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Graduation Day for Sixth Graders and Kindergarteners - Parents, relatives and friends, please join us for the kindergarten and sixth grade graduation ceremony in the SES gymnasium on Tuesday, the 16th of June at 9:00 am. This annual tradition at Sherburne Elementary School marks a turning point for both groups of students, especially sixth graders, as they move on to Woodstock Middle School or other schools. Graduation is followed by a reception, hosted by Mrs. Kahler, in the school's cafeteria.

International Luncheon in Sixth Grade - Sixth graders prepared a cultural luncheon enjoyed by parents and special guests last week. The International Luncheon serves as the culminating project for country reports recently completed. Each student chooses a country, researches specific aspects of that country, and writes an in depth report. The process of writing this report is one that stays with SES students long after sixth grade graduation. Students return year after year and share that the process of report writing in Mrs. Kahler's sixth grade class prepared them for report assignments in middle and high school.

May Assessments - Second, fourth and sixth graders all recently took part in different assessments. Second graders took the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA), which provides information about whether or not students meet the standard in the area of reading. Fourth graders took the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science Assessment. Sixth graders took the North Western Educational Assessment (NWEA), an academic progress assessment, using the Peter Hike Technology Lab.

SES Picnic and Step-up Day - The annual SES field day and picnic will be held on Thursday, June 11th. At 10:30 am, all students, their teachers, and Mr. LaBella take buses to the Johnson Recreation Center fields for a fun-filled morning of field day games. Parents and community members are invited to join us at noon and enjoy the potluck lunch under the pavilion before heading to the pool. Hamburgers and hotdogs are supplied by SES; families bring the salads and desserts. Parental supervision is required at the pool. Students without adult supervision will not be allowed to swim. Confirmation of parent or designee are attached and must be completed, signed, and returned to school.

Step-up Day - On Monday, June 15th, all SES students will participate in "Step-up Day." Students in kindergarten through grade five will step-up at Sherburne Elementary School; meanwhile, sixth graders will "step-up" at Woodstock Union Middle School. Step-up Day provides students with an opportunity to hear about some of the new learning that will go on in the next year and ease the transition from one grade to the next.

SES Talent Show Extravaganza - The annual SES Talent Show took place in May with a line-up of 20 different acts from students of mixed age, grade,

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Dates to Remember

June 10

VAC Pre School Graduation
& Pot Luck Dinner @5:30 pm

June 11

SES Field Day & Pot Luck Picnic
@ noon @ Johnson Recreation Center
Families A-H, Please bring salad
I-Z, Please bring dessert
(Permission forms for pool use attached)

June 12

Student Lunch with Mrs. Kahler
2nd Grade Puppet Show @2 pm
Killington Park & Rec. Dance
"Anything Goes" @ SES 7-9 pm
WUHS Graduation @6 pm

June 15

SES & WUMS Step Up Day

June 16

SES K/6 Graduation @9 am

June 17

3rd & 4th Grade Play @ 10:15
Last Day of School/ Noon dismissal

Corrected 2009-10 SES Calendar

The attached **yellow** calendar for next school year includes a change/correction to the green calendars previously sent home. There will be school on Monday, March 1, 2010 and there will not be school on Friday, April 9, 2010 due to a staff development day.

Happy "July" Birthday!

Grace Cloutier	7/1
Taylor Tolar	7/2
Angelina Amadeo	7/8
Joseph Bianchi	7/9
Wilbur Abrams	7/15
Will Crompton	7/16
Dejah Lee	7/16
Maeve Haff	7/18
Dakota Merrill	7/19
Kyle Rasmussen	7/25



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and talent. Students sang, danced, recited poetry, played instruments, juggled, performed karate routines, and magic acts to entertain all. We thank Ms. Ladabouche, Mrs. Laird, and Mrs. Knipes for coordinating this event, the many parents who helped children perform a polished act, and the children who shared their many talents.

Avoiding Summer Regression - Once again, a summer session funded through Medicaid reinvestment funds, will take place during the month of August. Students are invited to attend the summer session for a variety of reasons. The main goal, however, is to help students avoid the regression that occurs during the long school breaks. In addition to summer session opportunities, teachers will send home summer work to help all students maintain their current academic skills. A little maintenance work in the summer helps students experience less frustration and greater success when school resumes on August 26th. Help your child achieve greater success by setting aside a small amount of time each day to practice reading and math skills.

NELMS Awards - Each year the New England League of Middle School (NELMS) honors students who distinguish themselves by exhibiting both academic and leadership qualities. Qualities such as teamwork, positive interactions with others, respect, dependability, productivity, service to others, and respect for diversity are taken into consideration. This year the honor goes to two SES students who received recognition at the NELMS dinner on June 3rd: Christina O'Brien and Alyssa Rivera. Congratulations!

Students Learn on Nature Trail - Experience Sherburne Elementary School's very own backyard science center, located on the Benjamin Maxham Nature Trail. Visit the nature trail, utilize the stations, observe and learn. Walk the loop and hug some trees along the way. If the tree is a maple and it is huggable, is it worthy of tapping during sugaring season? Can you find evidence of erosion? Identify a tree's age? How about animal habitats? Endangered plants? Bird nests? Walk the trail in the near future with your child and hold a discussion about the environment surrounding you. In multi-age groups, Sherburne students recently hiked the trail and visited the newly erected stations, learning more about environmental science along the way.

Many thanks to our teachers who provided learning station activities, and once again, a thank you to the Woodstock Union High School Endowment Fund and Four Winds Nature Institute for donations to support this Nature Trail Project, the Vermont Department of Forestry for sharing Project Learning Tree, and to Maria Garland and Lisa Laird for writing grant proposals.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

Lost & Found Alert!

Lost and found articles are overflowing a table at the end of the corridor just outside the SES cafeteria. Any items remaining on Wednesday, June 10th will be bagged and donated to the Rutland Shelter. Please stop by and find those missing hats, gloves and sweatshirts!

Health Room News

Summer is just around the corner and everyone at SES is out enjoying the sunshine! We all need a little sun to help activate the vitamin D in our bodies. Vitamin D is essential in helping our bodies absorb calcium. Calcium is necessary for strong bones. About 15 minutes of sun exposure a day (when the sun is high in the sky) is recommended to help our bodies with this process. However, over exposure to the sun can be very harmful. It can damage our skin which is our first line of defense against germs. Repeated exposure and damage can lead to skin cancer. There is often a fine line between getting enough sun and getting too much. If you know your child is going to be outside for a good portion of the day and will not have time to stop and apply sunscreen, it is a good idea to have them put it on before they go outside (or to school) for the day. Sunscreen should be applied to the whole body, before putting on clothing. This ensures that all parts of the body that may be exposed to the sun are protected. Mosquitoes are another summer nuisance. Many people don't think about using bug repellent until it's too late! There are a multitude of products available to keep the bugs away. Try using a Deet free product first. It may be all you need to deter the biting bugs in your area.

Just a reminder – the SES Picnic and Field Day are scheduled for June 11th. Please make sure your child is properly protected from the sun and the bugs for this special event. This is definitely a time to apply sunscreen in the morning and send some extra so that children can reapply in the middle of the day. Hopefully it will be a long day in the sun!!

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