

SES NEWSLETTER

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Holiday Program - Old Man Winter arrived at the Sherburne Elementary School annual holiday concert. The musical, *Snow Way Out: A Vacation in Winter's Wonderland*, entertained and delighted parents, grandparents, and special guests throughout the evening. A lively performance by preschoolers started the concert, with the SES band playing traditional holiday music.

As always, the SES community is appreciative of the time and effort put forth by all involved in the production, especially the following individuals: Christine Morton, music and band director; Kate Carey and Maria Garland, program directors; and Peggy Neisner and Melissa Knipes, choreographers.

The Giving Tree - The Giving Tree, adorned with loads of mittens, scarves, and hats for the Rutland County Women's Shelter, is a welcome relief to families in need. We thank all of you for your generosity this holiday season, especially for helping your children realize that the best gift is in giving to others.

We extend a special thank you to student council advisor, Amy Simonds, and members of the SES Student Council for organizing the Giving Tree project.

Big Friend/ Little Friend Breakfast with Frosty - Kindergarteners and their sixth grade "Big Friends" enjoyed a holiday breakfast on Friday morning with a special guest, "Frosty the Snowman." Students sang holiday songs together and "Big Friends" presented "Little Friends" with their own copy of *The Biggest Snowman Ever* by Steven Kroll. We greatly appreciate M.B. Neisner's expertise in making a delicious breakfast for everyone to share and our mystery guest for his impersonation of "Frosty."

Trailblazers Ski/Ride - 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.

Loren M. Pepe, Principal

Dates to Remember

December 18

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

January 28ch

Grades 4,5 & 6 to Castleton State
College

Happy "January" Birthday

Gemma Fielder	1/20
Magnolia Rice	1/21



The Finneron Family Fund



Please consider making your holiday donations locally this year. Long standing community volunteer, Steve Finneron, is recuperating from a burst fracture of the L1 vertebra and three fractures of the T12, L2 and L3, as well as four cracked ribs. Steve will be out of work this winter. The Finnerons will incur a sizeable insurance deductible for 2009 and again 1/1/2010. Steve and his wife Sheila have lived and worked in Killington for about 30 years. Steve is a well loved Killington Race Program coach and served on the Sherburne Elementary School Board of Directors for 18 years, as Chairperson for many of them. Steve epitomizes *civic virtue* and this is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to the Finneron Family Fund (FFF), c/o Killington/Pico Rotary, P.O. Box 186, Killington, VT 05751.

The Wild Christmas Reindeer by Jan Brett

In this story there was a girl named Teeka. Santa told Teeka to get reindeer ready for Christmas. So Teeka did. The reindeer ran all over the place. Teeka yelled at the reindeer. In the end, the reindeer were ready for Christmas. Teeka changed from being nervous and afraid to being relaxed and confident.

Teeka was nervous and afraid when Santa asked Teeka to get the reindeer ready. She had never done it before.

Teeka was relaxed and confident when she hugged all of the reindeer because she knew she could get the reindeer ready for Christmas and she let the reindeer choose their partners. She was relaxed when she saw the reindeer happy.

Teeka wanted to get the reindeer to be perfect, but the reindeer did not listen. So, Teeka yelled at them and the reindeer got upset. This made Teeka nervous. Teeka learned to be nice and then the reindeer listened.

Lilly Buker, Grade 2, Response to Literature

**My Tribute to the Army**

An army stands strong, together they fight.

I am surely not wrong. Yes, I am right.

A fighter can love, I really can see angels from above.

I am touched, they help me.

A fighter, a fighter, to the army he goes,

A fighter, a fighter, he works and it shows.

Love helps them survive; it may be hard to thrive.

But together they stand; and they don't demand,

To have special care, even if it's food they have to share.

Some don't come back and it makes me cry.

This time I am wondering why, why, why?

But I honor the dead, and also the alive;

Please let most of them, or lots of them, survive.

In honor of those that don't make it,

I hope you don't just ignore them and sit.

I hope they do well; in heaven they stay.

I will just kneel, just kneel here and pray.

I love those there soldiers, even when they're away.

Amen to the soldiers, do well today.

Mimi Templeton, Grade 5

Chess Club Anyone?

We are looking for a volunteer who would like to establish an SES Chess Club. Some other schools in our district offer this activity and at one time it was offered here at SES as well.

Contact Mrs. Pepe, 422-3366, if you are interested.

Lunch bills went home this week. Please check your child's backpack!

Cub Scout News

For information on joining the Chittenden, Killington & Mendon Cub Scouts Pack 101, contact Michele Soto, Recruitment Coordinator, at 802-483-6895. Dens and leaders have been established for grades 1-4.

**Third Grade Store**

The Third Grade Store is open during snack time and recess for student shopping. All items are under \$.50. The merchants look forward to waiting on their customers, making change and netting a donation for a charitable cause at the holidays.

Parents are invited to browse the store on the final day of sales, December 22nd.

Mountain Meadows Cross Country Ski Program

Cross Country Skiers, ages 5-14 years old, are invited to join the Youth Ski Program at Mountain Meadows Cross Country Ski Center in Killington. The 2009-10 season will run from January 5 through March 14th. We will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 PM and Sunday afternoons from 1-3 PM. Skiers are welcome to join us any time during the season. The program uses a variety of approaches to teach both classic and skating ski technique including games, drills and lots of ski adventures to explore the Mountain Meadows trails. Skiers may also opt to participate in Bill Koch league races. Fees for the program are \$30. Equipment may be rented for the season for an additional \$25. Volunteer coaches are needed! Please contact Betsy Shands at 234-6807 with questions or for additional information.