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SUM-IT-UP AT SUMMIT

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Labor Day Holiday
Monday, September 6th
NO SCHOOL

First School Assembly
"Hopes and Dreams"
for the New School Year
Thursday, September 9th
8:15 a.m. – 8:45 in the gym

Kick-off PTO Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 14th
6:30 p.m.
in Learning Center
Childcare provided
Everyone Invited!

PTO

Constitution Assembly
Thursday,
September 23rd
8:15 a.m. – 8:45 in the gym



Open House/Curriculum Night
Tuesday, September 28th
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Parking at Fleming, so that folks do
not double park in front of school.

Picture Day
Tuesday, October 5th
Forms will be sent home
in Friday Folders on September 17th



Thursday, October 7th
Fire Safety Assembly
8:15 a.m. – 8:45 in the gym

• Greetings from Principal Hughes -

Welcome to one and all! Today was a wonderful beginning as we greeted you and your children for the first day of school! Everyone looked rested and eager for a great year of learning and fun. Personally, greeting new and returning families is a special event as I begin my twelfth year as a principal; I strive to support the staff, children and families of Essex Junction☺! Thank you for sharing your children with us.

• Student I.D. Number -

Every child has a student ID number, which can be found on the Friday folder in upper right-hand corner, as well as, on the student biographical sheet. This ID number is required to establish a food account "My School Account." For information on this offering, refer to: www.myschoolaccount.com/.

• Friday Folder -

Friday folders are being sent home today to share important information with you. Typically these folders arrive home on a Friday and may include: student work samples along with other important notices. Students are expected to return this folder on the next school day. Please take a few minutes and read through everything that is in your child's Friday folder. You will find important information along with forms that need to be completed and returned to school by Friday, September 3, 2010. It is imperative that we have accurate phone numbers in the event we ever need to contact you. Please go to the Summit's web page, www.ccsuvt.org/summit/ to review the **student handbook**. Once you have done this, you will acknowledge the reading of the handbook by signing the statement that is located on the back of the student biographical sheet. Thank you for your cooperation in getting these forms back to us.

• Let's Go Green –

As a school, we strive to provide a good example of taking care of the environment and being environmentally conscious. With this in mind, we suggest that you view "Sum-it-Up at Summit" and other classroom letters on-line. You can automatically receive notification through a "**Live Bookmark or RSS Feed,**" that informs you when a NEW "Sum-it-Up" has been posted on Summit's web site. The Instructions on how to do this is listed below.....**Let's Go Green!** Classroom letters are located on our web site by clicking on "Classroom Connections" located on the left side of the main web page. Click on the classroom of interest. Every classroom teacher currently posts their newsletter on-line.

Regularly read the Sum-it-Up or classroom letters. These newsletters contain importation information such as:

- Coming Events - Music & Arts Nights, International Pot Luck Dinner, Playground Committee Fundraisers, Visiting Artists
- Bi-weekly Assembly Information
- Class Trips
- Report Card Delivery Dates
- PTO Meetings
- Dates School is Closed
- **AND** so much more!

Basically, everything of importance to school life at Summit is posted in these newsletters.

Below is a “how to” step-by-step for “Live Bookmark or RSS Feed”



← This is what you will see on your web browser toolbar when you complete the steps below.

Follow these steps to receive the **"Live Bookmark or RSS Feed"** for "Sum-it-Up at Summit." **1.** Go to Summit's website and click on "Sum-it-Up at Summit" (located on the left). **2.** When this page opens, you will see in the right hand corner **"subscribe to this feed,"** click on this. Follow the signup procedures, and when successful, you will see on your web browser toolbar the icon, **as within the circled above**, informing you that "Sum-it-Up" has been posted to the webpage and is ready for viewing. (FYI—If you have children in other schools with a posted school newsletter, or are interested in the School Board feeds, you will follow these same procedures by going to the other school/s website or the district website.)

If you'd rather receive a copy of class and school newsletter, please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and send it back to your child's classroom teacher along with the packet of information that is **due** by **Sept. 3rd**. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you're accessing the newsletters on our web page. If this becomes difficult call the main office and request paper copies. Thank you.

• **First Parent Teacher Organization Meeting -**

Please join the PTO for the kick-off meeting on Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Center. Childcare is provided. Come meet Cathi Farrington and Mindy Deibler, PTO co-chairs for this school year and learn about the exciting events planned to enrich our students and families. See you there!

• **Volunteers.....NEW on-line procedure -**

What would we do without our volunteers? As many of our "returning" families know, a volunteer form must be completed on a yearly basis. **NEW** this year is the **on-line** volunteer form. If you plan on volunteering in/at: classrooms, learning center, field trips, Four Winds, PTO fundraisers, Playground Renovation Project fundraisers, etc. you **MUST** complete the **on-line** volunteer form. All volunteers **MUST** be approved before you can volunteer at any function in school or on field trips outside of school. We will **NOT** be able to accept a volunteer form on the **DAY** of a classroom volunteer visit or field trip etc., so please, take a moment to fill out the **on-line** form **NOW!** Go to Summit's website, listed at the top of this newsletter. You will find the connection to the web site either in the middle of the page or on the right-hand side of the page. If you don't have a computer at home, stop in to our learning center or our local Brownell Library offers computer time.

