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A Night in Broadway with SES Students - "Happiness is a season of love, happiness is putting on a happy face, and happiness is a real, live Broadway show!" On Tuesday, May 5th, Sherburne Elementary School students mesmerized their audience with Broadway tunes and dance steps. We attribute this grand performance to the expertise of our music director, Christine Morton; set director, Kate Carey; backstage coordinator, Maria Garland; the choreography of Melissa Knipes and Peggy Neisner; and our talented student body.

New lighting, recently purchased and installed as a result of Killington's Rise Above grant, donations from the Counting Sheep Project and the Inn of Six Mountains, and Kevin Margolin's willingness to provide SES with lights at cost and free training, added an extra special touch to the evening.

Prior to the concert, students and parents visited the SES Art Gallery, organized by art educator, Finnie Trimpi, and her students. The art exhibit displayed the fine student work done throughout this school year, accomplished under the tutelage of Mrs. Trimpi and our regular art class volunteer, Edie Johnstone.

We appreciate all in the SES community for joining us on concert night. Thanks to Marion Abrams filming the concert, we plan to provide PEG TV with a video so the production may be viewed on channel 20 in the near future.

Celebrating Arbor Day - Arbor Day is a time dedicated to the planting and conservation of trees. SES students participated in a special Arbor Day assembly today to discuss Arbor Day and renew their respect for trees, forests and the environment. Third and fourth graders shared special paragraphs and poems during this assembly, and Jacob Wilcox and Megan Sherman spoke of the history of Arbor Day. Students adopted trees on the Nature Trail to sketch this year and for years to come in hope of making note of changes over time. Each student received a tree to plant in a special place at home. Thank you to second grade teacher, Lisa Laird, for organizing the Arbor Day assembly and accompanying activities.

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.

SES Teachers' Retreat Highlights Technology Integration on the Nature Trail - Teachers recently spent a day on new learning -- integrating technology for use on the nature trail. Under the tutelage of Rick Dustin-Eichler, WCSU Technology Integration Coordinator, teachers used hand-held GPS systems to navigate and map the nature trail. Back in the Hike Lab, teachers then learned to integrate nature trail facts and photos into various software programs. With great enthusiasm, we thank Rick Dustin-Eichler and look forward to sharing with Sherburne students the new knowledge he brought to us.

We extend tremendous thanks to Beth Hike for organizing classroom coverage and to the following people for covering classrooms for the day: Phoebe Sardelli,

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Dates to Remember

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

May 22
SES Memorial Day Service

May 25
Memorial Day Observed/No Classes

May 27
Talent Show
Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

June 1
K,1,2 to CSC Junie B. Jones

June 2
5th Grade to Calvin Coolidge

June 11
SES Picnic and Field Day

June 15
SES & WUMS Step Up Day

June 16
SES K/6 Graduation

June 17
3rd & 4th Grade Play
Last Day of School/ Noon dismissal

Poster Contest

Sarah Findeisen and Remy Bragg won Honorable Mention for Fourth Grade in UVM's College of Engineering and Math Sciences Poster Contest. The theme was "Fraction Fun!" View their entries at www.cems.uvm.edu/~jkudrle/PosterContest

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Celeste Chernin, Ellen VanHerwarde, Jane Aiken, Lori Weirether, Shari Borzekowski, Marni Rieger, Marion Abrams, and Peter Hike. Thank you, also, to Megan O'Neill for providing faculty with a scrumptious lunch. SES teachers came away from the day armed with new knowledge and skills to bring to the classroom.

Sherburne Women's Club Donates to SES - The Sherburne Women's Club generously donated funds to support efforts at SES. A \$700 donation allowed the purchase of a new computer in the Hike Lab. A \$600 donation will help our school nurse fund various student health needs that are not covered by our school budget or by family health insurance. A final donation of \$300, made at the request of Phebe Gordon, will be put towards the preschoolers' bathroom fund. All of us at SES are deeply grateful to the Sherburne Women's Club for their generosity.

Rotarians Donate Dictionaries - Senora Elena's husband, Frank Leibly, from the Woodstock Rotary Club, presented A *Student's Dictionary* to each third grader recently. Students are delighted with their new dictionaries and grateful to the Rotary Club for their generosity.

Invitation to All SES Volunteers - Attention all SES volunteers, please join us at the special SES Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, May 27th, honoring all school volunteers for enhancing educational opportunities for students through their generous gifts of time and expertise. Volunteer acts are too numerous and varied to mention in completion, but include Four Winds, Trailblazers, classroom readers, library helpers, SES website, flipping pancakes, technology, playground committee, sugaring, and much, much more. The dedication and willingness of our volunteers to provide exciting and enriching programs and to pitch-in whenever help is needed make our school the wonderful place it is today.

Barrels of Flowers - All of us at SES extend a very special thank you to Sheila Finneron for making our planters at the front of the building delightful and sunny with spring flowers!

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

Congratulations to SES Artists!

Maya and Aili Johnstone and Colby Stevens have had their art work published in the Spring issue of *First Cut*, the quarterly magazine of The Guild of American Papercutters (GAP). The guild is dedicated to original papercutting as an art form and has members from all over the world. The girls have been cutting paper designs with Maya and Aili's grandmother, Edie Johnstone, a GAP member who submitted their work to the publication. Their work was deemed good enough to be published. Stop by the front desk to see a copy of the beautiful work the girls created. Way to go Maya, Aili and Colby!

Fourth Grade Poetry for Arbor Day*Trees*

I am a tree who needs to be taken care of,
We give you food and sap, shade and shelter
So take time to talk to a tree like me
They will tell you what to do
Please! Do not cut us down!!!
Because we are important too.

By Rose O'Brien

Math-A-Thon Results

Once again, Sherburne Elementary students worked extremely hard to raise money to benefit the children at St. Jude's Children Hospital. Our students raised \$3900 this year, and Lucas Godfrey set a new school record of raising \$825! Thank you to all those who participated. Students and parents at Sherburne Elementary are extremely generous and helpful, and it is always greatly appreciated.

La clase de español

Students in the fifth and sixth grades have started to learn a new Spanish sentence every week, which they must practice every day. We've started with short sentences or phrases that can be easily worked into a conversation, and also that students of this age will be interested in saying. The sentence, and its English translation, are posted on a bulletin board every week in the Spanish classroom. Please help your students to practice at home by asking about the sentence for that week. Ask what it means and to give an example of when they might use it (in English).

Each week students receive a log to remind them about the sentence of the week. They should record who they shared the sentence with for each day and return the log to me in class. It is important for students and parents to know that the completed logs "count" toward their homework grade in Spanish.

Señora Elena

Art Exhibit

The SES student art exhibit will move to the Artist's Guild Gallery (above Base Camp Outfitters) at the base of the Killington Road beginning this Friday through the end of May

Rain Rain

Drip, drip, the sound of rain pounding on my rooftop,
As the gentle wind blows across the sky,
The rushing sound of the river makes me very sleepy,
Very sleepy.

By Cale Squier, Grade 5