

Chelsea Public School

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A Great Place For Students to Learn

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A Summer Work Program

Despite the early snowfall and what looks like could be a long winter, it's not too early to begin thinking about summer jobs. Are you looking for a way to engage your restless teenager next summer? Are they looking for a chance to get out of the house and spread their wings a bit with a new summer adventure? On Friday January 4th during our TA time Kate Willard will give a short presentation about a great opportunity for them, working for the Student Conservation Association. The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is a nonprofit organization that offers conservation internships and summer trail crew opportunities to young adults aged 15 - 19 in our state and national parks and forests. Work crews typically have 6 - 8 high school crew members and two experienced adult leaders. Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2008 but typically early submissions result in better chances for placement on a crew. Parents are invited to attend this informational meeting on **January** 4th in the Gym from 8:30 - 8:45. We'll have a short presentation with photos of SCA crews working in Alaska, Washington and other states. If you are interested or would like more information about this program, please contact Hannah Barden at school, 685-4551 or call Kate Willard at 685-3074.

High School Exam Week

This year for the first time in many years the high school will have a modified schedule during exam week. The faculty feels that students should have the opportunity to focus on no more than two exams per day. Our mid term exams are scheduled for the week of the January 14th through the 18th. I will send an exam schedule home the week we return from break which will outline the details more clearly.

Old Student Record's

In an effort to organize and create storage space we will be destroying old student records that are 10 or more years old. We will advertise this in the Herald and Times Argus and look to start this process the last week of January. Please call or stop by the school if you would like have your records.

2nd Grade Student

I have included in this newsletter an article that a second grade student brought to me on Monday. He was reading a book about the environment that included ideas about how to conserve money and help the environment. I was very impressed that we have second grade students who are

aware of environmental issues and concerned about the future and wellbeing of our school. This young man was also very excited about the possibility of being famous so I told him I would share this article that he found with the school community. Thank you Copper Rick for making us aware of possible solutions to energy and pollution problems that our world is facing.

Holiday Concert

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in this week's holiday concert. Abby and the students worked very hard to prepare for the concert and it was nice to have everyone's support. A special thank you to Pat Ladd for your hard work in decorating the gym and to the Twing family for donating the tree's. We do have two trees left over from the concert that are available for anyone who is in need of a tree for the holiday. We will leave the trees out front in the snow bank so please feel free to stop and take one home.

Holiday Food Drive

Chelsea School's student council organized a holiday food drive to help out the local food shelf. Our students collected 549 food items in a very short period of time. The junior class collected the most non-perishable food item and will have a pizza party for their class when we return from the holiday break. Congratulations to all our classes and thank you to the student counsel as it is nice to see our kids help out in the community.

Principal Search Committee

The school will begin their principal search in January. Anyone interested in being on the screening committee should apply in writing to the school board. I have enclosed the guidelines for the search committee and if you have any questions please feel free to contact the school for more information.

Upcoming Events

Holiday Break - Dec. 24th - Jan. 2nd

Boys Basketball - 12/21 - H Craftsbury
12/28 - H West Rutland

Girls Basketball - 1/3 - @ Whitcomb
1/4 - @ Cabot - Tourney

HAVE A GREAT VACATION!

Barrett Williams - Principal