

SES NEWSLETTER

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K/1/2 Enjoys Show at Castleton - Kindergarten, first and second graders enjoyed an animated, lively musical at Castleton State College recently, entitled *The Rainbow Fish*, based upon the book by Marcus Pfister. This comical musical production entertained SES students and brought a favorite book to life. This opportunity came to us at no cost through grants written by Castleton State College.

In the Spirit of Giving - Students, parents, and friends... the *Giving Tree* at SES needs your help! New hats, mittens, scarves, and socks traditionally adorn the tree. All contributions go to the Rutland Women's Shelter before the holiday break. Please bring your donation, and hang it on the tree. The SES Student Council sponsors the *Giving Tree* project.

Giving Thanks - Second graders presented a short musical, *Thanksgiving*, to fellow students, parents, teachers and special guests on Monday, November 23rd. Through song and story, students, dressed as both Pilgrims and Native Americans, shared the history of the Pilgrims in America and their first Thanksgiving. A very special thank you is extended to second grade teacher, Lisa Laird, for directing this Thanksgiving presentation.

Final Vaccination Clinic Held at SES - Children under the age of nine needed two vaccinations for the H1N1 flu. Once again, we thank our school nurse, Jamie Sudol, R.N., for organizing an efficient vaccine clinic for our youngest students. We also thank Nurse Sudol's assistants during this process: Patty MacLauchlan, hugger; Jennifer Iannantuoni, runner; and Shari Borzekowski, K/1 snacks.

School Cancellation - When roads are deemed unsafe for school bus travel, the beginning of the school day may be delayed by one hour or more. If it is likely that unsafe conditions will continue throughout the day, school will be canceled, and the SES call list will begin.

In addition to the call list, announcements will be on PEG TV and on the radio: WJJR 98.1, WZRT 92.1, WEBK 105.3, and WSYB 97.1. If you feel uncomfortable with driving conditions, please feel free to keep your child home from school.

Sleep Deprivation and Holidays - School plays, dance recitals, family commitments, shopping trips, and other holiday related activities find many parents and children overwhelmed during the holidays.

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Dates to Remember

December 8

SES School Board 4 pm

December 15

SES Holiday Concert 6:30 pm

December 17

African Dance @WUHS @8:45 am
Grades K-6

December 18

Big Friend/Little Friend
Breakfast with Frosty @10 am
Holiday Sweater Dance
@SES 7-9 grades 4-6

December 23-January 1

Holiday Recess/ No Classes

January 4

Classes Resume

January 12

SES School Board @4 pm

January 14

Trailblazers Ski/Ride Program begins
Grades K-6 @ Ramshead Lodge

January 18

No Classes/Staff Development

January 20

2nd Marking Period Ends

Trailblazers Begins January 14

All SES students need a season pass at Killington in order to participate in our Trailblazers' program. Our students' names are on a list at the Killington Season Pass office located at Snowshed Base Lodge. SES students can purchase an unrestricted season pass good at Killington and Pico for approximately \$46.00. The pass office is open 7 days a week.

Students will also need the appropriate clothing and equipment to ski or ride.

If purchasing the season pass or equipment is a financial hardship for you, please contact Mrs. Pepe or Mrs. Pilsmaker as soon as possible.

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When there are never enough hours in the day and over scheduling prevails, excitement and stress may interfere with sleep. A child who does not get enough sleep can become fussy, irritable, and aggressive and have trouble learning and socializing. To make life merrier for all, limit activities and sweets, eliminate caffeine, and make bedtime a priority. A well-rested child will continue to benefit from learning at school and is more likely to enjoy the holidays.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

Spanish Club News

For the past six weeks, several fifth and sixth grade students have given up their recess on Wednesdays to come to Spanish club. The club is designed for upper classmen who are interested in bringing their Spanish to the next level.

During that time, students have learned about subject pronouns and how verbs work in Spanish. In this short period, the students have gotten a very good grasp of how to conjugate Spanish –ar verbs. (These correspond to French –er verbs for those of you who studied French.) Students are now ready to move on to the next type of verbs.

Students will complete a different project for each group of verbs that we study. For the –ar group, students wrote and illustrated a children’s book with simple sentences using one verb. I hope that students can read these books and translate them into English with their Kindergarten or first grade friends. Because some students joined the club after a few weeks into it, not everyone has had the opportunity to write their books yet, but everyone will be given the chance to complete each project. Upon request, I will be happy to make duplicate copies of your child’s Spanish children’s story for him/her to read and translate to you at home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the Spanish program or Spanish club. I can be reached at SES on Wednesdays, or by email at fleibly@comcast.net.

Senora Elena, Spanish Teacher

3rd Grade Holiday Store

Third graders will open our Annual Holiday Store. The Killington and Pittsfield communities have once again generously contributed to this endeavor. We have many interesting gifts for both adults and children. We will continue to collect merchandise for our store until 12/14. We could still use more items suitable for parents’ and grandparents’ gifts.

It is our hope that SES students will purchase their holiday presents for their friends and relatives at our store. The store will be open December 17, 18, and 21, at selected hours during the school day. The money collected from this store will be donated to charity. All prices will be very reasonable. Most will be under fifty cents. Third graders will set the prices, organize the merchandise in our coat room store, and be the sales clerks.

Remember to please send your students to school with some coins to shop for family members on the 17th, 18th, or 21st!