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Professional Development for Teachers - SES educators spent teacher inservice days immersed in new learning opportunities. Autism and augmentative communication were the focus of the first presentation. Today one in 166 children receive a diagnosis of autism. Because autism has become so prevalent in our society, teachers want to learn all they can about autism and strategies to help children with this diagnosis find success in schools.

Inquiry-based science was the focus of the second inservice day. Teachers met with science consultant, Karen Reinhardt, to review and discuss the continuum of science grade expectations (GEs) across grade levels. Teachers plan to do more work in this area throughout the school year.

ABCs of Parent Conferences - Children learn their ABCs when they start school. You can also use the ABCs to get the most out of your parent- teacher conference. Here's how:

A Ask questions. Before the conference, jot down a list of questions you have considered. Bring the list with you to the conference. Here are the kinds of questions you may want to ask: What will my child learn this year? What are my child's strength and weaknesses? How does my child get along with other children in the class? How can I best help my child be a successful learner?

B Be honest. You know things about your child that can help the teacher help him learn more. So share what you know. Share your child's likes and dislikes, and share any problems or concerns. If a grandparent just died or a family member lost a job, your child may be worrying about those things in school.

C Cooperate. A teacher may share a concern about your child during the conference. If this happens, work with the teacher to come up with a plan to address it. You and the teacher both want what's best for your child. Decide what you will do at home and how the teacher will help your child at school. Set a future date to meet and review how the plan is working. (Elementary school parents make the difference!, vol. 21, no. 3, November, 2009, p.1)

Fire Safety - National Fire Prevention week served as a reminder to all of us of the need to discuss fire safety with our children. Members of Killington Fire and Rescue and Assistant Fire Marshal, Bill States, gave various presentations to kindergarten through third grade students recently. First, firefighters spoke to children about how to avoid fires and to ensure there are smoke detectors in the home with batteries changed annually. The discussion then moved to what has to happen in case of a fire. If you are in a burning building, get out. Go to a designated "meeting spot," and wait for help to arrive. Call 911 to seek help, and in this day of cell phone use, know your address! Most of our younger students were unable to state their street address.

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Dates to Remember

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

November 19

Grade 4 to Starbase
Grade 3 to CSC 10 am

November 24

K, 1 & 2 to CSC 1 pm

November 25-27

Thanksgiving Recess/No Classes

December 1

H1N1 Vaccine Dose #2 for SES students
nine & under

December 8

SES School Board 4 pm

December 15

SES Holiday Concert 6:30 pm

December 23-January 1

Holiday Recess/ No Classes

Art Room News

"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 Sunday, November 8th, from 4-7 pm at the Pomfret Town Hall. Finnie Trimpfi, Art Teacher

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We thank the following members of Killington Fire and Rescue for educating students about fire prevention: Firefighter Bill States, Deputy Chief Jim Fiore, Captain Mark Fiore, Lieutenant Ryan Soos, and Captain Gary Roth. We also thank Derek Shepardson from the Division of Fire Safety.

ThinkCody Ice Cream Social Fundraiser - The ThinkCody Ice cream Social Fundraiser for injured skier and SES alum, Cody Marshall, was a huge success. Thank you to all those parents, children, and community members able to offer support at this event. Cody graduated from SES in 1994 and went on to become an alpine ski racer for the US Alpine National Ski Team. Cody had been training for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics in Park City, Utah, when he had an accident causing a traumatic brain injury. Today, Cody surpasses his doctors' expectations with his recovery. The fundraiser helped to show Cody and his family the tremendous support available to them from his hometown of Pittsfield, his former elementary school, Killington and Pico Resort, and friends all over the world.

Thank you especially, to Kelly Ziegler, for doing so much to organize this event and to Tricia Jarecki, for providing support and assistance. A special "thank you" to all sponsors and individuals who helped with the fundraiser will be sent to the local newspapers.

Trailblazers Prepare for the Slopes -Trailblazer volunteers met recently to discuss the upcoming ski and snowboard year. Sherburne Elementary School students enjoy ski and snowboard days on nine Thursday afternoons in the winter months. This program continues due to parental and community involvement. Many more volunteers are needed! If you were unable to attend the meeting and are interested in becoming a Trailblazer volunteer instructor, please contact Mrs. Wise at jwise@sesvt.org. We look forward to another exciting year on the trails of Killington this year.

Successful H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinic at SES - Thanks to Nurse Sudol's efforts, most students at SES received H1N1 flu vaccines last week. School nurse, Jamie Sudol, organized this flu clinic with efficiency and professionalism from the beginning of the process through the administration of vaccines. We thank Nurse Sudol and her assistants throughout this process: Patty MacLauchlan, chief hugger; Shari Borzekowski, runner; Kristin Alf, runner and coordinator; and Nancy Blessing, P.A., vaccine administrator.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

Sherburne Memorial Library News

Mother Goose Story Time Birth - Age 3 Weds. Mornings at 10:30

Pre-K A.B.C. Story Time Ages 3 -5 Friday's at 1:00

Reading Educational Assistance Dog Wednesday Nov. 11 starting at 3:30 Please Pre-register

After School Special K - Grade 6 Wednesday Nov. 18th 3:30 - 5:00 Please pre-register

Teri Austin, Librarian

Clothing and Sports Equipment Swap

Shari Borzekowski and Lori Weirether have organized a FREE children's clothing and sports equipment swap to occur throughout the day, Friday, November 6th. Please bring items to the SES cafeteria between 8-9 am. Stop by the cafeteria between 8-3 to check out items before or after your parent conference.

Clothing not claimed will be donated to a worthy cause but hard goods (skis, boots, snowboards, etc.) not removed must be reclaimed by the donor.

Volunteers needed to help out. Questions? Call Shari Borzekowski at 422-3991.

Haunted House and Halloween Party

The 6th Grade Haunted House was a fun filled and horrifying success! The students and parents helped set up the tarps, decorated the hall, specials' room, the graveyard and the front entrance! Many visitors were terrified after going through the Haunted House, and they were very excited as they waited in line to enter and went over and over again!

The 6th graders would like to thank all the parent helpers that helped out because this event would not happen without them. We raised about \$300 for our class trip!

By Cale Squier, Grade 6