

*Thank You Parents!*

*Many thanks to all of our parents who planned and organized our Staff Appreciation Week here at Hiawatha. Your care, enthusiasm, and thoughtfulness are appreciated by all of us here at Hiawatha. We are very fortunate to be working in a community that is so supportive of our schools and the learning that takes place. Your support is felt throughout the school year – this week it has been very special! Thank you all for everything that you do!*

*Transition to Fleming*

*Over the next few weeks our third grade students and staff will begin a series of activities to support the transition to Fleming Elementary School. Our students will be joined by Mr. Daniel Ryan, Fleming Principal, for a classroom meeting and read aloud here at Hiawatha. Former Hiawatha students currently attending Fleming will come to Hiawatha and speak with our third grade students about the Fleming School. All of our students will be taken to Fleming for a tour of the building and an opportunity to meet their future classmates from Summit Street School. Mr. Ryan has also scheduled a special Open House for parents of students who will be attending Fleming in the fall. The times for all of these activities are posted on our rolling calendar.*

**Adjusted Time for 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Third Grade Talent Show**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Third Grade Talent Show will take place on Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>. **The Show will start at 1:30 PM.** Please note this change. Permission slips have been distributed today to children. If your third grader is interested in participating, please make sure that a permission slip has been completed and returned to school. The big show usually takes about an hour or so. We will only have one formal practice – and we are still in the process of determining that date and time - so it will be important to schedule opportunities for children to practice at home. Please call me or email ([tbochanski@ejhs.k12.vt.us](mailto:tbochanski@ejhs.k12.vt.us)) me if you have any questions.

**Construction of Storage Shed**

A storage shed is being constructed on the north side of our school. The shed will be used to store chairs, cleaning equipment, ladders, etc. Many of these items are currently kept in the custodial hallway, as we do not have adequate storage within our existing building.

**May PTO Meeting**

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday night May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Lots of planning for next year will take place at this meeting.

*Placement Update*

*Our placement process is in full swing! We are spending a significant amount of time and effort in making classroom placements for our next school year. I again want to thank all of our parents who completed the learner characteristic's form. Those forms have been distributed to classroom teachers and are used to help create balanced classrooms of learners. Once classroom groups have been formed parents will be notified – this should take place toward the end of May. Please let me know if you have any questions or concern regarding the placement process.*

*Parent and Community Volunteer Celebration and Ice Cream Social*  
*On Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> we will honor our parent and community volunteers with a special recognition and ice cream social. The event will take place after school on the playground from 3:15 to 4:00 PM. All of our volunteers are invited to attend with children and families. This is just one small way we can say Thank You for all of your good work over the course of this school year.*

*Enjoy the weekend with your family and friends ~*

#### **MAY 2008**

**5-13** – PTO in the Staff Room at 6:30p.m.

**5-16** – John Schraven – Storyteller for K's and first graders

**5-16** – PTO sponsored Italian Night

**5-20** – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes on a field trip to Shelburne Museum all day

**5-22** – Mrs. Ruggles' class visits the Audubon from 11:30 to 2:30p.m.

**5-22** – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students visit Fleming School in the afternoon

**5-22** – Hiawatha knitters will meet in the Learning Center at 3:15p.m.

**5-23** – Memorial Day Assembly and Walk

**5-28** – Fourth grade ambassadors from Fleming visit Hiawatha 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes

**5-29** – Parent and Community Volunteer Ice Cream Social at 3:15p.m.

**5-30** – **THIRD GRADE TALENT SHOW IN THE GYM STARTING AT 1:30P.M.**

#### **JUNE 2008**

**6-3** - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parent orientation evening at Fleming @ 6:30p.m.

**6-5** - Schoolwide Bar-B-Q

**6-6** - Brownell Summer Program presentation at 8:45a.m.

**6-6** – Third grade picnic/outing at Maple Street Park

**6-9** – Field Day starting at 1p.m.

**6-12** – Last Day of School

#### **JON GAILMOR TAPES**

We have a few extra copies of the Jon Gailmor tape. Please stop by the office and pick one up if you would like one.

#### **CONTINUE CUTTING THOSE BOX TOPS**

Keep cutting those Box Tops....any we send in now count towards next year's earnings, so don't stop cutting! Thank you for all the Box Tops you have turned in for this year.....we earned a good amount of money for Hiawatha School! Thank you very much! Kelley Charland

#### **Parents and Community Invited to Participate in the Superintendent's Evaluation**

Parents and community members are invited to complete the Chittenden Central Supervisory Union Superintendent's Evaluation. This on-line survey is completely anonymous, with only composite information (except the written comments option) provided to the Superintendent. The survey can be found at:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=gnY6B2ZUO1\\_2ffVhU63EPUuw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=gnY6B2ZUO1_2ffVhU63EPUuw_3d_3d). To request a hard-copy be mailed to you, please contact the CCSU Superintendent's Office at 857-7000 x4018. *The survey must be completed by May 31, 2008.* Results will be compiled by a school board committee.

#### **ITALIAN POTLUCK AND MOVIE NIGHT**

**WHO:** Hiawatha Kids & Family **WHAT:** Potluck & Movie (Homeward Bound "The Incredible Journey"

**WHERE:** Hiawatha Gym **WHEN:** Friday, May 16th (5:30p.m. Dinner - 6:30 Movie) **HOW:** Dish Sign-Up Sheet on PTO Board in Hiawatha Lobby. Kids must be accompanied by an adult

**BONUS:** \$50 Loretta's Gift Certificate for BEST Dish Mr. Bochanski as Judge of your optional entry. Mr. Bochanski as Judge of your Optional Entry. This free evening is sponsored by your Hiawatha PTO

**THE HIAWATHA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE BIKE BRIGADE**

Join the Bike Brigade in the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 24th, 2008 at 10:00 am. Please arrive around 9:00 am via Gate B at the Fairgrounds. (Gate B is across Pearl Street/Route 15 from Kentucky Fried Chicken.) Our group is in Division #4, Position #7. Just look for the signs or ask for help from someone in an orange vest. All decorations for bicycles will be there for you to use when you arrive! The parade runs rain or shine. A gentle reminder to parents to please plan to accompany your child/children in the parade if they plan to participate. I am also looking for two volunteers who would be willing to carry our school banner at the head of our group. Please call me if you would like to help out with this. Thank you! Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call Kelley Charland at 872-8306.