

Celebrating 60 Years of Educating Essex Junction 's Children

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Friday, September 16th
Preschool is off to Hackett's Orchard
Bus Leaves at 12:45

Tuesday, September 20th
United States Constitution Assembly
8:15 a.m.



Wednesday, September 21st
2nd Announced Evacuation (Practice)

Friday, September 23rd
First Day of Autumn



Monday, September 26th
Kindergarten Trip to Allenholm Orchards
8:45-12:30

Tuesday, September 27th
Open House
6:30—7:30
Children and parents invited!



Tuesday, October 4th
Picture Day
Forms will be sent home in Friday folders on 9/30.



SUM-IT-UP AT SUMMIT



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• Open House & Curriculum Night —

Your child will serve as your guide when you join us on Tuesday, September 27th from 6:30 to 7:30 for our annual Open House & Curriculum Night. At 7:00 an announcement will invite children to the gym to enjoy a performance by Joey the Clown while parents meet with classroom teachers for approximately 30 minutes and learn about the educational programs offered at our school. Please plan to join us. **PLEASE**—Utilize Flemings' parking area so that we do not have any double-parking in front of the building.

• Healthy Birthday Celebration Options —

In 2004 the Vermont legislature passed Vermont Act 161 requiring school districts to develop a comprehensive nutrition and wellness policy. Our school board with guidance from the Department of Education and the Department of Health adopted a district policy in April of 2007. The policy outlines various guidelines to ensure a safe and healthy school environment for our children. Birthday celebrations is an area where parents can assist us in providing a healthy classroom. Principal Hughes requests that parents and guardians use non-food alternatives if choosing to celebrate birthdays in school. Examples include sharing birthday pencils or stickers; selecting a favorite book or poem for your child to share with classmates, or discussing with the teacher an activity for the class, etc. An example of an activity was when a parent sent in all the items for a science experiment for the class to share (with approval from the teacher). If you choose to celebrate with food, use healthy options. Examples include fruit cups, apple or orange slices, or veggie slices. Children are advised not to visit prior teachers throughout the school so that learning is not interrupted for others. Please contact the school nurse, your child's teacher or Principal Hughes with questions.

• Welcome to Mr. Michael Soules—



Stepping in for Mrs. Hutton until after Thanksgiving break, Nationally Board Certified P.E. teacher, Michael Soules joins the Summit team after successfully completing over 31 years as the P.E. teacher in Essex Town. Thoroughly enjoying teaching, Michael authored a national publication on developmentally appropriate practices for teaching children physical education. We are fortunate that Mr. Soules is available and willing to serve as a guest teacher at Summit Street School. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Soules who will also teach health to the children on Thursday.

• Tuesday's Assembly —

Since Thursday is already a busy day with extra specials on that day including guidance, information literacy, health or world language, faculty members suggested changing assembly day to Tuesday; therefore, you will note that our new assembly schedule is listed on the calendar for Tuesday; as always, you are invited to join us from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. in the gym.

• New Members of the Summit Team—

Please join us in welcoming the following professionals to Summit Street School:

- **Cynthia (Cindy) Mongeon LPN**—I am excited to join Summit Street School as the Health Assistant. I have worked in pediatric offices for 19 years and am looking forward to working with children and parents in the school setting, and giving up my title as "Best Shot Giver" in the office. I am also a Mom of two grown daughters, both are in education as well. I am a big Red Sox fan, so you will most likely start seeing signs of that around the Health Office.
- **Kaitlyn Barr Art TAP Intern**—is a 2010 graduate from the University of Vermont. She is currently a TAP student here in Essex and is working toward her certification in Art Educa-

tion. Kaitlyn has been working with children for a few years as a studio assistant and art teacher at Davis Studio in Burlington. She is currently the head girl's Cross Country running coach at Burlington High School. Along with her love of art and running, she also owns her own cupcake business.

