

**Fleming Flyer**  
**Friday**  
**March 21, 2008**

**Please remember that Learner Characteristics** informational forms are **due back** to school by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Placement teams will begin meeting in April. If your family has plans to move out of district prior to next school year, please inform us in writing of your plans so that we consider this student information in the placement process.

**Fleming Geo Bee Champion**, Martin Deutsch, has qualified to participate in the Vermont National Geographic Geo Bee competition to be held at Middlebury College on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck, Martin!

**Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament** - On Saturday, March 8th, a team including Fleming students Zoë Frolik and Sophia Seman and Fleming alumni Haley Drury, Carolyn Harnois and Maria Leech placed first in the Wonderful Muses Problem at the Vermont Odyssey of Mind State Tournament.

Their winning performance depicted Melpomene, the muse of tragedy, inspiring an inept matchmaker to cause the emergence of the heads on Easter Island. The matchmaker quickly called her cousins, the Rapanui, to come see them, thus starting the first wave of tourism on Easter Island. This, tragically, resulted in the Island's ecological collapse. The muse then inspired real-life ethnographer Katherine Routledge to record the Island's first history. In the way of many Greek tragedies, poor Mrs. Routledge ended up going insane.

Although it might be hard to believe, there were many comic elements to the play, which shouldn't be too surprising since the muse of tragedy is in fact a lover of happy songs. All in all, the performance was quite a-MUSE-ing and the result was far from tragic! By placing first, this team has qualified to go to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at the University of Maryland, where they will join 1000 teams from over 25 countries. Congratulations, good luck with fundraising for the trip, and good luck at the Worlds!

**PTO Volunteers Request** - The Fleming PTO would like to engage groups of parents/community volunteers to assist Fleming educators with some targeted tasks. The volunteers could be of great help in assisting educators to enter supply orders through a data entry computer process. A team of "purchasing pals" volunteers could be given training in the purchasing process and then help out processing orders for next school year in May or June. Volunteers are also being sought to prepare word sort packets for word study and to make copies of leveled reading materials that will be used by teachers and instructional assistants supporting students reading growth. If you can help, please contact the school to be included on this PTO volunteer list. Thank you for your help.

**Spaghetti Dinner Reminder** - The Spaghetti Dinner will be held in the Fleming cafeteria on **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** The cost of the ALL YOU CAN EAT dinner is \$5 adults and \$3 children. **Meatballs and baked goods are still needed.** We also request, that you drop off **DONATIONS** the **MORNING** of Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, so we can see how much food we need to buy. There will be a flat cart located outside the office door where you can place your donated food items.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Carlin 872-8882. Hope you see you there!

**Wellness** - The health office and PTO are offering monthly healthy food tastings with nutritional information in the school cafeteria. Last month the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders sampled hummus, and the **next tasting**, scheduled for **Friday March 28th**, will be sushi. Did you know that you can buy a small tray of sushi for about the same price as a happy meal? Hannafords supermarket and the Fleming PTO are sponsoring this event.

**"Fleming Times" Newspaper** - The staff of the Fleming Times, the school newspaper, is looking for any article submissions from the school community. Any interested student or parent who wants to submit an article or picture or who has an idea for a story, please e-mail Sara Stultz at [herland@sover.net](mailto:herland@sover.net) or call the school office at 878-1381. Thanks and hope to hear from you!

**Fleming Family Skate: Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2:15-4:15 p.m.** at Essex High School. This is a fun, free, family event arranged by the PTO Wellness Committee. Skates can be borrowed. Hope to see you there!

**Just In Time For Spring Cleaning!** The PTO is looking for donations of books for the annual Fleming Book Swap, which will be held on **Thursday, April 17th**. We are also collecting books for the older readers at Summit Street School for their book swap. We are looking for books that are suitable for 2nd - 5th grade readers. No picture books or board books, please! This is an excellent opportunity to "recycle" those books that your child has read or outgrown, so please take a moment to look through your bookshelves to find some gently used books that can be donated.

Beginning Monday, March 24th, books can be dropped in the collection box located in the lobby by the entrance door. Every child will go home with a "new-to-them" book.

**Family Math Night** - Don't forget about Family Math Night on **March 25th** from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Fleming gymnasium. Families are invited to come for a night of playing fun math games! There will be games and activities for all ages (pre-K - 5). Please bring a healthy treat to share and support the PTO bake sale. Proceeds will be going to the community "Skate the J" fund. We hope to see you there!

**Mrs. Dowd is collecting** oatmeal containers for an art project. She will happily accept any donations. Thank so much for your help.

Dear Families at Thomas Fleming,

I am both excited and sad to announce that I will be on maternity leave starting in April through the end of the school year. I have enjoyed watching our community of artists grow over the past two years and will miss every student.

I will be leaving our artists in good hands with Robin Perlah. Ms. Perlah is thrilled to be joining the Fleming School community for the rest of the school year. She has been teaching Art throughout northwestern Vermont to a variety of ages in both public school and enrichment settings, including, most recently, Burlington City Arts and Colchester High School. She would like to invite parents to contact her at any time with suggestions or questions, or better yet, come see our young artists in action! Jennifer Larkin