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# SES NEWSLETTER

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**Sherburne Receives Grants for Technology Integration** - Grants received from Killington Ski Resort and Title IID enabled Sherburne Elementary School to acquire new technological tools: two document cameras and two dozen Senteo Remotes. Teachers and students alike are excited about these new tools and their ability to enhance lessons across the curricula. Document cameras allow teachers to instantly display real-time images of any static or moving object onto an interactive whiteboard for the entire class to see. Images captured may be used to create interactive lessons. Senteo Remotes allow students to confidentially and instantly show teachers how much they know. This insight allows teachers to adapt lessons based on students' responses. In combination with the SMARTBoards, these tools help our school curriculum "rise above and go beyond the ordinary" in areas that would not otherwise be funded by the school budget. We thank our neighbor, Killington Ski Resort and Pico Mountain, along with our Technology Integration Coordinator, Rick Dustin-Eichler, for helping to make learning opportunities for our students that are more dynamic and spontaneous than ever.

**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. Throughout the school year, 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 calls for students to leave school grounds, students ride the bus to the Sherburne Memorial Library or to Killington Mountain School. The school call list, which can be published after the first 45 days, will be put into effect to inform parents.

**NECAP Science** - Fourth grade students throughout the State of Vermont participated in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science Assessment last spring. In general, Sherburne students performed well in comparison with state scores. NECAP Science assesses students' content knowledge in the areas of physical science, Earth and space science, and life science. Teachers use test data to determine future curriculum and instructional needs. Analysis of NECAP Science data indicates that SES students need new educational strategies in the area of inquiry. We shall review our educational standards and grade expectations in this area, ensure their alignment with the science curriculum, and look into future professional development opportunities. Parents of fifth graders may review individual student test results during parent conferences.

**K/1 Goes Apple Picking** - Kindergarteners and first graders recently spent an exciting and educational day at Sbardella Apple Orchard.

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## Dates to Remember

### October 14

Guiding Good Choices Parenting Class  
@ SES @ 5:30 pm

### October 15

After School Special at SML 3:30 -5

### October 16

SES School Board Meets @ 8:15AM

### October 19

Grade 4 to Starbase

### October 22 & 23

Professional Meetings/No Classes

### October 26

Grade 4 to Starbase  
Grades K-3 Fire Safety Day @9 am  
Fundraiser for Cody Marshall  
@ SES 6-8 pm

### October 28

1st Marking Period Ends

### October 30

K-6 Grades H1N1 Flu Shot @ SES

### November 2

Grade 4 to Starbase

### November 6

Parent Conferences/No Classes

### November 9

Grade 4 to Starbase

### November 19

Grade 3 to Castleton State College  
Grade 4 to Starbase

### November 24

K, 1 & 2 to Castleton State College

**Remaining NECAP Test Dates**  
**Grades 3-6 Oct. 13,14,15**  
**Also Oct. 12 & 16 for Grade 5**

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In class and at the orchard, students learned how apples grow, sampled products made from apples and visited the animal barn. Students left the orchard with their own bags filled with apples. We extend a special thank you to the chaperones, Jennifer Iannantuoni, Annie Masillo, Marion Abrams, Kelly Ziegler and Marnie Rieger, who joined K/1 on this field trip.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

**Guidance Counseling News**

Parents, there is still time to sign up for “Guiding Good Choices,” a parenting workshop to be held here, at Sherburne Elementary, on Wednesday nights beginning October 14 at 5:30 pm. Dinner and childcare will be provided free of charge! Please contact workshop facilitator, Nerissa Edwards, vtnerissa@gmail.com; 457-2679, for any questions regarding this exciting event.

Mary Hoag, Guidance Counselor

**More About Trailblazers!**

The Killington Resort Ski & Snowboard Sale/Swap is this weekend. This is an excellent opportunity for SES families to acquire the necessary gear to participate in the SES Trailblazer’s Ski & Ride Program. Students need skis or snowboard, boots, helmet and poles. Waterproof clothing is essential to a positive Trailblazer experience and it is also available new or used at the swap. Sunday is the “bargain day” and on Monday “donated” items will be free. If procuring equipment and/or clothing is a hardship for you, please contact SES as soon as possible.

SES students, K—6, will ski or snowboard on Thursday afternoons, beginning January 14th, providing a sufficient number of volunteer instructors and base lodge chaperones sign on for the program. A Trailblazer meeting will be held soon for all volunteers.

Killington Resort generously offers a season pass for SES students for a fee of \$40.00. More information will follow in a future newsletter.

**Fourth Grade News**

Recently fourth grade students participated in the “Days of Taste” program sponsored by the Vermont AIFW. Karen Durkee, of the Killington Market, led the class on a tour of two local Vermont farms. The students visited the Tweed Valley Mushroom Farm in Pittsfield and Hinterland Farm in Killington. At Tweed Valley, Nancy Wisner demonstrated how shitaki and oyster mushrooms are grown. The class also visited her koi pond and quail hatchery. Boris Pilsmaker, of Hinterland Farms, explained the process of organic farming. The students observed plants from seeds to harvest. They also enjoyed viewing the turkeys, pigs, and chickens Mr. Pilsmaker raises. He discussed with them the concept of food going from his farm to his and other restaurants in the area. After their visits, the class enjoyed a gourmet lunch made of Vermont products provided by Mrs. Durkee. Please check the fourth grade webpage for photographs of our trip.

Mrs. Garland, Grade 4 Teacher

**Ice Cream Social For Cody Marshall**

Cody Marshall, SES alum, of the U.S. Ski Team suffered a traumatic brain injury last summer. Expenses have been inordinate and a community wide fundraiser is planned for Monday, October 26th, at SES, 6-8 pm.

Come one and all to enjoy an ice cream sundae, raffle and support Cody. Questions? Contact Kelly Ziegler, 746-9976

**Ice Skating at Woodstock Union Arena**

Inclusive Therapeutic Ice Skating at Union Arena in Woodstock will be offered again this year from October 13th to March 9th. This free program for all special needs is from 4:20 to 5:10 pm. Skaters are invited to bring friends and family and rental skates are available. Qualified volunteer skaters are available on the ice for assistance. For more information contact Anita Rogerson, 802-457-4092.

**Sherburne Memorial Library News**

The SML at 2998 River Road in Killington will host an “After-School Special” on Thursday, October 15th, from 3:30-5 pm for students in grades K-6. Pre-registration is requested in order to provide for refreshments and supplies. Contact 422-9765.