- **Stephanie Walp**—is the new Summit crossing guard. Please give her a friendly “hello” when you see her.
- **Jade Hazard**—Hi my name is Jade Hazard and I am the new Title I Math Specialist. Prior to coming to Summit Street, I was the K-8 Math Specialist at the Westford School. I'm excited to be part of the Summit School community and look forward to working with all the wonderful students here.
- **Erica Ervine**—I started my teaching career on a 104' schooner in Baltimore, Maryland in 2003 just after earning my B.S. in Environmental Science from Virginia Tech. I lived and worked on the boat, teaching marine biology to students who came onboard for fieldtrips or for summer camp. I fell in love with teaching while on *Lady Maryland*, so I moved up to Vermont and earned my teaching certification from Saint Michael's College in Elementary Education. I have been a para educator at Founders Memorial School, a long term substitute teacher in kindergarten at Shelburne Community School and Swanton Elementary School, a long term substitute for a fifth grade math and science teacher in Milton, and a third grade math teacher and a fourth grade classroom teacher at Shelburne Community School. I am very excited to continue my teaching experience here at Summit Street School while teaching a subject that I love.
- **Jessica Trigger**—received her Bachelors in Criminal Justice from Penn State in 1998, and her Masters in Clinical Psychology from Saint Michael's in 2009. She has worked in private practice in northern Virginia for the last two years with a variety of clients including children, adults, individual, families and couples. Jessica utilized play therapy with the children she works with. Jessica is married and lives in Winooski. Her hobbies include, cooking, baking, gardening and reading.
- **Hilary Hughes**— Transitioning to Summit Street School over the next few weeks as the new social worker is Ms. Hilary Hughes who has worked for the Howard Center as the social worker at Milton High School for the past several years; prior to this, Hilary served elementary school children in St. Albans and Brooklyn, NY. Excited to return to work with elementary school children, Hilary has successfully collaborated with other agencies and service providers in the area.

• **Volunteer Guidelines** —

Many field trips are beginning to be scheduled. Please remember if you plan on going on one of these trips as a chaperone, or you want to help in the classroom, learning center, art room, or serve as a Four Winds parent, you **MUST** fill out an on-line volunteer form and be approved before you can take on this role. This process **cannot** be completed on the day of the trip, or visit to the classroom.....so plan ahead.

• **Summit Street School Rules**—

Faculty and staff updated the Summit Street School rules to include: Be Safe; Be Respectful; Be Kind; and Do Your Best. These rules were reviewed at the school's first assembly and practiced by children in all corners of the school. First Friday's Game Day allowed for children to review these rules as they apply to recess time. In addition, Principal Hughes is visiting each classroom and reading [Emily's Everyday Manners by Peggy Post](#), which presents many different examples of ways that children can present courteous and polite responses. Principal Hughes commented to the children that we are off to a terrific start as so many children are using manners as noted when selecting food in the lunchroom, picking up ice cream at the BBQ and enjoying a popsicle during the first Friday Game Day.

• **Good Neighbor -**

We have a kindergarten student who needs a morning ride to school from Williams Street. If you would be willing to transport this child to school in the morning, please call the main office at 878-1377.

• **Preschool Programs -**

Summit's preschool program has a few openings for the afternoon sessions. Please contact Dianne Sweeney by calling the main office if you are interested. Children must be 4 by August 31st to be eligible. Also, the Essex Center for Technology has openings for 4 and 5 year olds in their preschool program. Contact Lissa Bogner for more information.

• **Angel Fund**—

The Angel Fund currently has just under \$2000. The Angel Fund Committee has decided to designate these funds to pay for children to attend camps and enriching experiences. If you would like your child to be considered for a camp through use of these funds, please contact school counselor Ashely Wageman or school social worker Alice Dee Scannell or her replacement in the next couple of weeks, Hilary Hughes.



Crossing Guard Change Effective 9/13/2011
Please go to Summit's web page to view the updated crossing guard information.