

From the Middle

May 16, 2008

Quotes of the Week:

"I always prefer to believe the best of everybody- it saves so much trouble." - Rudyard Kipling

"Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts, ...brave by doing brave acts." -Aristotle

Announcements:

In Sports...

The girls lacrosse teams won both their games this week! Congratulations, and good luck in the remainder of the season.

From the Library...

The DCF Book Award goes to "Rules" this year. Students in grades 4-8 in Vermont (and Chelsea!) voted for it. If anyone would like to go to the Awards Ceremony to meet Cynthia Lord, the author, we can take 5 students. It's at VTC on Tuesday, May 27, from 10am to noon. Contact Maria Lamson in the Chelsea School Library right away , if you'd like to go!!

From the Gym...

Nikki Duval, Robbie Hood, and Andrea Neville raised \$226 for the Jump rope for heart program that the American Heart Association promotes in the effort to raise awareness for heart disease and prevention. These middle schooler participated with elementary students raising a total of 1,200.00. Students jumped rope during PE classes.

Middle School Students to help Veterans Prepare for Memorial Day

On Monday May, 19th (rain date Tuesday the 20th) the middle school students will be working with the VFW to set up Chelsea's cemeteries for Memorial Day. This is the second year in a row that Chelsea Middle School students have helped to replace the old flags in the town cemeteries. The students will be divided into three groups. The eighth graders will ride with Ms. Copp to the West Hill Cemetery. The sixth and seventh graders will be split into two groups. They will walk to the Riverside and Highland Cemeteries. Once we have completed our task the entire middle school will meet for a snack provided by the Veterans. Permissions slips must be into Erik Anderson before school on Monday. If you don't have a permission slip a signed, note from a parent or guardian will suffice.

Spring Music & Art Show impresses the masses

All artists and performers did a wonderful job showcasing their talents on Wednesday evening. The audience was impressed with students of all ages. From clogging in the 2nd grade to "You are a Star to Me" in both Chinese and English by the 3rd grade, "Conjunction Junction" in the 4th and "Sweet Home Alabama" in the 5th, there was something for everyone, and that was just some of the elementary performances. There were solo performances from both elementary and high school students which were amazing. The middle school chorus and band sounded beautiful, and many band members were also seen playing with high school students for particular songs. Beatles music pleased people of all ages throughout the night and spectators were even allowed to sing along at times. Abby Haywood and the high school music class produced some incredible original music. Betsey Painter commented at the end, "These are really good; they should try to publish some of these songs!" The night ended with "Hey Jude" led by Caleb Oldham and Charlie Mao, as a goodbye to the school because they will be leaving next year. Charlie will be returning home to China and Caleb will be going to school in Paris, France where his family is moving. Congratulations to

all performers and a special thanks to Abby Haywood for all of her hard work, talent, creativity, and energy.

Middle School Chelsea History Play is on its way!!!

Come see it on June 9th 2008

(School & Community Performances)

In English and Drama classes, the middle school has been working on a huge project that entails research, report writing, play-writing, and performance. Students are completing reports on their individual subtopics within the topic of Chelsea History. They are sharing information with each other and starting to develop characters and scenes for our June 9th performance.

This performance is meant to be BOTH entertaining as well as educational. All students in the elementary and high schools are welcome to come to the school performance at 9:00 AM on Monday, June 9th. There will also be an evening show for community members, parents and guardians. This will be during the last week of school, the day before high school exams begin. High school and elementary teachers, please plan to come if at all possible.

Here is a taste of what you will see...

The Premise:

Three Chelsea Middle School students break into Town Hall... they discover that they are not alone and start to learn about the history of the town... Ghosts from Chelsea's past visit the students and share their stories...

You will have to come watch the performance on June 9th to learn more... see you there!