

Fleming Flyer
Friday
March 14, 2008

K-12 Fine Arts Night "Celebrating Creative Minds" - Please join all the CCSU K-12 schools this evening in the "Celebrating Creative Minds" showcase. There will be music, drama, dance and visual arts featured in the gym, library and auditorium from all the area schools 6:00-9:00 p.m. Fleming students work will be featured in the art show.

Chess Connections - Fleming School was pleased to host a collaborative chess playing opportunity here Thursday afternoon for students from Folsom School in South Hero, Summit St. School and Fleming chess players. This proved to be a great opportunity to make some friendship connections while enjoying playing the great game of chess.

Safety Helmet Sale - Wearing safety helmets for skiing, biking, and skateboarding (additional protective pads are needed for skateboarding) can prevent serious injuries. The Fleming School requires that children riding their bikes to school wear helmets. Attached is an order form for helmets for a variety of sports and other safety equipment. This is not a fundraiser; we just wanted to offer families an opportunity to purchase a good quality product at an affordable price. The **delivery date is approximately May 1, 2008**. If you would like to place an order, please **return** the order form to the Health Office with a **check made out to Fleming School by 3/21/08** for the cost of your order.

From the Learning Center: There is a lot of teaching and learning that goes on in the Learning Center/library. We are not "just" a library. For the past several weeks 4th graders have been doing an author study of outdoor author and naturalist, Jean Craighead George. 5th graders have done a similar author study of another outdoor writer and adventurer, Gary Paulsen. Both authors have written many books, spanning many genres from fiction to non-fiction to picture books. The author studies focused not only on what the authors wrote but their lives from childhood to their development as writers. Woven into the author studies were library skills such as the Dewey Decimal System, finding fiction, non-fiction, biography, and picture books in a library, related websites, and books by other authors and magazines on topics related to the outdoors, animals, and wilderness. As a culmination to these studies, Mrs. Madeira invited **author/environmentalist Lynn Levine** to speak with students this past Thursday. All classes came to the Learning Center throughout the day to hear Ms. Levine discuss her work as a forester, tracker, and to have her share her new book, *Mammal Tracks and Scat*. This book has life-size tracks of common Vermont animals such as moose and bear as well as pictures of the pattern of tracks one might find. It is also unique in that it is water resistant and is spiral-bound for easy outdoor use. Ms. Levine was able to share her book via a PowerPoint presentation that Mrs. Madeira had produced. At the end of the day, 19 students who had applied to be part of a special workshop went outdoors with Ms. Levine and Mrs. Madeira to look for tracks near Fleming. Besides the usual squirrel tracks, all were delighted to find and identify weasel tracks.

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.

If you would still like to volunteer for either set-up or to run a math station, but missed the volunteer meeting, please contact Nichole Guntulis at 878-1381. We hope to see you there!

Fleming Falcon T-shirts – There is still time to order Fleming Falcon T-shirts (\$10 each). **Please return the order form to your child's teacher by Friday, March 21st.** Contact Jeanne Grant @872-5857 with questions. Thank you for supporting Fleming School! Sponsored by the PTO.

PTO NEWS:

- Baked goods are needed for "Celebration of the Arts" at the high school this evening. Please bring items to the high school cafeteria any time Friday (3/14) after 5:30 p.m. Thank you!
- **Fleming Family Skate: Saturday, March 22nd, 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!
- The PTOs from all three elementary schools will be holding a bake sale at the **Family Math Game Night, March 25th.** Baked goods are needed. The proceeds from the bake sale will go to the Skate the J project.
- **Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, March 29th, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** The cost is \$5 adults and \$3 children. We are in need of volunteers to help set up, serve dinner, and cleanup. Monies collected will go into the PTO fund. If you have any questions, please call Deb Carlin at 872-8882.
- Rugged Bear children's clothing store, at 4 Market Street in South Burlington, is offering to donate 10% of sales on March 19th to elementary schools. Just mention Fleming School when checking out and we will earn 10% from those sales. They are also giving a 10% discount on that day.
- The PTO will be running a spring flower bulb sale. Look for information to be coming home with next week's Fleming Flyer. **The sale will run from March 21st-April 4th.**
- **The next PTO meeting is March 19th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Learning Center. We are already looking forward towards next year. Many positions will be opening up. Please consider becoming involved in whatever way you can.

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

The ADL Parents as Partners group invites 5th grade parents to come join our monthly meeting on **Thursday, March 27th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** in the library at ADL. If you can't attend but would like some information, please call Julie Mueller 872-0309 or Mary Lou Lord 878-8106.