



Fleming Flyer

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November 4, 2011

- 11/11/11
Veterans Day assembly
8:10 a.m.
- 11/16/11
"NED" Assembly
2:00 p.m.
- 11/16/11
Fleming "100"
Planning meeting
7:00 p.m.
- 11/21/11-11/25/11
No School for students
this week
(Thanksgiving Break)
- 12/2/11
Principal's Coffee Chat
8:00 a.m.
- 12/7/11
PTO Meeting
6:30 p.m.
- 12/9/11
Student Council Mtg.
8:00-8:45 a.m.
- 12/23/11-1/2/12
Holiday Break
No School
- 1/11/12
School Geo Bee
7:00 p.m.

Fun Run Cancelled/Postponed

Due to low registration numbers we have decided to cancel the Fleming Fun Run on November 6th. We hope to try again in the spring and hold the event after school.

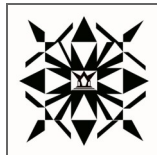


We would like to thank those that registered and volunteered. Registration fees have been mailed back to those who sent in checks.

Get your running feet ready for spring!

Brownell Art Display and Thanks for Donations

Students from Thomas Fleming and Summit Street Schools have joined efforts to create an exhibit at Brownell Library. Fleming students created examples of Notan, a Japanese style of cut paper that focuses on the concepts of positive and negative space as well as balance. Summit Street students created mixed media drawings in the style of Joan Miro, a Spanish Abstract Expressionist. Congratulations to all of the students whose work is on display through Friday, December 2, 2011.



Thank you to everyone who has donated old adult sized T-shirts, yogurt cups, yarn and fabric scraps,

etc. Keep them coming and if anyone knows of a family who uses baby food jars we could use those as well.

NED Assembly

There will be an assembly on **Wednesday, November 16, at 2:00 p.m.** called "The NED Show". The Ned Show is an elementary school assembly program promoting positive attitudes, better behavior & academic achievement in your school. Their acronym NED = Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best.



Pick Up After Band Practice

Please **DO NOT** block Prospect Street waiting to pick up your child after band practice. This causes a traffic backup on Summit and Hillcrest. **You need to drive around the back of the school, or park down the hill on Prospect.** It is important to keep the traffic flowing. Emergency vehicles must be able to get through in an emergency.



Fleming "100" Planning Meeting



The next Fleming 100 "A Century of Learning" planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 16th, at 7:00 p.m.** Our school community is invited to bring photos, anecdotes about school memories and ideas for the celebration.

The Fleming Spelling Bee

The 2011 Fleming School Spelling Team will be competing this **Saturday, Nov. 5th** at the **Williston Central School** in the Vermont Principal's Association Spelling Competition. They will compete against 4 other 5th/6th grade spelling teams, and we are the only 5th grade team! Team members are: Josh Baker, Jessica Beliveau, Grace Lu, Isabelle Petrucci, Santhosh Rajendran, and Logan Williams. The competition begins at **9:30 am until around noon**. Please join them and cheer your fellow students on to victory!



Planning Room Data

During the month of October 17 students were referred to the school's planning room. A total of 24 plans were written by Fleming students to change their behavior and meet school expectations.



Daylight Saving Time "Time to Fall Back"

Don't forget "FALL BACK" which means it's time to "Set your clocks back one hour". It's also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure the devices stay in top working condition.



Keeping our Children Safe – Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

Did you know...

- 98% of substantiated child sexual abuse in Vermont is committed by someone who is known to the children they abuse and their family (e.g., family friend, uncle, cousin, brother, parent, boyfriend/girlfriend, grandparent, neighbors, parent of the child's friend, etc.)?
- Experts estimate that 1 out of 4 girls and 1 out of 6 boys are sexually abused before their 18th birthday?
- Child sexual abuse is one of the most under reported crimes? Children often do not report abuse out of fear that they will not be believed; they feel ashamed or partially responsible for the abuse; or because they care for the abuser and do not want to see him/her harmed.

Act One of 2009 (An Act Relating to Improving Vermont's Sexual Abuse Response System) requires schools to educate children about sexual abuse, educate school staff about child sexual abuse, and to provide information and education to parents and caregivers about child sexual abuse. CCSU has already taken several meaningful steps towards compliance with this Act:

- We have created and implemented a mandatory training for all school staff to help them understand and recognize signs of abuse and potential grooming behaviors.
- We have created a Code of Conduct for school staff to help prevent circumstances that might lead to child sexual abuse.
- We have revamped our hiring practices and background check procedures to help ensure we hire high quality staff.
- We are also in the process reviewing our health curriculum as the first step towards ensuring alignment with the Health Expectations outlined in Vermont's Sexual Violence Prevention Technical Assistance Resource Guide (TARG).**

Parent Resources and Information

Since a vast majority of child sexual abuse takes place outside the school system, it is imperative that schools partner with parents and community members to help keep our kids safe. Below are some resources designed for to help parents prevent, identify, and react responsibly to end child sexual abuse.

- **Step Up: Protect Kids From Child Sexual Abuse - Guide for Parents**, published by the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF) (found at <http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/pdf/protectkids/GuideforParents.pdf>)
- **Step Up: Protect Kids From Child Sexual Abuse**, provided by DCF (found at <http://dcf.vermont.gov/stepup>)
- **Stop It Now! Together We Can Prevent Sexual Abuse of Children** - For parents (found at http://www.stopitnow.org/parents_caregivers)
- **Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect** (found at http://www.ccsuvt.org/ccsu/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/reporting_child_abuse.pdf)
- **State-wide Support Resources** (found at <http://dcf.vermont.gov/stepup/resources>)

The information and applicable links found in this newsletter are also available on our website at <http://www.ccsuvt.org/support/counseling/keeping-kids-safe/>