• **Student Drop Off and Pick Up On the Playground Area -**

We ask all parents to assist us in helping children to get into the morning routine by saying goodbye to children outside the school in the playground area. This is necessary to allow teachers to greet and meet their students as they enter the classroom. If you need to leave a message for a teacher, please stop into the main office and it will be delivered. We ask parents not to enter the school from the back door so that all visitors have checked into the main office through the front door of the school. Any other arrangements should be discussed with the principal. We also ask parents to wait for their child outside in the playground area at the back of the school where students are dismissed at 3:00. Please do not wait outside of your child's classroom at dismissal time as we need to keep the hallways cleared for classes that are dismissing.

• **Respecting Summit's Neighbors -**

As many of our returning parents know and what our "new" parents will soon discover, Summit Street becomes very congested beginning at 7:45 and again at 2:30. **Please** be kind to our neighbors that live on this street by never blocking their driveways or stopping the middle of the street to un-load children, beep your horns, or double-park in front of the school. Instead, please use the parking areas in back of the school (Holy Family Church parking lot, or Summit's parking lot on School Street both located on the other side of the playground. These parking areas are ideal for drop off, pickup, or at times when there is an evening school event: i.e. Assemblies, Open House, and Conferences etc. Thank you!

- **Summit Scoop -**

Communicating to the Essex Junction community about school happenings is critical since 75% of homeowners do not have children in school. We are looking for a parent volunteer to write the weekly "Summit Scoop" for the Essex Reporter. This would require a short amount of time to write about information pertaining to Summit Street School. The weekly communication is posted in the "Reporter" every Thursday (Information is gathered from Sum-it-Up and classroom newsletters.) The "Summit Scoop" is due by Thursday morning and is sent via email to Principal Mary Hughes, and school secretary Sarah Waite. If you are interested please call Sarah at 878-1377. Thank you!

- **New Posting to the Health Page on the Web –**

Many of you have requested a peanut /tree nut free snack list, and with this in mind, our health office has come up with a list of food items to choose from. One thing you **MUST** keep in mind before any food product, including those on the posted list, is brought into school for snack or special times such as a birthday.....**YOU MUST ALWAYS READ THE LABEL.** If there is any food in question, the classroom teacher will refer to the health office for advice.

- **Please Welcome One of Our Interns –**



Art Intern - My name is Jessica Bruce and I am going to be student teacher at Summit Street School and Fleming School, shadowing Lisa Foley, the art teacher for this coming fall semester. I am going through the CCSI Teacher Apprenticeship Program to get my license in Art K-12.

My academic background includes a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Herron School of Art and Design at Indiana University, Indianapolis. I love to draw, paint, sculpt, take photographs, and outdoor activities like camping and biking.

I live in Essex Junction with my husband and 1-year-old son (and two cats), and I love working with children. I hope to become the kind of teacher that students remember; a teacher that enables them to continue to reflect on what I've taught them for years after having them in my class. I really want students to know how things they learn are relevant to their lives and what's going on around them.

I am really excited to start my new journey as a teacher and can't wait to meet all of my students and make lasting, creative and meaningful relationships!

- **Until Mid Oct.... –**

Until mid October, Lincoln Place will be closed to traffic on Fridays' from 1:30-9:00 to accommodate the Farmers Market; so please find an alternate route to school.

- **Parental Notification – Highly Qualified Teachers –**

Under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), all core area classes must be taught by Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT). According to NCLB the core academic subjects are English language arts (including ESL), math, science, social studies, reading, foreign languages, art, music, and the generalist endorsement areas of elementary education and early childhood education (grades K-3 only).

The NCLB further requires schools that receive Title I funding to notify parents of their rights to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teacher [Section 1111(h)(6)(A)]. This notice serves to inform you that our school is receiving Title I funding for the 2010-11 school year. As a parent/guardian of a child in our school, you may request the following information about your child's classroom teacher:

- Whether the teacher has met state licensure requirements for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) they are teaching
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency license
- The college major and/or graduate certification or degrees held by the classroom teacher
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals covered under the NCLB, and if so, their qualifications

We are pleased to report, that for the 2010-11 school year, all of our core area classes are taught by teachers who meet federal Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT) requirements for their assignment. In addition, all classroom teachers have met the state licensure requirements for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) they are teaching, and we currently have no teachers teaching under an emergency license. Since we receive Title I funds in targeted assistance programs, we currently do not employ any paraprofessionals covered under the NCLB.

If you would like to request the college major and/or graduate certification or degrees held by your child's teacher, please send your written request to the attention of Mary Hughes, Principal.

Sincerely, *Mary Hughes*, School Principal

We're off to a great school year!

Special Request for Paper Copy of School Newsletters

✂ Clip Here ✂

*Please send my child's classroom newsletter, and
Sum-it-Up home in my child's Friday Folder:*

Student Name: _____

Student's Classroom Teacher: _____

Parent Signature: _____