

**Fleming Flyer**  
**Friday**  
**December 14, 2007**

**The dance residency with Karen Amirault** was a huge success! The kids performed fabulously to an enthusiastic audience in a packed gym. Everyone had fun showing off some of their newly learned awesome moves. Thanks again to Nancy Edwards for obtaining the Vermont Arts Council grant money and to Toni Finnegan for managing the reception afterwards. Thanks to everyone who brought food to share. Check out some of the dance photos on the school webpage.

**School Action Plan** - District school principals' presented their schools' updated action plans to the Essex Junction Prudential Committee at Monday night's School Board meeting. A copy of the district Comprehensive Plan for Continuous Improvement (CPCI) and Fleming School's Action Plan is in a link on the Fleming School website.

**No Cell Phones/Electronic Devices** - We are having to remind more students lately of the school policy restricting having cell phones or ipod's on their person or using them while at school. We understand that some students have cell phones in their backpacks for use to communicate with home on their way home from school. The phones should be turned off and not visible during school. Thank you for helping to support this school expectation.

**Giving Tree** - New leaves have been added with classroom wishes. If you would like, please take a leaf, obtain the item on it and bring the leaf and item back to Mrs. Martin in the office. If you don't ever go into the school, have your child select a leaf for you. Thanks again for your generosity!

**Staff Appreciation** - The Fleming staff were treated to some special goodies Wednesday. Thank you to Mindy Deibler and Chandelle Trahan for organizing our Staff Appreciation Day.

**One World, Our World** - Preparations are beginning for Fleming's Third Annual **One World Our World**. We are currently planning short presentations (4 - 5 minutes) and International "learning" stations for **Friday, January 18th, 2008 from 8:00-11:30 a.m.** If you would like to teach Fleming students about your international heritage, please contact Karyn Roberts (878-6064), Sally Crist (655-

3845) or Sharon Sturm (872-9125). We really need your help to teach our students about the variety of cultures at our school! We hope that this advance notice will allow working parents to make arrangements to join us on this special day.

**The Chess and Cribbage Club** is still looking for 1 or 2 parent volunteers to help on the 7 Friday meetings. Parental involvement consists of getting the chess sets to the room, taking roll, handing out chess sets, making sure the kids have an opponent and then helping get the room back in order at the end. There will be some kids from the High School to be the "fill-in" players, so you don't have to be a chess or a cribbage player in order to help! If you have an hour to spare to help, please contact Karyn Roberts at 878-6064. The **Chess and Cribbage Club** will meet from **3:00-4:00 p.m. in Mr. Earle's classroom** on the following **Fridays: January 4, January 11, January 18, January 25, February 1, February 8 and February 15.**

**Meal Passes** - If you would like to make a direct contribution to a school food service account that is used to provide snack or lunch for students in need of food, but have no funds to purchase, you may access this account (#1002 Fleming School, Dan Ryan) through [myschoolaccount.com](http://myschoolaccount.com) Thank you for your support of students and families that are struggling.

**From the Health Office** - The Vermont Department of Health has sent out an advisory that there have been 12 confirmed cases of mumps in Maine since September 2007. The symptoms of mumps are non-specific and include body aches, loss of appetite, headache and low grade fever. Swelling of salivary glands on one or both sides is present in 30-40% of cases. A single dose of mumps vaccine is estimated to be 80% effective, while 2 doses are 90% effective. If a child has had 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) after his/her first birthday he/she is considered protected against the illness. If your child is not fully vaccinated, or has symptoms of the illness, check with your care provider for advice and treatment.

