

SES NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating Geography Awareness Week- Students at Sherburne Elementary School celebrated Geography Awareness Week with various activities, including t-shirt day on Wednesday, November 18th. Students' t-shirts represented many locations throughout our world: Poland, New Zealand, Israel, Cape Cod, Ireland, Austria, Alaska, Maine, South Dakota, New York, Texas, Long Beach Island, Cambodia, Jackson Hole, Killington and many other interesting locations.

Geography is a critical component of education for our 21st century students. It is imperative that our students have opportunities to gain greater awareness and knowledge of our planet. Happy travels to all Sherburne families as the Thanksgiving and holiday breaks rapidly approach!

A Most Delicious Thanksgiving Lunch - Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, mashed pumpkin, and green beans satiated students, guests, and faculty at the annual SES Thanksgiving luncheon on Thursday, November 12th. Dining hall manager, Gail Flynn, made a most delicious lunch, followed by mouth-watering pies donated by our parents. Faculty served food and mingled with guests, while Mrs. Laird's second graders shared poems of Thanksgiving. The Thanksgiving Luncheon is a time for students and faculty to express appreciation to the community for the support offered to the school all year long. A special note of appreciation goes to the following folks: Jennifer Burch, for her delectable mashed pumpkin cuisine; Barb Foley, for her unwavering assistance in the dining hall at this time of year; and Gail Flynn for her ability to make a scrumptious Thanksgiving lunch for so many people.

First Grader and Fifth Grade Book Buddies - Students at SES routinely enjoy and benefit from flexible grouping from one grade to the next throughout the school year. One such example of this is the Book Buddy experience enjoyed by first and fifth graders. Each week first graders meet with their fifth grade "Book Buddies" to take turns reading together. Besides offering both students an opportunity to practice their reading skills, the Book Buddy experience and other flexible groupings that take place throughout the school promote a sense of community among all of our students.

Fourth Grade Wins NetBook Proposal - Fourth grade teacher, Maria Garland, recently won a grant proposal for six NetBook computers in her classroom. After attending the Building Learning Communities Technology Conference in Boston this past summer, Mrs. Garland returned to school determined to find a way to integrate technology in the fourth grade curriculum throughout each day. The rebuilt computers in her classroom could not support the complex and sophisticated websites she planned to use with students such as Voice Thread, Etherpad and Glogster Ed. Mrs. Garland and students will have great opportunities as a result of this NetBook purchase and Mrs. Garland's determination to broaden our 21st century

Dates to Remember

November 20

Free Coats for Kids Giveaway @
Trinity Church, 3—7 pm

November 21

Free Coats for Kids Giveaway
Trinity Church, 8—3 pm

November 23

Grade 2 Thanksgiving Readers' Theater
2:15 Specials' Room

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

January 4

Classes Resume

Instrumental Lessons Announcement

All Tuesday instrumental lessons will meet at 2:00 until the end of December. We are preparing for the Holiday concert.

Mrs. Morton, Music Teacher

Lunch bills went home today. Please check student backpacks for bill. Prompt remittance is greatly appreciated.

Happy "December" Birthday

Vincent Arbuiso	12/11
Bridgit Black	12/22
Ayden Arthur	12/24

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students' experiences, both educationally and socially

The NetBook computer purchase is the result of funds received from a recent transfer from the Killington Trustees of Public funds/ Maxham fund to SES in the amount of \$847.95 combined with an award of \$1,194 from Killington's Rise Above Grant.

We thank the Killington Board of Trustees and the Killington Select Board along with Killington and Pico Ski Resort for bringing this opportunity for advanced technological skills to the students at Sherburne Elementary School.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

SES Library News

It has been a very busy school year for the SES library. In addition to normal duties: weekly library enrichment classes, collaborating with teachers on technology projects, previewing and ordering new books and maintaining the collection, attending WCSU Technology Coaching classes and meeting with local and state librarians, we have adopted a new automated online catalog system. The system is named OPALS™ OPen-source Automated Library System. A special thanks to E.J. Willis, Sarah Rasmussen and Michelle Coates for volunteering with the cataloging of older materials into this new system. The terrific news is that you can preview our catalog online now. Students can use this new SES library capability in several ways including reviewing the school collection at home when doing homework. Book titles can be searched as well as view a synopsis of each book. Or just for fun, students can virtually browse the stacks. Not all of our materials have been entered as yet, but we hope to see the entire collection online by the end of the school year. Try it out – the url is <http://sesvt.schoolaid.net/bin/search/beginner> If you have questions or need help you can reach me on Tuesdays and Fridays by coming to the library, by calling the school at 422-3366 or sending me an email at EVaughn@sesvt.org

Eileen Vaughn, SES Librarian

Child Care Support Services

Free services providing help for families seeking child care and assisting eligible families to pay for child care can be obtained through Child Care Support Services 88 Park Street, Rutland VT. Bright gold colored brochures explaining services are available in the SES entryway. Contact Mike Raymond at 747-0033 with any questions.

The First Annual SES Clothing/Gear Swap

Shari Borzekowski organized a wonderful clothing and equipment swap here at SES on November 6. The event was met with appreciation by many SES families. We thank the Killington Ski Club for providing us with an abundance of items and Debbie Burke for delivering them to the school.

At the end of the day, remaining items were donated to the Coats for Kids program in Rutland this weekend.

Free Coats for Kids

Gently used & new winter coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and fleece for free, sizes infant to adult. Bring children (or proof of children ie birth certificate) to Trinity Episcopal Church 85 West St., Rutland, VT on Friday from 3—7 pm or Saturday from 8-3PM.

Questions: Contact Darlene McMahon, 855-8880.