

SES NEWSLETTER

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A Tribute to *The Beatles* - "There are places I'll remember...All my life, though some have changed...In my life, I loved them all!" Year after year, Sherburne Elementary School (SES) alums return and share their recollections of concerts and plays at SES. These are memory-making moments! Children, parents, and special guests enjoyed a tribute to *The Beatles* on Tuesday, May 4th, during the annual spring concert when students sang, played instruments, and danced their way through the night. With great appreciation, we recognize the expertise and efforts of our music teacher, Christine Morton; choreographers, Melissa Knipes and Peggy Neisner; set director, Kate Carey, and backstage coordinator, Maria Garland.

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

Celebrating Arbor Day - Arbor Day is a time dedicated to the planting and conservation of trees. SES students participated in special Arbor Day activities to learn more about Arbor Day and renew their respect for trees, forests and the environment. First through sixth graders visited the trees they adopted last year on the Nature Trail to sketch the tree once again and note the changes in the tree and the surrounding environment over the past year. Everyone enjoyed an Earth Day skit performed by second graders, and 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 committee and accompanying events.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon - An appreciation luncheon at SES honoring all school volunteers for their generosity of time and skill will be held on Wednesday, May 26th at 12:30 pm. Volunteer acts include Trailblazers, Four Winds, classroom readers, library helpers, the SES website, mentoring, helping with plays and concerts, flipping pancakes, sugaring, technology 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 enhance the educational experiences for all students.

SES Teachers' Retreat Highlights Technology - Teachers recently spent a day on new learning in the area of technology. Digital Wish coach, Eric Bird, joined teachers in the morning to present video and movie making for classroom use throughout the curricula. The afternoon's focus was on interactive webpage designs, presented to SES teachers by our own fifth grade teacher, Allison Naugle. We extend deep appreciation to Beth Hike for organizing classroom coverage and to the following people for covering classrooms for the day: Peter Hike, Ellen VanHerwarde, Lori Weirether, Shari Borzekowski, Marni Rieger, and Annie Masillo. SES teachers came

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Dates to Remember

May 17-21

Sixth Grade to Nature's Classroom

May 18

DCF Ceremony @VRC 9-1:30
K, 1 & 2 to CSC

"How the Elephant Got His Trunk" @12:00
SES School Board Meeting @4 pm
Preschool Open House @5 pm

May 25

Grades 4,5 & 6 to Fort Ticonderoga
8:30-3:30 **No PM Bus Home**

May 26

SES Recess @ 12:00
Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon @ 12:30

May 27

3rd & 4th Grades' Sleepover/Play Scenery

May 28

SES Memorial Day Remembrance @1:30

May 31

Memorial Day Observed/ No Classes

June 3

Grade 4 to WES

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 @9 AM
WUHS Graduation

June 12 & 13

Vermont Days at Vermont State Parks
www.vermontdays.vermont.gov

June 14

3rd & 4th grade play
SES Last Day of School/Noon Dismissal



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away from the day with new knowledge and skills to bring to the classroom.

Maria Garland Presents at Conference - Fourth grade educator, Maria Garland was chosen from a field of many applicants for the distinction of presenting "Using VoiceThread in the Classroom" at the Vermont Department of Education, Dynamic Landscapes 2.0 Synergy at Work conference for teachers, librarians and technology professionals. Mrs. Garland joined other standout presenters on Thursday, May 13th, at Champlain College, in the first of a two day format, featuring 70 workshops sponsored by VITA-Learn and VSLA. Mrs. Garland's presentation demonstrated how to use VoiceThread to promote conversation, collaboration and creativity across the curriculum in the elementary classroom. Visit <http://www.vita-learn.org> for more information. We are proud of you, Mrs. Garland!

Chess Tournaments - Several SES students recently participated in The Vermont Scholastic Chess Tournament in Berlin, VT and the 13th annual WCSU District Chess Tournament at the Barnard Academy. Congratulations to Kyle Rasmussen, Alyana Hunt, Evan Joaquin, Abigail Masillo, Quest Holding, Quinn Alper, Toby Borzekowski, Stephen Bianchi, Wilbur Abrams and Otto Nisimblat.

Students returned to SES after their tournaments happy with the new friendships formed in this healthy competition. Once again, we thank student advisor, Whitney Willis, for starting Chess Club this year at SES and for organizing participation in tournaments.

Daisy Garden - We thank our Daisy Troop for creating a daisy garden in the front of the school. We are excited about watching the flowers grow!

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 delightfully sunny with spring flowers!

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

News From the Health Room

Once again, it has been brought to my attention that some of our students are not riding in vehicles in the safest manner. Laws and safety recommendations have been created for the safety of your children and we urge parents to keep a few things in mind when transporting children. The Vermont Child Restraint Law requires all children up to age 8 to ride in a child passenger restraining system (convertible, combination, and booster) child safety seats. Children age 8 through 15 must ride in an approved child restraint or safety belt system. Please remember that vehicle seats and safety belts are designed for people at least 4'9" tall and at least 80 pounds. It is also highly recommended by the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles that children do not ride in the front seat until they are at least 13 years old. Other vehicle safety organizations believe children should ride in the back seat until they are 15 years old. When a child rides in the backseat, his/her risk of death in the event of a collision decreases by a third. Also, passenger seat airbags are designed for adult bodies. The force / impact of an airbag can cause severe injury or death to a child. If your child meets the height and weight requirements for leaving a booster seat, ask the following questions before disposing of it:

- Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
- Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
- Does the belt cross the shoulder between the neck and arm?
- Is the belt as low as possible, touching the thighs?
- Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If the answer is no to any of these questions, your child still needs to ride in a booster seat. Please keep these laws and recommendations in mind whenever transporting children. You never know when an accident may occur, and we all want our children to be as safe as possible.

Jamie Sudol, R.N.

.Vermont Days – Free Admission to State Parks

Vermont Days is June 12th and 13th. All Vermont State Park day areas, state-owned historic sites, and Vermont's History Museum will be open and free to the public. Saturday, June 12th is free fishing day – the one day in the year when residents and non-residents may go fishing without a license. Locations and events are open and free for both residents and nonresidents. *Vermont Days* is a free statewide event celebrating Vermont's natural resources, history, and culture (brought to you by the Departments of Forests, Parks & Recreation, Fish & Wildlife, Tourism & Marketing, the Division of Historic Preservation, and many supportive state employees and volunteers). Check for details on this weekend and for information on Vermont's fishing, state parks, and historic sites at www.vermontdays.vermont.gov.

Rainbow

Pink is for love, the only thing you need

Red is for anger, like hatred and rage

Orange is for fun, like playing basketball

Yellow is for happiness, just that, plain as day

Green is for luck, to help yourself through life

Blue is for sorrows, unfortunately it's true

Purple is for oddness, to make us all special

So that's the story, every bit of it's true, that's all the colors of the

Rainbow

Danny Whittaker, Grade 4