

# Chelsea Public School

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## A Great Place For Students to Learn

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### Yearbook 2008

The 2008 Chelsea School yearbook is now on sale. The yearbook consists of pictures and extra-curricular programs for students in grades k-12. This year's book will be in color, and the cost is \$35. There are only 85 books available for purchase. You can reserve a book with a \$5 deposit and the balance is due before the book is picked up. Please see Pam Brown at the school to reserve/purchase your book. What better way to preserve your child's school memories than by purchasing a yearbook?

### After School Program

On the back of this newsletter you will find a flyer with information about an after school program for kids in grades k-8. This program is sponsored by the Jr. Grange and although we support the idea of an after school program we are not associated with the program in any way. For more information about this program please see the contact information provided on the back.

### Diversity Day

Last Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> was Chelsea Public School's annual celebration of diversity. Thanks to extensive planning by Maria Lamsen and Loretta Cruz the day was a huge success. The student body was divided into groups that allowed high school, middle school, and elementary students to work, eat, and play with one another. Our students were amazing as they were extremely well behaved and actively engaged in a long day of presentations and activities. I am particularly excited about how our older students acted as role models for our younger students as this goes a long way in building a sense of community in our school. What a great example of how Chelsea School is a special place and why it is a great place for students to learn.



Maybe next year on diversity day Ms. Cruz, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Chelsea Public School will demonstrate some of her skills that she uses when she competes in Primitive Biathlons. Ms. Cruz is seen here in action using old-fashioned snow shoes and a muzzle-loader in a race and shooting competition held in Northern Vermont.

### Guidance News

VSAC has released the 2008 scholarship book and each senior has been given one. If you are the parent of a senior ask them to see this book and direct any questions about scholarships to Erica Pearson. The Governors Institute is a summer program available to 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in pursuing hands on enrichment educational opportunities on Vermont College campuses. There are five institutes: The Arts, Science Technology and Engineering, Current Issues, Youth Activism and Asian Cultures, Information Technology and Mathematical Sciences. Applications for these programs are due by March 15<sup>th</sup> and they are available in the guidance office.

### School Choice

Chelsea Public School once again has decided to participate in the Winooski Valley Region Public School choice program for the 2008-2009 school year. Parents of Chelsea students in 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grades will be receiving packets in the mail which outline the parameters of this program. This program is available to students at no cost to the parents but it should be noted that this is a lottery process and that there are no guarantees that you will be accepted to another school. The biggest deterrent for most parents is that you will need to provide transportations for your son or daughter if they attend a different school. If you have any questions about the program please contact me or Erica Pearson to discuss this in greater detail.

### Upcoming Events

RTCC H.S. presentation 2/1 - 8:30am - 9:00am  
Winter Carnival 2/15  
Winter Break 2/18 - 2/25

Boys Basketball - 1/30 - H BMU  
2/1 - @ Concord  
2/4 - H Williamstown

Girls Basketball - 1/31 - H Thetford  
2/2 - @ S. Roy

***HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!***  
*Barrett Williams - Principal*