

Chelsea Public School

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A Great Place For Students to Learn

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Dear Parents.

October is a very busy month filled with testing, fundraisers and community events which all went very well. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible. The end of the first quarter is only two weeks away and report cards will be going home on November 9th. I would encourage parents to contact teachers with any questions, concerns, or comments. We have had a very positive start to the school year and I look forward to building on what we have started.

Forensics/Debate

Please be advised that Shawn Twing is our new forensics/debate coach this year. At this time we only have one student who has shown interest in competing in state meets. This is a great opportunity for students in grades 8-12 to develop study skills, learn how to do research and have opportunities to participate in public speaking. I would encourage anyone who is interested in being a member or just interested in finding out more information to speak with Mr. Williams.

Annie Jr.

The performance of Annie Jr. will take place at the Chelsea Town Hall on November 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Curtain time is at 7pm and all tickets are \$5 dollars. Please support the cast and crew by attending as they have worked very hard to make this production a success. Cher is still looking for volunteers to help with the little details that happen during the actual performance. If you are interested please contact her or leave a message for her at school.

Price Chopper Tools for Schools

Check out the letter on the back of this newsletter for details on how the money you spend at Price Chopper Supermarkets can help our school earn school equipment. If you are unable to sign up online or have questions about the program please contact Emily Marshia at 685-4335. Signing up this year will continue to help our school in years to come. Watch next year for a similar program at Hannaford Supermarket.

Alumni Basketball Game

Williamstown High School is sponsoring a Chelsea VS Williamstown alumni basketball game as a fund raiser for Morgan and her family. This event will be held at the Williamstown Middle/High School gym on Saturday November 17th from 5-8pm. The women's game starts at 5pm and the men's game is scheduled for 6:30pm. We do

need players so if you are interested in playing or in helping organize the games please contact Michael or Kyle Emmons at 802-455-1000. Tickets can be purchased in advance through the Chelsea Public School or at the door in Williamstown for \$5 dollars.

Open House for Sending Schools

At our last board meeting I had a tentative date set for this event which was November 8th. Feedback from the faculty and staff suggested that we move this to December to allow for additional planning and alignment with other events that are well attended by the community such as a basketball game. Any parents or community members that would like to be on this planning committee should contact Erica Pearson to find out more information.

Community Forum

A community forum will be held in the CPS Cafeteria on November 15th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The school board would like to actively engage in discussion with the school faculty, students, parents, and the Chelsea community about what we, as a community, value in our k-12 school. Threads from these conversations will inform the search for a permanent principal beginning in January 2008. The forum will be facilitated by Paul Costello, Executive Director of the Vermont Council on Rural Development. He will lead discussion around two main guiding questions:

What do we value in our small K-12 school?

What characteristics do we desire in a leader to foster those values?

If you are unable to attend the forum, but you would still like to offer input, please feel free to contact school board chair, Emily Marshia at 685-4335 or emarshia@sover.net or vice chair, Chris Byrne at 685-3291 or ctbyrne@tuckermangroup.com. Students and faculty are also invited to provide input through Principal Williams if they are unable to attend.

Upcoming Events

October 30th - picture retakes
November 1st - Annie Jr.
November 12th - High School Basketball Starts
November 14th - Fall Sports Awards
November 15th - Community Forum
November 17th - Chelsea VS Williamstown Alumni Game

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

Barrett Williams - Principal