

SES NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations Mrs. Laird - At the August all district faculty meeting, Lisa Laird received enthusiastic applause when named the 2009 UVM Outstanding Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Laird is recognized as a highly distinguished educator who touches the lives of many with her professional commitment and expertise at Sherburne Elementary School and beyond. Mrs. Laird's award acknowledges and celebrates the support and respect shared among all members of the Sherburne Elementary School (SES) community. Congratulations to Mrs. Laird and to all SES faculty and staff!

Program Presentation Night - Students at Sherburne Elementary School have settled into their back to school routine. This routine and the programs used for instruction will be the focus of discussion at Program Presentation Night on Tuesday, September 22nd, at 6:30 pm. The program will begin in the gymnasium and move into classrooms. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend this important informational session.

Parental involvement is a key element to the success students experience in school. By attending school events, supporting homework sessions, reading together and showing a genuine interest in the education of your child, your child will make greater academic gains. Be involved! Let your child know that all of us, parents and educators, work together as a team in his or her best interest.

Instrumental Music Program - Would your child like to learn to play a musical instrument and experience the exhilaration that comes with playing in a band? Music educator, Christine Morton, will hold an exhibition of instruments to help interested students determine the instrument that is most appealing. Students in grades four through six are eligible to participate in instrumental lessons. Once again this year, there is no cost for lessons; the only costs pertain to the music book and to an instrument rental or purchase.

Please contact Mrs. Morton with any questions.

A Message for Students from the White House - President Barack Obama recently delivered a national address to the students of America. During this address, the president spoke directly to children about working hard in school, setting educational goals, and taking responsibility for learning. This message is one that teachers strive to relay each day in the classroom. At SES, second through sixth graders watched the president's speech and discussed its meaning.

Fifth graders, Quest Holding, Kyle Rasmussen and Alberto Conde share the message they took away from President Obama's address:

"To try hard, even if you don't really like your assignment." (Quest)

"If you give up on education, you're giving up on everyone—because people are counting on us to help the country some day" (Kyle)

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Dates to Remember

September 11

All Ages Adventure Race @ Pittsfield
Green 5-7 pm free Pizza @6:30 pm

September 14

Grades 3,4 & 5 to OMYA

September 15

School Picture Day

September 18

Killington Recreation "Back to School"
Dance @ SES 7-9 pm

September 20

IDIC Walk/Run

September 22

Grades 3,4,5 & 6 to Fish Hatchery
SES Program Presentation Night for
parents @ 6:30 pm

September 24

SES Nature Trail Day @ 1 pm

October 13

SES School Board Meets @ 4 pm

October 19

Grade 4 to Starbase

October 26

Grade 4 to Starbase
Grades K-3 Fire Safety Day @9 am

October 28

1st Marking Period Ends

Pittsfield Library

All ages are welcome to join in the Adventure Race with Olympian Doug Lewis and his wife Kelly Lewis of Eliteam Camp. Multi age teams (including adults!) will compete in fun events including a free pizza dinner at 6:30 pm. For more information go to www.pittsfieldlibrary.com.

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“Study a lot, so you can go to a good university and get a good job someday.” (Alberto)

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

Guidance News

Welcome back to everyone! It's that time again, and let's get started! The Guidance program here at Sherburne Elementary will remain much the same as previous years, offering small group opportunities, individual counseling and whole group (classroom) lessons.

Small group opportunities offer a chance for kids to get together with a focus on topics of friendships, self esteem, anger & stress management, loss and change, and about growing up.

Individual counseling will be open for all students in a referral only format, either by their teacher, principal, parent or self.

Classroom guidance lessons will vary, to be determined by each particular classroom need.

Coming soon will be a Guidance link on our school's website, www.sesvt.org, where future news and information will be posted. Stay tuned!

Please feel free to call or e-mail if you have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions regarding the Guidance program as outlined. Also, please contact the school (myself, your child's teacher or Mrs. Pepe) if you do not wish to have your child receive either individual or group counseling.

Thank you and have a fantastic year!!!

Mary Hoag, M.A. Guidance Counselor

Price Chopper Tools for Schools

Every time you use your Advantage card at the Price Chopper supermarket check out, (from August 2nd until February 13, 2010) SES receives points toward valuable gifts provided you've registered your Advantage card at www.pricechopper.com and indicated the SES school code, 15362, as your school of choice. Please register today!

Hannaford Helps School

From September 6 to December 6, Hannaford shoppers can help SES by depositing your school dollars (awarded at the checkout for purchasing participating products) into the collection tower marked Sherburne at the front of the store. Each year Hannaford sends us a check for the dollars collected.

Geography Lunch

All students in grades 4-6 are invited to Geography Lunch in the 6th grade classroom on Wednesdays. We eat lunch, answer geography trivia questions, and play SmartBoard games. It is a great way for students to learn more about world geography and have fun! It also serves as a preparation for students who would like to compete in the state Geo Bee at the end of the year. I hope to see you on Wednesdays!

Mrs. Simonds, Grade 6 Teacher

SES Website

Remember to routinely check the SES website, www.sesvt.org for all the SES news and points of interest.

First time visitors, be sure to register and logon in the “Principal’s Corner” of the school website to enable all pages of the site.

The calendar, newsletter and monthly menu is located in the “parent” section.

Stop by and see Mrs. Pilsmaker at the front desk if you have any questions or concerns.