

SES NEWSLETTER

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Starbase Vermont - Sherburne Elementary School fourth graders' participation in Starbase Vermont supports the fourth grade curriculum in an engaging manner, building upon student learning from earlier years. The mission of Starbase is "...to raise the interest and importance of knowledge and skills of youth in science, technology, engineering and math..." otherwise known as STEM. Starbase provides an exciting, hands-on, activity-based curriculum involving STEM, personal development, team building and healthy choices.

Established by the Vermont National Guard in 1994, Starbase receives federal funding from the Department of Defense.

Parents are encouraged to visit the school website to see photos of the Starbase program on the 4th grade link.

College Students Continue Learning at SES - Sherburne classrooms buzzed with college students this week. Students from both Castleton State College and the College of St. Joseph visited classrooms this week to learn more about the outstanding instruction that occurs at Sherburne Elementary School. College of St. Joseph students will regularly observe and assist in classrooms to learn specifically about math instructional methods. The focus for Castleton students is to learn more about the field of education.

Student Assessments - SES students in grades three through six will soon participate in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). Main areas of focus in this assessment are reading and mathematics. Written language is an additional focus for students in grades five and eight. Please encourage your child to put forth good effort during these tests.

Parents can help. Make sure your child has adequate rest and a good breakfast on test administration days. Please mark your calendars for October 2 – 16. Refer to the attached letter for details. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pepe or your child's teacher.

School Crisis Plan - School crisis planning occurs each year in public schools. Prior to the start of the school year, SES faculty members review crisis procedures. During the first month of school, students practice lockdown drills and evacuation drills. Teachers remind students that the drills are to increase their safety in a number of difficult situations. SES takes a balanced approach to school safety, recognizing that a combination of strategies, rather than one or two extreme solutions, can be most effective in keeping students safe. In the rare case an evacuation would call for students to leave school grounds, students ride the bus to the Sherburne Memorial Library or to Killington Mountain School. The school call list would be put into effect to inform parents.

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Dates to Remember

September 29

4th grade to Starbase

September 30

3-6 Grade to Fish Hatchery

October 6

Trailblazers Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.

4th Grade to Starbase

October 8

Book Making @ SML w/ Edie Johnstone

3:30—5:00

October 10

WCSU District Spelling Bee

WUHS @9:30 a.m.

Grades 2 –4 to Killington Gondola

October 14

SES School Board Meeting @4:00 p.m.

October 23 & 24

Professional Meetings/No Classes

October 28

End of First Marking Period

October 30

Killington Park & Rec. Halloween Party
& 6th Grade Haunted House

NECAP Test Dates

Oct. 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16 - grades 3 -6
Also Oct. 2 & 6 for Grade 5

Happy "October" Birthday

Joey Ranberg	10/3
Zachary Chernin	10/9
Rose O'Brien	10/9
Sarah Findeisen	10/12
Remy Bragg	10/16
Alyana Hunt	10/18
Jacob Wilcox	10/18
Alexander Crompton	10/23
Stephen Bianchi	10/24
Ezra Hennie	10/25



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Trailblazer Meeting - Come one, come all... to the Sherburne Elementary School Trailblazer meeting to take place on Monday, October 6th at 8:00 am. Joan Wise and Greg LaBella, Trailblazer Co-Coordinators, host this meeting to discuss the organization and needs of the upcoming ski and snowboard season. Without parent volunteers, our ski and snowboard program would not exist. Please show your willingness to commit to the program by attending the meeting and/or contacting Mrs. Wise at jwise@sesvt.org

Program Presentation Night - Thank you, parents, for attending Program Presentation Night on Monday, September 22nd. Children know when their parents and teachers work closely together. This teamwork serves as a motivating force for children at SES to reach their potential.

SES is a Frangrance Free Zone - Please refer to Nurse Sudol's remarks in this newsletter for more information regarding why we have to request your assistance in not wearing fragrances into the school.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

News from the Health Room

I hope your children are all having a healthy start to the school year! I am enjoying getting to know everyone. I'd like to remind parents and students that several people in our school have severe allergies.

SES is a fragrance free zone. When visiting SES, please refrain from wearing perfume, scented lotion, after-shave, hair spray, cologne or applying or using any product with a scent. Keeping our school fragrance free will help us ensure the safety of our students and staff. Even small amounts of manufactured scents can trigger an allergic reaction in those who are sensitive to them and could deprive that child or teacher from learning or teaching that day.

Presently we do not ban certain foods and products from our school, but we do ask that if a child is eating peanut products at school, he needs to wash his hands (a minimum of 20 seconds is recommended) after eating. Students who attend classes with Mrs. Wise are asked to refrain from eating peanut products because she has a severe allergy to peanuts.

Thank you all for your cooperation. Together we can make SES a safe and healthy place to learn. If you have any school health related questions, I am in my office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I also have voice mail, ex. 212, and will gladly return your call.

Jamie Sudol, RN

5th Grade Field Trips

Fifth graders recently visited a science lab at MSJ. We have been studying monerans and protists, which are microscopic organisms like bacteria, amoeba, and verticella. At the lab, we got a chance to see these creatures under the microscope. Flying across the slide we were watching verticella that looked like green trumpets! We think it was a great experience for 5th grade.

Also, we went on a field trip to the recycling plant in Rutland. We got to go on the floor and see the machinery that sorted and bundled cans, cardboard, paper, and plastic. At the plant there were bundles of aluminum cans that weighed one ton! The workers were very nice and we learned how important it is to recycle.

By Zac Chernin and Ezra Hennie

Playground News

If you have an idea for the future of Kids' Kingdom, the playground area in general or a playground fundraising scheme, please contact Jennifer Iannantuoni at 422-5402 or leave a message for Jennifer at the school.

Rutland Figure Skating Club

Figure Skating Lessons are beginning on November 9, 2008 at the Rutland Regional Field House at the Diamond Run Mall, Rutland, VT on Sundays.
 Beginner and Advanced Beginner 4:45-5:45pm
 Intermediate & Advanced 4:45-6:30 p.m.
 Registration & Skate Sale October 4 10 a.m.—12:00
 Call Peggy Mowle 422-3783 or e-mail mowle4@aol.com