

# SES NEWSLETTER

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**Kindergarten Registration** - Beginning kindergarten, a milestone in the lives of children and their parents, signals the onset of academic and social expectations in a more formal setting. At SES, we have steps in place to make the transition a positive and affirmative experience for each child. Our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Knipes, begins by visiting the preschool on SES's premises to become acquainted with the children. Those children who do not attend the preschool at SES may participate in registration activities to meet Mrs. Knipes and tour the school. Kindergarten registration is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the school to make an appointment. Bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records. We look forward to hearing about each child's unique characteristics and inviting parents to become a part of the school community.

**WCSU Band and Chorus Concert Entertains All** - Students from Sherburne, Bridgewater, Barnard, Pomfret, Albert Bridge, Stockbridge and Woodstock Elementary Schools joined together at Woodstock's Yoh Theatre on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> to share their talents in a chorus and band concert. This delightful concert highlighted the students' musical skills acquired under the tutelage of their music teachers. The event took place due to a collaborative effort between all music teachers in Windsor Central Supervisory Union, especially Lisa Robar, WUHS Choral Director, Ben Potvin, WUHS Band Director, and for SES students, Christine Morton, Music Educator. The positive energy from the musicians and singers radiated throughout the auditorium and provided musical inspiration to all.

**New Faculty Member 2009/10** - It is with pleasure that we announce Ms. Allison Naugle as the new Sherburne Elementary School faculty member for the 2009-10 school year. Ms. Naugle graduates from the University of Vermont this spring, 2009, known as an exemplary teacher intern with a passion for the learning process. From her first days in the classroom, cooperating teachers found Ms. Naugle to be a dynamic, energetic, and creative educator... one who outshined the rest. The Sherburne Elementary School Search Committee quickly discovered this to be true, as Ms. Naugle clearly stands out as a teacher with extraordinary potential. All of us at Sherburne look forward to having Ms. Naugle as part of our team!

**Dale Pfeifenberger ... Our "Everyday Hero"** - The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) recognizes Dale Pfeifenberger, one-on-one paraeducator at Sherburne Elementary School, as an "Everyday Hero: Outstanding Paraeducator for 2008." All of us at Sherburne echo the sentiments of the VABVI and, with pride, congratulate Mrs. Pfeifenberger for her hard work and many successes!

**Jump Rope for Heart** - On Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, students enjoyed a fun-filled day for a good cause. Physical education teacher, Greg LaBella, planned twenty different events to engage jumpers of all ages. Students gathered in multi-age groups to take part in the various events scheduled. Through this event, students raise money and awareness for the American Heart Association.

**TV Turnoff Week** - TV Turnoff Week takes place April 20 - 26<sup>th</sup>! Break out the books and turn off the television and other electronic devices. On average, American children watch nearly three hours of television per day. Television interferes with academic achievement, exercise and socialization. Try a week without television.

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## Dates to Remember

April 20-24

Spring Recess/ No Classes

April 28

6th Grade to WUMS / Nature's Classroom

April 29

Kindergarten Registration

May 5

SES Spring Concert @ 6:30

May 11-15

6th Grade to Nature's Classroom

May 13

K,1 & 2 Traffic Safety Show @SES @10am

May 14

K-4 to VSO @ Paramount

May 14-15

5th Grade to Boston

May 21

3rd & 4th Grade Sleepover/Play scenery

June 1

K,1,2 to CSC Junie B. Jones

June 11

SES Picnic

June 16

SES K/6 Graduation

June 17

3rd & 4th Grade Play

## Happy "May" Birthday

Quinn Alper	5/3
Jackson Ziegler	5/8
Cale Squier	5/9
Megan Sherman	5/17
Claire Mercier	5/25
Nikki Sardelli	5/28



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The benefits may motivate your family to turn off the television more frequently.

**School Calendar 2009-2010** - School calendars for 2009-2010 will help you when planning family vacations next year. School absences, due to family vacations, cause students to fall behind unnecessarily and experience stress and anxiety upon return to school. Planning family vacations during the school's scheduled vacation weeks will help your child experience greater success in school. Please coordinate family vacations with regularly scheduled school breaks.

**Spring Concert and Art Gallery** - Parents and friends... please plan to attend the annual spring concert, Broadway, on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Art teacher, Finnie Trimpi, will hold an art gallery for students to share their work with parents. Please stop by the art room to view student art as early as 6:00 pm and again directly after the concert. Children need to be in their classrooms by 6:15.

**Spring Recess** - Thank you to all the families who plan their vacations around school breaks resulting in fewer student absences from school. Consistent attendance helps students and teachers as they continually strive for academic excellence. We wish everyone, whether traveling afar or relaxing at home, a safe, fun and rejuvenating week together.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

**First Graders Create Pixie Presentations**

First graders are becoming Pixie experts. Pixie is a paint and draw computer program that students have access to in our computer lab. During the past two weeks, the students have made presentations that were exported into a movie. You can view and listen to your child's original slide by going onto the SES website. After you login, go to the "For Parents" link on the left sidebar. Then, click on the first grade link on the right sidebar. On this page, select the Computer Lab Projects link. You will need to have Quicktime installed in order to view the movies.

Quicktime is a free download for both Mac's and PC's. (<<http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>>)

Mrs. Eileen Vaughn

**Health Room News**

Spring is trying to arrive! The warmer weather entices us to get outside and play. The activity level of the children has increased and increased activity often means increased injuries. I have been seeing multiple scrapes and bumps in the nurse's room. Although an injury may seem minor, there are definitely measures that should be taken to help prevent further pain or risk of infection. Cuts and scrapes should always be washed with soap and water until the wound appears clean. It should be dried carefully and covered with a bandaid or dressing. A small amount of Neosporin or bacitracin can help reduce healing time and prevent infection. The import thing to remember is to keep the wound clean. When a bandaid or dressing gets wet or falls off, it should be replaced. It is best to keep any openings in the skin covered until it heals. Intact skin is our first defense against germs entering our bodies. Strains are also common playground injuries. In these cases, the recommended course of treatment is usually ice and rest. Heat should be applied after 72 hours. Proper equipment, including helmets when biking, should always be worn. Even if your child is going for a "quick ride", make sure the helmet is on their head! A few seconds of planning ahead can help prevent a long term injury.

Jamie Sudol RN

**Congratulations to Sam Groom**

On Saturday April 4th, the Ethan Allen (Central Vermont) District of the Boy Scouts of America held their annual Pine Wood Derby Race at the Diamond Run Mall.

The competition was fast and furious with approximately 80 participants. Sherburne Elementary School Second Grader Sam Groom received 1st Place in the Bear Scout Division and 2nd Place overall for Rutland Town Cub Scout Pack 114. In The District races Sam brought home the 2nd Place trophy for the Regional Bear Scout Division.

WAY TO GO SAM! We all wish him continued Scouting success!

**Fourth Grade Pancake Breakfast**

Last Friday the fourth grade students and their guests celebrated the end of another successful sugaring season. Students shared poetry written about sugaring while invited guests enjoyed pancakes topped with our delicious syrup. Fourth grade thanks all the parents who helped with collecting and boiling in the sugar shack and sends a special thank you to alumni parents, Bruce and Karen Waterworth and M.B. & Peggy Neisner, for their continued support and donations of sap.

Of course, the highlight of the breakfast was Mr. Neisner's fantastic pancakes. We can't thank him enough for all he does year after year to ensure our breakfast's success.