

Chelsea Public School

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A Great Place for Students To learn

September 14, 2007

Dear Parents.

I would like to thank the friends of Chelsea, playground committee and any other volunteers who helped organizing the playground ceremony and back to school picnic. The turnout for this event was great and we appreciate the support we have received from parents and community members. If you have not had an opportunity to visit the school please do so as Terry Libby, Janet Lafrancis and Tammy Collins have worked very hard over the summer to make the place look great.

School Visitors

When you enter the school you will be greeted by Sandy Higgins. If you are going to enter the school to visit classrooms, meet with a teacher or pick up your child Sandy will ask you to sign in and then give you a visitor pass to wear while you are in the building. We are doing this as a safety precaution for our students as we feel it's important to know who the adults are in the building. We apologize for any inconvenience to our parents and thank you for the support in this matter.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday, October 3 our middle school chorus class will be performing at 4pm for the folks who are attending the harvest festival. The harvest festival committee has asked our elementary classes to bring vegetables from our garden over during the day to add to their stone soup, which will be served later that evening. If you have any vegetables that you would like to donate please see Helen Heslop or just send them to school with your child on this day.

Open House

Open house will be held on Thursday, October 4th from 5pm-7pm. The elementary and middle school teachers will have a meet and greet session with a variety of activities to follow. The High School will follow last year's model of conferences with each of your child's individual teachers. Please contact the school and speak with Sandy to schedule time with each teacher. Conferences for elementary students will be held the following day on Friday, October 5th as you will notice on our calendar that this is a half day for middle and high school students and no school for elementary students. If you have any questions concerning this night please contact the school for more information.

Locker Room News

The school would like to thank the Trombley family for donating a treadmill to the P.E. department. Ms. Tyler is trying to collect enough equipment to create a fitness room for our students where the old stage used to be. Elementary P.E. classes are currently working on soccer and team building skills while the middle and high school classes are playing ultimate Frisbee and participating in fitness testing.

* Homecoming Celebration Update*

Friday, September 28th, Chelsea Public School is planning a homecoming celebration. There will be a pep rally at 2:45 in the gym for the boys and girls soccer teams. We encourage you to attend the pep rally and then at 4:30 pm show your support for the two teams who will play Sharon Academy. Following the games we would like to invite players, parents, and community members to attend a barbeque and bonfire at the school from 5:30 - 7:30. At this time we have had no classes interested in running a school dance so we have decided to have music entertainment outside for folks at the barbeque and bonfire.

NECAP Testing

Chelsea Public School will be testing between October 1st and October 23rd. The teachers will be making a schedule that will outline the specific days that students will be tested and the subject area that they will be tested in. The state requires that all student's grades 3-8 and 11 be tested in reading, writing and math. In addition grade 11 will be tested in science this May as a pilot test for the years to come. We will have make up dates during this time period just in case your child is absent and misses the original test day.

Faculty Recognition

I would like to take the time to recognize Rich Steckler as he was honored at our district wide in-service as the recipient of UVM's outstanding teacher award. There will be a reception on Wednesday, October 17th at UVM to recognize Rich for his efforts. In addition last Year Mrs. Joyce developed a creative writing project called The Aloe Diaries. This fall, a writing piece she submitted about the Aloe Diaries to Upper Valley Life Magazine was published. The faculty and staff are very proud of the school and would like to offer congratulations to both of you for your respective efforts!

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Barrett Williams - Principal

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