

April 15, 2011  
Issue 166

Spring Break  
No School  
April 18<sup>th</sup>—April 22<sup>nd</sup>



Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
Prudential Committee Meeting  
EHS Library  
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
3rd Grade Integrated Arts  
Celebration of Learning  
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Hall's Class Shares at Assembly  
8:15 a.m.



Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Playground Committee  
Mtg. 6:30 p.m.  
Learning Center

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
3rd Grade Trip  
Echo Center  
Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m.



Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Final PTO meeting for this school year.  
Election of Officers  
6:30 p.m.  
Free Childcare

Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Hamilton's Class Shares at Assembly  
8:15 a.m.



Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Student Led Conferences  
Scheduled by Appointment

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>  
2nd Grade Integrated Arts  
Celebration of Learning  
6:30-8:00



SUM-IT-UP AT SUMMIT



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### Kindergarten Registration for Essex Junction Schools

Kindergarten registration for the 2011-2012 school year will be held during the afternoons of Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Summit Street School and Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hiawatha School.



Students eligible for kindergarten must be 5 years old *before* September 1, 2011.

You will be required to provide a completed registration packet, a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization records, recent physical, as well as residency verification.

To schedule an appointment, contact Mindy Deibler at (802) 878-6419 or via email at [mdeibler@ccsuvt.org](mailto:mdeibler@ccsuvt.org).

....Coming in the Future with More Information to Follow

Student Led Conference—May 19<sup>th</sup>  
Placement Letters—May 27<sup>th</sup>

3rd Grade Informational Parent Night at Fleming—June 8<sup>th</sup>

#### • Student First Project —

The Student FIRST Project website is up and running. The website provides a wide-range of mental health information and linkages to important resources for Chittenden County parents, guardians, schools and other child serving professionals. Visit the site at: [studentsfirstproject.org](http://studentsfirstproject.org).

#### • PTO Information —

Please plan on attending the next PTO meeting on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be an election of officers as well as other important information. If you would like to be nominated for an officer position for the up-coming school year, please contact Mindy Deibler at [fourkidsvt@yahoo.com](mailto:fourkidsvt@yahoo.com) or Cathi Farrington at [cathifarrington@gmail.com](mailto:cathifarrington@gmail.com). The PTO would love to have new members, so please feel free to come to the meetings.

#### • Provide Input on CCSU Support Services —

We are being visited by the VT Department of Education (VT DOE) to review our support systems for students. During this process, they are seeking your input. If you are interested in providing input, please go to Summit's web page about half way down and you will be able to access the survey. There is also additional details on the VT DOE letter and information about CCSU Support Services at this same location.

#### • Summit Street 3rd Grade Integrated Arts Celebration of Learning —

On Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m., please join us as Summit Street third grade students share their learning experiences of the Champlain Valley Region, its native people, geography and early settlers through music, dance, visual art and technology.

You don't want to miss the debut of each classes own Photo Story movies they made about different Abenaki myths. We will share the many aspects of this arts integrated

learning and the second part of the evening will delight you with music and dance from this period of history, along with other areas of the music curriculum.

We will begin the evening with families and students visiting their classrooms for the premier of their Photo Stories and related work from this area of their curriculum. An announcement will be made after about 20 minutes to report to the gym for a short overview of their learning and then onto a presentation of music and dance, also in the gym.

#### • **Brownell Spring Art Show —**



Please come and view student art work from Thomas Fleming and Summit Street Students at Brownell library. The artwork will be on display through the first week of May. Fifth grade students have been spending a lot of time on an unusual self portrait project as they created food faces entitled, "You are What You Eat." This was a study of the work of renaissance painter, Giuseppe Arcimoldo that inspired students to use their knowledge of portraiture and the food pyramid to create self portraits made entirely from food.



Summit Street second and third grade students spent several weeks studying owls and how to draw and sculpt them. Our culminating project was to draw an owl and color it with oil pastels, which demonstrated the ability to shade and blend this medium.



The artwork will be on display through the first week of May, so be sure to stop by and visit.

#### • **Whew...We Have a Few People to Thank —**



- **Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction —** Once again we say thank you to Deb Carlin for all the spirit she and her team provide through the Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction.

- **Kids' Night Out —**Thanks to Chris Catterton and Tracey Williams for organizing this fun evening.



- **Flower Power —**Thank you Tracey Williams for setting up the Flower Power fundraiser. **On-line orders will be accepted until April 24<sup>th</sup>. Visit Summit's web page for the on-line connection.**

- **Book Swap —** It's always nice to get a "new to me" book to read and we have to thank Tracey Williams for this opportunity.



We also know that there are many "helpers" at these events and we would to thank all of you for your assistance. Summit volunteers are the BEST ever!!

#### • **Student-Led Conferences —**

You will receive notification from your child's teacher prior to spring vacation about scheduling student-led conferences. Please complete the form indicating when you can be available to come to school with your child. The goal of the student-led conference is for your child to share their learning and reflections with you along with evidence of the learning that has been collected throughout the school year. The afternoon and early evening of Thursday, May 19 has been dedicated to schedule many of these conferences. Child-care will be provided in the Learning Center for siblings who may draw attention away from the student who is prepared to demonstrate their learning. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not received information about this important event.

Student-led conferences allow children to reflect on their learning, which results in deepening learning. It provides an opportunity for children to demonstrate independence about their learning and feel empowered. This also fosters pride and ownership of personal goals and achievement.

Three or four conferences are scheduled at the same time in the classroom. Your child will invite you to the space in the classroom to conduct this conference. Teachers spend time with students prior to the conference preparing and reflecting on what will be shared. Students will lead the conference using a prepared agenda. Some students write a reflection of their experiences to share and sometimes parents write a note to their child before leaving. The teacher will join you at some point throughout the discussion to support the child's sharing and share a few insights.

During the conference, parents are active listeners, provide positive feedback, encourage explanation ask guided questions. There are many comments appropriate for parents to consider during this conference. Suggestions may include but are not limited to: What is first on your agenda? Can you tell me more about . . . ? How did you learn that? Can you show me an example? I've noticed that you've learned . . . What are you most proud of this year? What was the most important thing you learned during this project? What did you find challenging? I can see improvement in . . .

At the conclusion, your child will end the conference when he/she finishes sharing. If you have remaining questions about your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher to set up an appointment.

#### • **Let's G.O. Summit! —**

How have you and your family been enjoying the outdoors this April? Don't forget to document your adventures and join us on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 1- 4:00 p.m. on the Summit School Playground. There will be fun for all: games, nature scavenger hunt, community nature weaving project (teepee), craft making, healthy snack-making table, Story Walk . . . see our playground plans on display, sign up for Green Up Day and grab something from the "healthier than your usual bake sale." Bring documentation and enter to win some great prizes, including a dog sled outing, Indian Brook pass, 10-visit VT State Parks punch cards, and more! For more information go to [www.letsgoessex.org](http://www.letsgoessex.org).