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Memorial Day Tribute - SES students, staff and guests gathered around the flagpole outside SES today to participate in a ceremony for Memorial Day. Students read aloud names of deceased Pittsfield and Killington veterans of war. Thoughtful poems, songs, and a moment of remembrance took place in honor of the veterans and fallen military members who proudly served from the Revolutionary War to the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Nature's Classroom - All Windsor Central Supervisory Union sixth graders spent last week together at Nature's Classroom in Ocean Park, Maine. Nature's Classroom offers a unique educational experience for students and their teachers, offering an extensive and in depth environmental education. It is a place where students take an active role in their education by participating in exciting, hands-on interdisciplinary classes all week long. Additionally, students spend the week living and learning together, developing a sense of community, confidence in themselves, and an appreciation for others that carries over to the school community now and as they move on to middle school. Be sure to visit the school website, www.sesvt.org, to view Mrs. Vaughn's slideshow featuring students at Nature's Classroom.

VSO SymphonyKids Concert - On May 14th, students in kindergarten through fourth grades attended the "Team VSO Symphonykids Concert" at the Paramount in Rutland. Throughout this concert, the conductor makes an analogy between sports and music in this "...slam-dunk full-orchestra presentation. The locker room is the green room, half time is intermission, and auditions for big leagues are coming up!" Topics such as performance pressure, perseverance, leadership, and teamwork were tackled, and children were reminded of the NBA slogan, "We are what we repeatedly do; excellence, then, is not an act but a habit." (Vermont Symphony Orchestra, Teacher Preparatory Materials)

Traffic Safety Magic Show - Kindergarten, first and second graders recently participated in an entertaining and educational presentation on safety. Retired from the Vermont State Police, Lieutenant Leo Willey engaged children with magic and tricks in this informative program that included safety messages in regard to helmets, seatbelts, pedestrians, bicycles, and school buses. This program came to us sponsored by the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

An Educational and Exciting Year with Four Winds - Students and staff appreciate the time and effort of parent volunteers, and coordinators, Beth and Peter Hike, to make the Four Winds Nature Program exhilarating and filled with new learning for all.

A natural science program, science based lessons are first presented to volunteers by Four Winds' Mike Clough. Lessons and resources are then brought into the classrooms on a monthly basis by our own SES specially trained volunteers.

Many thanks to Phoebe Sardelli for creating and maintaining artistic resources for many years for all our classrooms' use.

A series of eight different lessons presented throughout the year focus on one general theme based upon Vermont Standards. Students eagerly await these interesting lessons and look forward to the time spent with parent and community volunteers. We extend appreciation to the following individuals for their help with the Four Winds Nature Program: Marni Rieger, Marion Abrams, Shari Borzekowski,

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Dates to Remember

May 22

SES Memorial Day Service

May 23

Pittsfield Fire Department Fishing Derby
@ Colton's Farm @ 9am
(prizes & hot dogs)

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
2nd Grade to White River National Fish
Hatchery (Bag lunch please, no glass)

June 5

SES Playground Committee Meeting
@8:15 am in cafeteria

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

Happy "June" Birthday!

Owen Coates	6/2
Jack Rasmussen	6/7
Spencer Eckert	6/8
Jordan Stevens	6/9
Victoria Chernin	6/10
Sam Groom	6/15
Gabriel Roper	6/21
Griffin VanNiel	6/22
Trevor VanNiel	6/22
Kyle Weirether	6/22
Maya Johnstone	6/23
Quest Holding	6/30



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Lori Weirether, Jane Aiken, Ellen VanHerwarde, Celeste Chernin, Phoebe Sardelli, Peter Hike, and especially Beth Hike for all her work in organizing and coordinating the program.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

Is Kids' Kingdom Sustainable?

The SES playground committee wants your input! Join our meeting on Friday, June 5th @8:15am in the cafeteria to discuss the future of Kids' Kingdom. Questions? Call Jennifer Iannantuoni at 422-5402.

Our Boston Trip

The fifth grade class went to Boston and had a blast. We went to the New England Aquarium, where we saw all kinds of aquatic animals. Next we went on the Duck Boat tour. On this we got a tour of Boston where we saw sights along the Freedom Trail and even got to drive into the water! That was a whole lot of fun. We went to Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall where we shopped for souvenirs and ate dinner. After that we went to the Museum of Science where we looked at all the exhibits and participated in some group activities. Later that night we went to watch the lightning show where we saw an indoor lightning storm! Then it was time for bed.

The next morning we were up early. We went to see a planetarium show where we learned some constellations. It looked like we were really flying. Following that was an Omni show. Then it was the time we all dreaded, time to start the drive back home. Overall, this Boston trip was a whole lot of fun. The fifth grade class had an amazing time!

By Zac Chernin

Girls On The Run

This year myself and seven other girls participated in Girls On The Run. Girls On The Run teaches us about ourselves and how to keep ourselves healthy. We have a lot of fun doing it and our coaches, Nancy Blessing and Roger Stevens, make this happen. We would like to thank them. This has been their third year doing it and I think every year it gets more fun. Thank you Coaches!

Jordan Stevens & The Girls On The Run

Girls on Track

We had a great year on Girls On Track with Trina Hotchkiss and Joyce Stevens as our coaches. Every week on Tuesdays and Fridays six girls from Sherburne, two girls from Sharon Academy and one girl from WUMS go to the Pittsfield Green to run and talk about different kinds of healthy choices. All of our running got us ready for the 5K on May 16th in Brattleboro. All of the girls completed the race. I think we all had fun and I am looking forward to next year's Girls on Track.

Christina O'Brien

SES Artists Grades K—6 Exhibit

Visit the Artist Guild Gallery, above Cabin Fever Gift Shop, at the intersection of Rtes 4 & 100, to view students' art exhibit showing until June 2nd. 422-3824

Sherburne Memorial Library News

2009 Summer Reading Program sponsored by Friends of the Library will be held this summer on Wednesdays @1:00, beginning June 24th and ending August 12th. Programs are open to children in grades K-6. Children under 5 are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Fourth Grade Poetry

What A Tree Would Say

You may not know but, I have feelings too,
So listen to *my* thoughts for once.
The deathly sound of a chainsaw is a horror movie to my ears.
There goes one, two—oh wait one hundred trees gone.
Am I next?
Polluted air is not what you and I need; the Earth is not a trash basket.
By killing me you kill animals, the Earth and, finally you.
It only takes one match, that's it, for my family and I to crumble to ashes.
I can taste the lack of precious oxygen. But, you can't.
Reduce, reuse, recycle
I deserve a life too.

By Remy Bragg

SES Broadway Sensation on PEG TV

We've received confirmation from PEGTV, channel 20, that "Broadway Sensation" will be aired on Tuesday, May 26th at 9:00 am, Wednesday, May 27th at 8:30 pm, and Friday, May 29th at 3:00 pm. Additional airing dates to be announced.

Christopher McCormack, Program Coordinator at Rutland PEGTV20-Educational Access has offered to sell the DVD to parents. If someone is interested in organizing a bulk order, the DVD can be bought at \$7.00 each. Contact Chris McCormack at 747-0151 for details.

We are especially grateful to Marion Abrams for filming the concert so that we could submit it to PEGTV. Any parent interested in learning how to use the PEGTV equipment should contact Chris McCormack to register for their free training session.