

**Fleming Flyer**  
**Friday**  
**February 15, 2008**

**I Love to Read and Write Week** offered our students and staff many engaging opportunities to celebrate books and writing. We had a visit from our local author, Connie Beliveau, whose new book *New Botany on Mars* has been on sale here at the school book fair. Mrs. Beliveau is a parent of two students in our school district. The proceeds from the sale of this book are being donated by the author to the Fleming Principal's Discretionary Fund. Congratulations on your new book and thank you Mrs. Beliveau.

**New England Common Assessment Program** - NECAP assessment results have been received at the school and are currently being reviewed by our school's data team. This state sponsored assessment was administered in October to all fourth and fifth grade students at Fleming. The NECAP individual student reports are being mailed home today with a letter of explanation regarding this assessment from our school district. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about how this assessment results align with your child's current learning performance. The school results will be used to inform our school's continuous improvement action plan.

**A Celebration of Music and Art** - We hope you can attend the Fleming School Fine Arts Show and Instrumental Music Concert next Wednesday evening. The art show begins at 6:00 p.m. with a gallery of student art work on display in and around the art room and cafeteria area. The instrumental/strings concert begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Fleming gym.

**Baked Goods Are Needed!** The PTO will hold a bake sale at the Fine Arts/Band Concert, **Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 p.m.** The proceeds will go towards a music/art camp scholarship. Baked goods can be dropped off in the office or brought that night. Thanks for your support!

**Pick Up Loop Reminder** - When dropping off students, please do not leave your car parked in the loop in front of the school. If you need to park your vehicle, please use one of the parking spaces available around the school building. When picking students up in the loop, please move up in line towards the front door and park next to the curbing. The left lane in the loop is an exit lane, not a passing or pick up lane. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

**Family Math Night** - Family Math Night will be returning this year on **March 25<sup>th</sup> 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. If you would still like to volunteer for either set-up or to run a math station, but missed the volunteer meeting, please contact us at: Karen Harvey 878-1384/

([kharvey@ccsuvt.org](mailto:kharvey@ccsuvt.org)) or Nichole Guntulis 878-1381 ([nguntulis@ccsuvt.org](mailto:nguntulis@ccsuvt.org)). We hope to see you there!

**Knitting Club a Great Success** - 31 students, staff, and community members have met every Tuesday for the last 6 weeks to knit. We have had many participants new to knitting that have learned or improved their skills and a core group of mentors that have shared their knowledge and experience. We have enjoyed each others company and conversations. I would like to thank our "seasoned" knitting mentors Corinne Ferreira, Ginny Coe, Mary Ellen Grove and special thanks to our new mentors this year Mrs. Rolande Ryan a community member, and Melissa Mazza, a Fleming parent. **Next Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last Knitting Club meeting for this year.**

**From the Learning Center** - Fleming mom, C.E.B. Beliveau, inspired readers and writers with her presentations last Tuesday in the Learning Center. Mrs. Beliveau is the author of the science fiction book, *New Botany on Mars*. She shared with us how she writes, where ideas come from, the world of publishing, and her interest in the planet Mars, the setting of her first book.

Through out the week 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders had the opportunity to spend recess reading in either the gym or the Learning Center. Many students opted for this relaxing, quiet read-in during our cold, snowy week.

Part of Friday morning's school-wide assembly focused on Mrs. Madeira sharing her love of books. She read a short essay she had written about why she is obsessed with books. She then shared in a very special way a beautiful wordless picture book called *The Red Book*. With the help of our Technology Integration Specialist, David Davidson, Mrs. Madeira "danced" with the beautiful and intriguing illustrations of this book with the help of a new document camera and music. This camera, along with a projector, projected the pages onto the large screen for all to see while Mrs. Madeira danced through the pages, lingering on the whole page and zooming in close on special details, all to the rhythm of music.

Next Friday, February 22, the **Chittenden County Humane Society** will be speaking and doing activities with small groups of students in the Learning Center. After vacation, our emphasis on animals continues with **author/environmentalist, Lynn Levine**, sharing her new book *Mammal Tracks and Scat* on **Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for more details. Parents are always invited to join us.

**A "Learner Characteristics"** packet will be sent home in next week's Friday folder offering parents an opportunity to describe their child's "Learning Characteristics" and help inform the student placement process. The information provided on this form will be reviewed during the placement process for 2008-2009. All forms are due back to school by Friday, March 31, 2008.