



Fleming Flyer

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September 9, 2011

- 9/14/11
Instrument
Rental Night
6:00 p.m.
(NOTE time change)

- 9/16/11
Constitution Day
Assembly
2:30 p.m.

- 9/21/11
Open House &
Curriculum Night
6:30-8:00 p.m.

- 9/22/11
School Picture Day
8:30 a.m.

- 9/30/11
Student Council
Meeting
7:45-8:30 a.m.

- 10/7/11
Principal's Coffee Chat
8:00-8:45a.m.

- 10/4 –10/19
NECAP Testing

School Traffic Safety Reminders

When picking your child up at the end of the day, please follow the driveway safety crossing guard's directions to drive into the front pickup loop and move forward in the right lane up the curb line, or drive around the back of the school and lineup for pickup on the sidewalk near the playground side of the building. Please do not park on Prospect Street. If you arrive early you may park in an available parking space around the school and please come in and escort your child safely to your car. Thank you for your attention to these school safety guidelines. Traffic exiting from parking areas should yield to traffic coming from round drop-off loop. In the mornings, please be aware of traffic passing in the left lane of the front drop-off loop entering the school yard heading to parking areas.



Instrument Rental Night

Time Change: Instrument Rental Night will take place at Fleming School on **Wednesday, September 14,** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** (not 7:00 p.m. as previously indicated). Our students are excited about their opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument and to play in our school strings program or band. Instrument vendors will be here at school next Wednesday to rent instruments for your student's use in the school instrumental music program. Please contact our school's music teachers if you have questions about this process or the school music program.



NEWS FROM THE PTO

Did you know that the General Mills' Box Tops for Education, Hannaford Helps Schools grocery tapes, and Campbell's Labels for Education that we collect garner over \$300 a year in cash and merchandise that is used to support our students? If we added printer and toner cartridge recycling to this program, we could significantly increase this windfall.

NECAP Snack Coordinators Needed

Did you know that traditionally parents have provided healthy snacks to nourish and energize our kids during NECAP Testing, which will take place in early October this year? The PTO is looking for parents from the following classes to coordinate these snacks: Ms. Songer; Mrs. Lee; Mrs. Adams; Ms. Siracusa; Mrs. Burnett; and Mr. Kenny. We can even provide you with a "how-to" document and sign-up templates. If you can take this on please contact **Karyn Roberts at: karyn_roberts@myfairpoint.net**



NECAP TESTING

We will be administering the New England Common Assessment Program tests during two weeks in October. On Tuesdays and Thursdays from October 4th through October 13th. We ask that you not schedule out-of-school appointments for your child so that we may administer these assessments to all of our students. More specifics on NECAPS will be sent home soon.

FLEMING FUNDRAISER FOR IRENE

As many of you know through news, family and friends, our state has suffered great devastation from Tropical Storm Irene. What has been so moving to watch in the last few weeks is the amazing spirit of people helping one another. In that same spirit, Thomas Fleming School will host several fundraisers in the weeks to come. We will start with a progressive coin drive. Students will be invited to bring in the following contributions to this caring cause:



9/13 Tuesday—pennies
9/14 Wednesday—nickels
9/15 Thursday—dimes
9/16 Friday—quarters

In addition, 4th and 5th grade students will be working on banners, cards and pictures that will hang in Town Halls and fire departments across the state letting them know that Thomas Fleming School cares. If you have any light-colored sheets that you can donate for the banners please bring them to our wonderful art teacher Lisa Foley.

We will also plan to host a book drive for towns that have lost their libraries. A book donation bin will be set up in the school's front entryway for book donations.



If you have any suggestions for fundraisers or would like to help please contact **Melissa Coviello** at mcoviello@ccsvt.org.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Welcome to the 2011/2012 school year! If I haven't met you already, my name is Amy Bigelow, and I am entering my 12th year as the School Counselor here at Fleming. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children!

WELCOME

There are many aspects to the Guidance program here at Fleming. I will go into each classroom throughout the school year to teach lessons covering topics such as: Empathy; Impulse Control; Anger Management; Bullying; Assertiveness Skills; and Stress Management, just to name a few. Your child may also choose to participate in a small group with other students discussing changing families; how to cope with worried feelings; and social skills. I also have snack and lunch with students weekly as a way to get to know all the students in the Fleming community.

Please feel free to contact me for support for yourself and/or your children. At times, there are situations which can cause some challenges for children and families, and I am here to help. My email address is: abigelow@ccsvt.org. My phone # is: **857-7000; ext. 2015**.

In the near future, please check out the Guidance link on the Fleming School webpage for information about the Guidance program, and lessons I will be teaching in classes. I look forward to meeting you at our Open House on Sept. 21st!

BIKE SAFETY

Students are reminded to wear helmets when riding their bikes to/from school. A bike lock will keep your child's bike secure while it is parked in the school bike rack. Students have had bikes stolen while they are at school.



CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE STUDENT INTERNS

We welcome Jessica St. Louis and Lydia Davison, who are learning and teaching in Ms. Songer's and Mr. Kenny's classrooms. These two teachers-in-training transition from one day a week practicum service in the Fall to full-time student teaching next semester.

ATTENDANCE LINE

We ask that you please call the Fleming office attendance line if your child will not be attending school on that day. The attendance line number is 857-7004. Students are asked to bring a note when returning to school to explain the reason for their absence. Our health office is made aware of students who have been absent due to health reasons. Please write a note to the teacher when your child has an appointment.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Grass is growing on our re-surfaced and sloped playground and we are hopeful that it will be ready for play in another week.

