

# Fleming Flyer

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April 16, 2010

- 4/21/10  
National Walk at Lunch Day  
Students & Staff walk to Essex Fairgrounds
- 4/21/10  
PTO Meeting  
3:00-4:00 p.m.
- 4/23/10  
Student Council Mtg.  
7:45-8:30 a.m.
- 4/23/10  
Spirit Day  
"Tropical Island Day"
- 4/26/10 - 4/30/10  
Spring Break  
No School
- 5/7/10  
Principal's Coffee Chat  
8:00-8:45 a.m.
- 5/7/10  
Sock Hop  
6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 5/11/10  
NECAP Science  
4th grade
- 5/13/10  
NECAP Science  
4th grade
- 5/14/10  
NECAP Science  
4th grade

## FROM THE LEARNING CENTER



On **Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, the Learning Center will host an author visit for our students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Graphic novels, which are book-length comic books, are a recent phenomenon on the library scene and very popular. **Sarah Stewart Taylor**, our **visiting author**, recently wrote her first graphic novel which has been well received. It is a biography called *Amelia Earhart, This Broad Ocean* and is illustrated by Ben Towle. Sarah teaches writing at the Center for Cartoon Studies, and is co-founder of the Writer's Center, a teaching space and drop-in workshop open to the public in White River Junction, Vermont. She is also the Agatha Award-nominated author of the Sweeney St. George mystery series for adult readers. Two sessions will be presented of mixed 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, beginning at about 10:45 -11:45 and a later one at 12:45.

All 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Fleming write and illustrate their own picture books which are published as a hard bound book by the Student Treasures Company, and, thus, really understand the hard work involved for an author. Mrs. Madeira in the Learning Center prepares students for the author visit with an in-depth introduction to the writer's work. Mrs. Madeira also sponsors an after-school weekly Writing Club where students work on original compositions,

including graphic novels, and other forms of book making and publishing.

## NATIONAL WALK AT LUNCH DAY

On **Wednesday, April 21st**, at **2:00 pm**, all Fleming students and staff will walk to the fairgrounds for National Walk at Lunch Day. This is a wellness activity, but also allows us to practice our evacuation route to the fairgrounds. We will walk down Summit Street, up Pearl Street, to the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds at Gate "G" (entrance near Rite Aid). We will then loop around the fairgrounds and return back to school for dismissal.



## PENNIES FOR PEACE

At this past week's Community Time a group of fifth graders, with some help from Mrs. Madeira and Mr. Davidson, presented the true story behind the book, *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson. Students read the young reader's edition of this best-selling book and presented a summary and power point of how American Greg Mortenson wandered, sick and lost, into a rural village in Pakistan after a failed attempt to climb K-2. Villagers nursed him back to health. After realizing there was no school and a teacher who came 3 days a week to



teach in an open field, Greg promised to come back and build a school. Thus begins an amazing and inspiring story of dedication and friendship across cultures. Students also presented *Listen to the Wind*, a picture book version of *Three Cups of Tea*, using a document camera and the large screen. A video about Greg's work and *Pennies for Peace*, a program to collect pennies to help buy pencils, erasers, fund teachers, and build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan, rounded out the afternoon. With the support of the Student Council, Fleming students and staff are collecting pennies and other coins over the next month to support this work. Students participating in this reading group with Mrs. Madeira include Chloe Jensen, Hannah Danis, Shanti Boyle, Keegan Fitzgerald, Katya Marsh, Henry Weith, Jamie Shearer, Emily Tupaj, Calleigh Brignull, Eric DeWitt, Shawn Cimonetti, Sevi Thorne, Arthur Belliveau, Carl Durfee, Luke Blondin, and Tyhe Cutrone.

## TROPICAL ISLAND SPIRIT DAY



The Fleming Student Council invites all students and staff to boost their spirits by participating in "Tropical Island" spirit day next Friday, April 23rd.

**SPRING BREAK**

**NO SCHOOL**

**April 26 - April 30**