and Pico Mountain's Safety Poster Contest 2009. Rosie was chosen as runner-up for the "Most Creative Design" category and is the recipient of a \$100 gift card to Killington Sports. Quest is the winner of the "Best Overall Safety Message" award and received a \$200 gift card to Killington Sports. Both posters gain automatic entry to NSAA's national level poster contest. Winners for this contest will be announced in April, 2009. All students' posters will be on display throughout Killington Resort and Pico Mountain. A special appreciation goes to all fourth graders and their teacher, Maria Garland, for participating in this contest and for entering creative, original, safety posters that gave the judges a challenge.

Town Meeting - Reminder... The Sherburne Elementary School District meeting begins at 9:00 am in the SES gym, Tuesday, March 3rd. If you are a Killington resident, please plan to attend the Killington Town Meeting. If you live in Pittsfield, the school meeting begins at 10:00 am at the Pittsfield Town Hall. Attend Town Meeting to be informed and let your voice be heard! Support your school and ensure that your child's educational opportunities remain intact. Childcare is provided by the sixth grade class and Mrs. Gordon.

Project Groundhog - Is a groundhog truly an accurate weather predictor? The children at Sherburne Elementary School are participating in Project Groundhog to determine if this is fact or fiction. For the six weeks following Groundhog Day, February 2nd, students monitor and record daily temperature, sky conditions and how often school closes due to weather. The information collected is shared weekly with participating schools in the Northern Hemisphere via the Internet and the Project Groundhog website.

Project Groundhog is designed to introduce young learners to the possibilities of telecommunications technology through a meaningful, curriculum-based inquiry. It allows teachers to cover specific objectives in science, math social studies and language arts and is available to students and teachers throughout the world!

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) - Sherburne Elementary School has been selected to represent schools across the state by participating in the National Assessment of Educational

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Dates to Remember

February 16-20
Winter Recess/No Classes

February 27
Girls on the Run Registration
SES Library @ 3:00 pm
Killington Park & Rec Dance @
SES

March 2
Staff Development/No Classes

March 3
Town Meeting/No Classes

March 6
Girls on the Run 3-4:30

March 13
"Meet the Middle School"
For 6th Graders @SES @1:30

April 7
Grades K-3 to "Charlottes Web"
Woodstock Town Hall Theater

April 14
WCSU Band Concert

April 20-24
Spring Recess/ No Classes

May 5
SES Spring Concert @ 6:30

May 11-15
6th Grade to Nature's Classroom

Happy "March" Birthday

Brinley Johnson 3/3
Raichle Johnson 3/17
Margaret O'Neill 3/26



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Progress (NAEP). NAEP is given by the U.S. Department of Education and tells us what American students know and can do in specific subject areas. Results are published in a report called *The Nation's Report Card*, which provides reliable student achievement information to educators, parents, and other citizens. On February 24th, Sherburne's fourth graders will participate in NAEP, ultimately providing information showing what school children in our state and across the country are learning.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

K/1 News

The kindergarten and first grade celebrated the 100th Day of School on Wednesday, February 11. We started the day with morning sing and estimated how many students were in our school. We sang our 100-Day song and counted everyone in the school.

Throughout the day the children listened to the story Our 100th Day of School. They made paper hats to coincide with the story and recorded 100 items on their hat which were grouped in tens for kindergarten and fives for first grade. They also wrote on their hats, "I am 100 days smarter."

The first graders made 100 chart puzzles. The kindergarten played a BINGO game using numbers 1-30.
Home Activity: Ask you child to share all the different ways she/he can count to 100.

Mrs. Knipes, K/1 Teacher

Is Your Child Underperforming Due to Lack of Sleep?

Childhood Ostructive Sleep Apnea and other sleep problems can lead to daytime attention and behavior problems in children. You can learn more about this by attending *Poor Sleep = Poor Learning*— a presentation at the CVPS/Leahy Community Health Education Center at Rutland Regional Medical Center on March 4, 2009 from 6 – 7 pm. Free! Registration suggested. Call 802-772-2400.

VAC Preschool and Enrichment Program at SES

VAC is seeking to hire an individual to work as part of a team within our after school program for school age and preschool children. If you are interested or if you know of someone who may be interested in learning about this employment opportunity, please contact Sarah Bolster at 775-2395 extension 203.

Little's Around The World by John Peterson**A Book Review by Toby Borzekowski, Grade 2**

Little's are discovered by readers all over the world!

Little's are half human half mouse. The Little's are tiny people that live in a house owned by a family called the Biggs. After dinner the Little's run and take scraps of food from the Biggs. The Little's fix the Biggs plumbing and electricity and live in the walls. Stories are written about them in books. But don't take our word for it. Read the book yourself and you'll find out. This book kept us thinking, "What will happen next?"