

SES NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating Poetry Month - April is National Poetry Month. We take this opportunity to read and write poetry throughout the curricula. Enjoy today's newsletter with poetry from Sherburne Elementary School's fourth graders.

School Calendar 2010-11 - School calendars for 2010-11 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.

Jump Rope for Heart - On Thursday, April 15th, 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.

Teacher Appreciation Week - The first week in May marks Teacher Appreciation Week, a time to honor the invaluable contributions our teachers make in the lives of their students. While we recognize and appreciate that it takes many people for a school to succeed, this is a time to focus on the outstanding work our teachers do to make our school a great place for every student. At SES, our teachers are incredibly supportive, professional, caring, and competent. Join me in sharing a few words of appreciation with your child's teachers.

TV Turnoff Week - TV Turnoff Week took place in April. Break out the books and turn off the television and other electronic devices. On average, American children spend nearly three hours per day watching television. Television interferes with academic achievement, exercise and socialization. Try a week without television. The benefits may motivate your family to turn off the screen more frequently.

Spring Concert and Art Gallery - Parents and friends... please plan to attend the annual spring concert, *The Beatles*, on Tuesday, May 4th 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. Children need to be in their classrooms at 6:15 pm to prepare for the concert. At the conclusion of the concert, students will be asked to return to their classrooms for a quick parent pick-up. A special Killington Town Meeting is due to begin in the gymnasium at 8:00 pm, and we plan to ensure that all children are safely in their parents' care directly after the performance.

Pixie Pals in Barnard and Sherburne - Third graders at the Barnard Academy and Sherburne Elementary (SES) are learning to become Pixie Pals. So, what does that mean? In studying about the lifecycle, Eileen Vaughn, librarian at both schools, has taught children to plant virtual vegetable gardens using the Pixie program. After "planting their seeds" in two Pixie slides, SES students sent their slides to Barnard students via an email attachment. Barnard students did the same. Children in both schools will collaborate to finish their slides and do a final exchange to make their Pixie books. Eventually, all of the students will get together via Skype to learn more about each other and hold a final discussion related to their project.

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Dates to Remember

May 4

SES Student Art Exhibit 6 pm
SES Spring Concert @ 6:30 pm
Special Town Meeting @ SES @ 8 pm

May 11

School Board Meeting @ 4:00 pm

May 17-21

Sixth Grade to Nature's Classroom

May 18

K, 1 & 2 to CSC
"How the Elephant Got His Trunk"

May 26

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon @ 12:30
Talent Show @ 1 pm

May 27

3rd & 4th Grades' Sleepover/Play Scenery

May 28

SES Memorial Day Remembrance

May 31

Memorial Day Observed/ No Classes

June 7

SES School Picnic & Field Day

June 8

School Board Meeting @ 4.00 pm

June 10

SES & WUMS Step Up Day

June 11

SES Graduation
WUHS Graduation

June 14

SES Last Day of School/Noon Dismissal

Happy "May" Birthday

Devin Ziegler
Quinn Alper
Cale Squier
Alec Peyton

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Student Wins Essay Contest! - Sherburne sixth grader, Alex Crompton, is the official winner of the State of Vermont's Secretary of State Essay Contest for grades six through eight! Alex, his family, and his class are invited to an award celebration day in Montpelier on Monday, May 24th. At the ceremony, Alex will receive a check for \$100 for civic education materials for his classroom, and his essay will be hung in a special place in the Secretary's office. Sixth graders in Mrs. Simonds' classroom learned about the subject matter related to this essay contest during classtime and were provided with an opportunity to participate in the essay contest on a voluntary basis. Kudos to Alex and four of his classmates, Ezra Hennie, Jordan Stevens, Gemma Fielder, and Lucas Godfrey, for taking the time to write and submit good essays for this contest! Congratulations, Alex!

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

Have You Ever Been Scared?

I arrived at the airport and I went through the security guards. They made sure I had no knives or guns. Then I went to the waiting area and waited to get on the plane. As I sat at the airport terminal, I saw my plane was ready, so I loaded into the cockpit. I started the engine and the wheels were moving. We took off.

I knew there were some harsh winds and just a little rain, but I knew the sun was going to shine above the clouds. I was excited. In a short minute of time we were at 1,457 feet. In the pilot's seat I could see everything. I saw a golf course and a pool. I announced into the microphone, "We are half way to Florida." Again I announced, "We are going to land in 45 minutes." The compass said I was going west, so I banked the plane back to south. Then it was 20 more minutes until we would be landing.

But as the minutes went by, the weather turned bad. Then it got worse. I saw a lightning bolt. It was pouring rain. I looked at the fuel gauge; it was almost empty. Then I thought, we are in trouble. We descended down slowly. I heard the wind going against the plane hard. That meant I was going down too fast. People were screaming. There was very hard rain and a lot of thunder. We were flying above the Atlantic Ocean. The plane started spinning fast. I was getting dizzy. At last, I could see the ocean. I knew I had some time to think. My heart was beating fast. I was sweating. I was nervous. I was afraid we were about to crash. I pulled up the throttle. The plane started to slow down. I put down the landing gear and I hit the ocean at full speed. The plane started to slow down. I told the passengers to grab their life jackets. They all grabbed them and dove out of the plane. All the people were safe but I was not. I called the Coast Guard boat. They came as quickly as possible. The plane started drowning. I grabbed a life jacket. I saw the life boats coming. I jumped into the water. The life boat got me and all of the other people. The Coast Guard brought us to shore. I used his phone to call for another plane.

In conclusion, a new plane rescued the passengers. It safely brought us to Florida. I learned to check the weather report before taking a flight.

By Will Crompton, Grade 3

Attention Four Winds Volunteers

Our final training with Mike will be **Forest Birds** on Thursday, May 6 from 8:30-11:00 in the Special's Room. Immediately following, we hope you can stay for our Thank You Four Winds Volunteers' Luncheon. We appreciate all that you do! RSVP Beth 746-8144

SES Spring Concert Attire

Students are performing *The Beatles* and are asked to wear clean jeans (no holes or fraying), tee shirt with tie dye or a Beatle logo, or plain white. Many students are performing a dance and should wear appropriate shoes.

K/1 News

Thank you to Marion Abrams for Step Up Day video help and congratulations on your Emmy nomination! Visit <http://sites.google.com/a/wcsu.net/ses-kindergarten-and-first-grade/> for more information.

Grade 4 Poetry**Butterflies**

Many butterflies were fluttering in my backyard
 Doing twirls and flips
 Zooming to the right then to the left
 Blue, green, yellow, pink, red, brown, purple, and black
 Many colors here and there.
 Eating, sleeping, flying, crying, and talking
 All wanting to know each other
 Whatever they were doing they were doing it gracefully
 Rory Haff