



**COLUMBUS DAY**

# FLEMING FLYER

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October 7, 2011

- 10/4 –10/19  
NECAP Testing
- 10/14/11  
Student Council Mtg.  
7:45-8:30 a.m.
- 10/14/11  
4th grade “Egg Drop”  
1:30 p.m.
- 10/17/11  
NECAP Make-Up Day
- 10/20/11  
Parent/Teacher/  
Guardian  
Conference Day  
(No School for  
students)
- 10/21/11  
No School
- 10/28/11  
Student Council Mtg.  
7:45-8:30 a.m.
- 11/4/11  
Principal’s Coffee Chat  
8:00-8:45 a.m.
- 11/11/11  
Veterans Day  
Observance Assembly  
8:15 a.m.

## Fleming’s Instrument Music Program

We are pleased to report that 129 Fleming students have elected to participate in our school instrumental music program this year. This represents 59% of our student enrollment. We are very proud of the strong music and arts programs that we have in our schools. We are very pleased that so many of our students are choosing to access this valuable school leaning opportunity.



## Planning Room Data

During the month of September, 19 Fleming students were referred to the school planning room where 27 plans were written to write plans to improve and commit to following school expectations. We greatly appreciate the home-school partnership in helping the students who have needed multiple opportunities to demonstrate success at meeting school expectations. Student improvement plans are sent home for parent/guardian approval when the **third plan is written.**



## 4th Grade Egg Drop

Come join us for the 17th annual “EGGstravaganza” which will be held the afternoon of **October 14th.** The contest is open to all 4th graders. Eggs will be dropped from the Fleming roof at **1:30 p.m.** by the Fleming Mystery Chicken.



## Fleming Spelling Team

Congratulations to the 2011 Fleming Spelling Team:

- Jessica Beliveau
- Isabelle Petrucci
- Santhosh Rajendran
- Josh Baker
- Logan Williams
- Grace Lu



The team will participate in the Vermont Principals’ Association Regional Competition, to be held on **Saturday, November 5th.** Seventeen 5th grade students were recommended by their classroom teachers to take a test this week to qualify for being a member of the team. The words are from a 5th/6th grade spelling list provided by the VPA. We commend and want to congratulate **ALL** of the students who took the test. They all did a fantastic job!

## PTO Meeting Decisions

The PTO met with Don Wright from Very Merry Theater to explore the possibility of hosting a two-week theater arts residency and a school production of the Wizard of Oz. The PTO is interested in hearing from parents and community members who would commit to help with the play production next May.



## NECAP Science Results

Our students have demonstrated learning improvement on the NECAP Science Assessment administered last May to all Fleming 4th grade students. 59% of these students met or exceeded the science standards framed by this State science assessment. This is an improvement from the 53% achieving the standard in 2010. Individual student NECAP science reports have been mailed to each assessed student’s family this week.



## From the Guidance Office

### Parent Workshop:

**TECHNICOOOL** – A Technology Safety Program from Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for children and teens in grades 4-8, their parents/guardians, and their educators.

**When: Tuesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

**Where: Essex Middle School Learning Center;** 60 Founders Road

**Contact: Sarita Austin;** EMS School Counselor; [saustin@etsd.org](mailto:saustin@etsd.org) or 879-7173, ext. 1505**TECHNICOOOL:**

- ◇ Encourages safe online behavior by addressing the potential benefits and risks presented by technology
- ◇ Provides adult participants with resources and concrete tools to safeguard the children and adolescents in their lives
- ◇ Addresses topics in developmentally appropriate ways
- ◇ Addresses: cyberbullying, sexting, cell phone use, private profiles and social networking sites, sharing personal information, digital memory, safe passwords

### Math Olympiad

We are looking for parent/community volunteers who can assist with leading the 4th grade level Math Olympiad Program on **Thursday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 p.m.** If you can help, please contact Mr. Ryan.



## NECAP Testing

The school testing window for NECAP tests administered to all students in grades 3-8 is October 4th to October 19th and will continue next week.



### NECAP Testing Schedule

#### October 11, 2011

4th grade 8:30-10:00  
(also Mr. Guilmette's class)

5th grade 10:00-11:30

4/5 grade 1:00-2:30

#### October 13, 2011

5th grade only (Writing)  
10:00-11:30  
1:00-2:30



### Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day has been scheduled for **Thursday, November 3, 8:00-9:00 a.m.**

### Cooler Weather

With the arrival of cooler weather, it is important that students come to school with the proper seasonal clothing to keep them warm during outside recess.



## Jolts and Volts

Thanks to Dr. John Cohn, IBM Fellow and Chief Scientist of Design Automation at IBM, for bringing his "Jolts and Volts" show to our assembly today. Our kids got to explore electrical concepts through a series of participatory demonstrations.

There are many ways you can continue to nurture your child's interest in science and engineering. In December, UVM will host the UVM Design Aiken/TASC Challenges. This year's challenge, suitable for Fleming age children, is to explore sustainable engineering technology by creating a device that can deliver "Emergency Relief Supplies" via a catapult to people isolated by the natural disaster. Go to <http://www.cems.uvm.edu/TASC/2011/> to learn more.

Each year in February, UVM also sponsors a National Engineers Day in conjunction with National Engineer Week. Check out <http://www.cems.uvm.edu/ewe/ek/> to see last year's problem solving challenges and to get a jump on National Engineers Day, 2012.

Finally, Odyssey of the Mind, a creative problem solving program, incorporates technical solutions in many of their problems. Learn about the program and read about the 2011-2012 Long Term Problems at <http://vt.odysseyofthemind.org/>

