

# SES NEWSLETTER

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**Spelling Team** - You could hear a pin drop. With butterflies in their stomachs, spellers sat anxiously on the edges of their seats waiting to hear the next word. Can you spell palatial? How about quadrilateral? The WCSU spelling competitors faced these words and many more at a recent supervisory union-wide spelling competition at Woodstock High School's Teagle Library. Many thanks to everyone at WUHS/MS for graciously hosting this opportunity for our elementary school children to join together in healthy competition, especially spelling bee proctor and principal at WUHS, Greg Schillinger, and administrators Dana Peterson and Julian Underwood. Fifth and sixth graders Ezra Hennie, Gemma Fielder, Sarah Findeisen, Remy Bragg, Taylor Tolar, and Mimi Templeton represented Sherburne Elementary School well, along with their coach, Allison Naugle. Sherburne Elementary students ended this tight competition as second runner-up, with Barnard Academy as first runner-up and Woodstock Elementary School students in first place. We are proud of the Sherburne Spelling Team's efforts as they prepared and participated in this rigorous event.

**OMYA Award** - Congratulations to several Sherburne Elementary School students for earning recognition in OMYA's "Earth Science Week" poster contest. In the third and fourth grade competition, Danny Whittaker earned 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, Kyle Weirether earned 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and Rory Haff earned first prize. In the fifth and sixth grade competition, Remy Bragg earned first prize. All students were honored on Saturday at Vermont Earth Science week in Middlebury and received a certificate, a fossil, a marble plaque and a cash prize.

**Scholastic Books Donated** - Extra, extra, read all about it! Sherburne Elementary School now owns duplicate copies of many favorite children's books. Thanks to Megan and Kevin O'Neill's affiliation with Scholastic Book Company, over one hundred donated books have been delivered to the SES doorstep. With great appreciation, we thank Scholastic Books and the O'Neill family for providing our library with so many new books for our students.

**Safe Trick or Treating** - It's almost time for our little witches, haunting ghouls, superheroes and princesses to take to the streets on a quest for candy and fun on Halloween. Please take some time to discuss safety with your child(ren). The chances of children being hit by a car are much higher on Halloween night than on any other night of the year. Here are reminders to keep your child(ren) safe:

- Warn children to cross the street only at intersections.
- Instruct children to walk facing traffic and to avoid the busy streets.
- Apply reflective tape/stickers to make your child more visible.
- Encourage children to carry a flashlight or glow stick while walking between houses to enhance visibility.

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## Dates to Remember

### 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 27

Pittsfield Library After School Program  
Pumpkin Carving

### October 28

1st Marking Period Ends

### October 29

Trailblazer Volunteer Meeting @8:00 am

### October 30

K-6 Grades H1N1 Flu Shot @ SES  
Rec. Dept Halloween Party & 6th Grade  
Haunted House @ SES 5-7 pm

### October 31

Pittsfield Library Trick or Treat 5-7

### November 2

Grade 4 to Starbase

### November 6

Parent Conferences/No Classes  
SES Kids' Ski Swap

### November 8

Empty Bowls Project for Hunger  
Pomfret Town Hall 4-7 pm

### November 9

Grade 4 to Starbase

### November 10

SES School Board 4 pm

### November 12

SES/Community Thanksgiving Luncheon  
Families' Last Names A-H 11:50-12:30  
Families' Last Names I-Z 12:30—1:10

## Happy "November" Birthday!

Ryan Rogers	11/19
Zev Ruben	11/20
Liam VanHerwarde	11/20

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- Accompany children or ensure they are with a responsible adult.

**Parent Conferences** - Parent conferences are rapidly approaching. Please look for your child to bring home a November 6<sup>th</sup> conference sign-up sheet in the near future.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Haunted House**

The Rec Dept Halloween Party and the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Haunted House is Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. There will be a pumpkin carving contest (please drop off in cafeteria by 5:30 for judging), parade, games, food, refreshments, and of course, the Haunted House. If you can donate food or beverages, please see Mrs. Simonds in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. We need items such as cupcakes and cookies. All proceeds go towards the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Natures Classroom. Thank you.

Mrs. Simonds, Grade 6 Teacher

**Spanish News**

We have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage in Spanish class for the past month. Hispanic Heritage Month ran from September 15 to October 15; the month covers a period when many Latin American countries celebrate their independence.

Younger students have read traditional Latin American folk tales in class, and viewed traditional arts and crafts through photographs. An informational display has been created in the Spanish classroom for older students. We will continue to use the display to explore differences between English and Spanish in syntax and punctuation, as well as to promote an understanding of Hispanic geography and history. By far the most important concept that the children should gain from Hispanic Heritage Month is the difference between Spanish and Hispanic. That is, people from Spain are Spanish. People from places other than Spain where Spanish is spoken are Hispanic.

**Congratulations!**

Sixth grader, Dylan Grindel, recently passed his Hunter Safety Class. Congratulations Dylan!

**News from the Art Room**

“Empty Bowls” is a community project to raise money for local and national hunger prevention efforts. Guests are served a simple meal of bread and soup in a bowl that was made by a local potter and decorated by potters, community members, and students from Bridgewater, Pomfret and Sherburne Elementary Schools.

Join us on Sunday, November 8th, from 4-7 pm at the Pomfret Town Hall.  
Finnie Trimpi, Art 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.

**32nd Year of Rutland Figure Skating Club**

Figure skating lessons begin November 8th. Beginner & advanced beginners are on Sundays 4:45-5:45. Intermediate and Advanced are on Sundays 4:45-6:15. Lessons are at the Rutland Regional Field House (now the Spartan Arena) at the Diamond Run Mall in Rutland. Registration and skate sale is October 24 from 10 to noon. Questions? Contact Peggy Mowle at 422-3783, or email mowle4@aol.com

**Trailblazer Volunteers Needed!**

It is time for parents, friends and others to make their commitment to the SES Trailblazer Ski & Ride Program known. We are in need of volunteer instructors (we will train), base lodge chaperones, equipment transporters and K/1 parents to help dress younger students. In order to allow Kindergarten students to participate again this year, we require a significant number of volunteers to ensure an adequate student/adult ratio. All volunteers should attend the Trailblazer Volunteer Meeting on Thursday, October 29th at 8:00 am. If you would like to volunteer but cannot make the meeting, please e-mail jwise@sesvt.org.

**Attention Four Winds Volunteers**

On Thursday, November 5th, our next training session, Rotting Logs, will be taught by Ellen and Jane. We will meet from \*8:15-10:15\* in the Specials' Room. Please note this earlier time. A deliciously rotten snack will be provided by Jane. See you soon. Questions? Contact Beth Hike at 746-8144.