

SES NEWSLETTER

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Fun Field Day and Picnic - All SES students enjoyed a fun-filled morning of field games, organized by Greg LaBella, at Killington's Johnson Recreation Fields. Afterwards, students, parents, teachers, and guests enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch. Thank you, thank you to Gail Flynn for organizing picnic foods, to all of our fabulous parents for supplying salads and desserts, and to Steve Finer, for returning to us to work the grill.

Puppet Theatre in Second Grade - "Spiderella, Spiderella, you can not go to the prince's ball. You have eight legs, only those of us with six legs can attend the ball," said the six-legged ladybug stepsisters. Does this sound familiar? After many weeks of fairytale studies, second graders culminated with this puppet theatre presentation. Parents, students and special guests enjoyed the twisted renditions of two beloved fairy tales: *Spiderella* and *The Emperor's New Hair*. Many thanks to Mrs. Laird and her students for sharing these comical tales.

Tom Sawyer - This year's third and fourth grade play, *Tom Sawyer*, presented to students, parents, and friends on the last day of school, provided entertainment to all audience members and lifetime memories for our third and fourth grade students. A very, very special thank you goes to Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Garland for producing and directing this play.

Diabetes Festival at Mountain Meadows Helps SES - This past winter, a Diabetes Festival held at Mountain Meadows Cross Country and Snowshoe Center, raised monies for local diabetes needs. From this fundraiser, Sherburne Elementary School received \$500 to help cover costs for upcoming diabetes training sessions. All of us at SES would like to thank Diane and Mike Miller for supporting this event; Betsy Shands, Nordic Director, for organizing the fundraiser at Mountain Meadows Cross Country and Snowshoe Center; and all of the folks in the community who attended and supported this event. It is our understanding that another festival will be held next year, and we urge community members to mark their calendars when the date is announced, join the fun, and support a worthy cause.

Science Fair - Fifth graders and their teacher, Amy Ladabouche, recently hosted a Science Fair for all members of the student body, parents, and guests. Student projects, broad and varied, focused upon many different areas: conducting electricity, determining density of liquids, analyzing various candle burn capacity compared to weight and cost, calculating mechanical advantages of varied pulley systems and much, much more.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy Summer -To all of our parents, staff and community members... thank you, once again, for offering your time, energy, and enthusiasm to all of us at Sherburne Elementary School. Our school is a better place because of the efforts of all. It truly takes a village to raise a child, and the children at SES are fortunate to be a part of a collaborative, supportive, welcoming environment.

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Dates to Remember

June 17

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

August 26

SES Classes Begin

Parents, SES Needs Your Help!

Handy with a paintbrush? We are planning to paint the front of the school while the children are in summer enrichment session, August 3rd- 7th, (and August 10th—14th if needed). We'll provide the coffee and donuts, but we will need at least 15-20 volunteers to make this community effort successful.

Please call Jennifer Iannantuoni at 422-5402 to volunteer your time and/or if you have any questions or suggestions.

Happy "August" Birthday!

Charlie Gnoza	8/2
Mimi Templeton	8/4
Kiara Buker	8/5
Taylor Crompton	8/13
Madisen Rieger	8/15
Alden Cloutier	8/16
Wesley Cloutier	8/16
Evan Hotchkiss	8/17
Amelia Travers	8/19
Lucas Godfrey	8/20
Meaghan Haff	8/25
Tristin Black	8/27
Toby Borzekowski	8/30



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Thank you, all, for making a difference in the lives of our students each and every day. Best wishes for a happy and healthy summer. See you on August 26th!

Enjoy Retirement, Mrs. Kahler! - It's easy to work for forty years at a job if it is a job you love. Without question, this is the case for Mrs. Barbara Kahler, Sherburne Elementary School's beloved sixth grade teacher of the past twenty-eight years. Prior to Sherburne, Mrs. Kahler taught in New Jersey and in Washington D.C., teaching every single grade K – 12. With a move to Killington in 1980, Mrs. Kahler settled into the sixth grade and found her niche. At this time, Killington's Sherburne Elementary School on Schoolhouse Road was in its ninth year, and the classrooms were actually one great big room with no dividing walls ----open classrooms were the trend at the time.

Students from the past and students today share their appreciation of Mrs. Kahler's organized, structured manner and her firm command in the classroom. Students realize that Mrs. Kahler's classroom is one where respect and responsibility rule. With Mrs. Kahler at the helm, Sherburne's sixth graders move on each year to seventh grade with a great amount of respect for themselves, for others, for the environment and for education.

Part of Mrs. Kahler's secret to success in the classroom is the rapport building she promotes every day of her career. Besides spending time with her students during the regular school day, Mrs. Kahler spends time with her students each summer, in the early morning hours before school begins, and sometimes during the lunch and recess hour. In doing so, Mrs. Kahler gets to know her students, their challenges, their ambitions and their dreams. She brings this knowledge into the classroom where lessons are differentiated and expectations are modified to ensure that every child has an opportunity to grow and learn and enjoy success.

Thank you, Mrs. Kahler, for twenty-eight years at Sherburne and forty total years in education. Thank you for touching the hearts and minds of your students and your colleagues. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

Congratulations !

Fifth grader, Jordan Stevens, ran in Rultand's Corwley Road Race 10K this past weekend. Jordan completed the 6.2 miles in one hour and 4 minutes. Way to go Jordan.

SES Library News

Fourteen S.E.S. students in grades 4 through 6 attended the annual Dorothy Canfield Fisher author presentation at Vermont Technical Center in Randolph on May 22nd. The guest author was Linda Urban. Ms. Urban gave a great talk to the audience about being a writer. She encouraged everyone to follow our dreams. Her words were encouraging and inspirational. Linda Urban's book, *A Crooked Kind of Perfect*, was on the 2008-2009 DCF List. This book was also a Literature Lunch selection. All of our students were familiar with the story. Our students had an opportunity to ask the author questions.

Sherburne Elementary students are always eager to read the DCF selections. If a student reads at least five of the current books they will be able to vote for their favorite book. This year over 20 students qualified to vote. Each school or public library that votes has 8 seats for the event. Teri Austin from the Sherburne Memorial Library collaborates with us so that more students can attend. She met us in Randolph. Everyone was so happy to see Teri.

A big thank-you again to our chaperones/drivers: Lorraine Fielder, Miriam Findeisen , Eileen Godfrey and Sarah Rasmussen.

To learn more about the DCF program or to view a photobucket slideshow of the trip, login to www.sesvt.org>for parents>library> DCF Trip.

Eileen Vaughn