



## SUM-IT-UP AT SUMMIT



**Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

3rd Grade Picnic  
Maple Street Park

11:00-2:00

& New Beginnings Day  
9:30-10:00



**Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

2nd Grade Picnic  
Maple Street Park

10:00-2:00

&

3rd Grade Parent Night at Fleming  
6:30 p.m.



**Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Staff Talent Show  
6:30 at Fleming

A Playground Renovation Fundraiser  
Donation Excepted at the Door

**Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Mrs. Filipek & Mrs. Hall's  
Classrooms Picnic

Maple Street Park

10:30-1:45

&

3rd Grade Trip to Riverside Mill  
Park in Jericho

12:15-2:30



**Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

K/1 Picnic at Cascade Park  
9:00-2:45

**Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
Dismissal at 11:30



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• **End of the Year Reflections from Principal Hughes -**

For many reasons this year seems to have flown by faster than most others. Thank you to parents and guardians who partner each day with us as we strive to provide the best learning environment for each child. As we conclude this academic year, it is appropriate to reflect upon what we have accomplished.

⇒ **Student-led conferences** provided parents and teachers with a chance to listen to children discuss their learning and reflections from throughout the school year. Teachers were just as amazed as parents at the detail and insights shared by children about their learning. Feedback from educators and parents is generally positive. We will continue to provide this celebration of learning in May.

⇒ Faculty worked with Dr. Lynn Murray throughout the school year to Design a **systematic use of analysis** to identify appropriate interventions and track progress. This effort will continue next year.

⇒ PTO fund raising continued in an effort to support the **natural play ground project**. A visit from the Natural Playground Company resulted in a signed contract charging them to create a design for Summit's natural playground. After spending a day observing children in play and understanding the features of Summit's space, owner Ron King will layout an optimal design for Summit's playground. This will be an exciting ongoing project next year. Watch for the sunflowers when everyone returns that were planted by the children under the supervision of the PTO.

⇒ **Integration of technology** continues with SMART boards in most classrooms, children benefit from Skype connections such as a discussion with Ms. Turcot's class and a Bronx Zoo animal expert and A different connection with a NASA worker. Skype also provided a parent who was out of the country with the opportunity to participate in the student-led conference. Digital stories and Discovery Streaming name just a few of the examples of how technology is transforming our school.

⇒ **Three School Parent forums** provided opportunities for parents to learn more about standards based reporting; student-led conferences and school data. Such forums allowed for discussions with those in attendance about the benefits of students articulating their learning; the NECAP assessment- what it measures and how we use the data; as well as using standards as a means to measure progress. We look forward to future parent forums to be scheduled next year.

⇒ A week long residency with the **Song Dudes** provided children with an opportunity to compose lyrics for a class song and then to perform the song at a whole-school concert.

⇒ Ms. Ashley Wageman was selected as the **Vermont's New Counselor of the Year**. This is an outstanding honor that recognizes the dedication and excellence of Ms. Wageman. Congratulations!

These are just a few of the accomplishments that come to mind. We thank each and every one of our parents who work side by side with us to make this community school one where each child feels welcome and valued. We wish our third graders all the best as they move on to Fleming next year. They are an amazing and accomplished group of young people. They will be missed. Thank you to those parents who have supported these children and our school during the past several years. To all Summit families have a safe and fun-filled summer vacation.

- **Yo Garden Team -**

On the morning of June 16<sup>th</sup> we are looking forward to participating in a new offering called Yo Garden Team. Music, yogurt and getting hands dirty . . . what could be more exciting for the children? Underwritten by Gardner's Supply and Stonyfield Yogurt, this program focuses on food, recycling, fun and more. Students will eat some yummy strawberry yogurt while they listen to local garden guru and celebrity Charlie Nardozi talk about growing what you eat, eating the rainbow, carbon foot print and more. The stage is a hybrid truck with Gurt the cow and other fun graphics. The presentation is interactive with students and everyone planting their very own root strawberry plant to take home. Rain or shine; we will move inside if weather demands. Join us on the playground at 10:00 until close to 11:00 for this fun educational event.

- **Third Grade Talent -**

An annual tradition is to feature third grade talent at the final assembly scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Children have been auditioning and practicing their individual and small group talents. It is certain to be a special event! This will be followed by the Yo Garden Team. Remember we have early dismissal at 11:30 for this final day of school.

- **Natural Playground Company Visits Summit Street School -**

On Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> company owner Ethan King visited Summit Street School to present to the Summit Community the possibilities that exist when designing a natural playground. The next step is to sign a contract with a company to design the playground so that next year the first phase can be implemented. Chris Catterton and the Playground Committee have dedicated hours to this effort. Their vision of a playground that promotes creative play in children is closer to becoming a reality. We are fortunate to have such dedicated parents as members of our community.

- **New Multi-age Teacher to Join Summit Street School for 2010-2011 -**

Mrs. Beth Dall will join us beginning in the 2010-2011 school year as the new K/1 multi-age educator at Summit Street School; Mrs. Dall will partner with K/1 educator Mr. Neil for the upcoming school year.

Mrs. Dall, a certified and highly qualified (HQT) teacher, earned a Master's degree from the University of Vermont with a degree in Early Childhood Special Education as well as a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Vermont in Early Childhood Education and Development. Additional graduate course work at Lesley College and St. Michael's College focused on literacy, language, reading and writing.

Mrs. Dall comes to us from Cambridge Elementary School where for the past three years she has been a kindergarten teacher. Incorporating current teaching methods, Ms. Dall identifies individual children's needs and tailors an instructional program that reaches a full range of abilities within the classroom.

We are very fortunate to have such a qualified and exceptional educator joining Summit's faculty. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Dall!

- **New Support System to Be Implemented for 2010-2011 -**

Over the course of this school year we have spent considerable time throughout the EJ K-5 schools discussing modifications to the manner in which our specialists provide support to students in need of special services. As the new school

