

Celebrating 60 Years of Educating Essex Junction 's Children

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SUM-IT-UP AT SUMMIT



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The Book Fair
continues through
next week.



Monday, October 17th
Ms. Mahoney &
Mrs. Hamilton's
Classrooms are off to the
Pumpkin Patch at
Whitcomb Farms
Bus leaves at 8:30

&

Ms. Comeau, Mrs. Macmillan & Ms.
Turcot's Classrooms are off to the Flynn
to see
"Sylvester and The Magic Pebble."
The bus leaves at 11:10.

Tuesday, October 18th
Mrs. Bergstrom's Class is off to the
Audubon Center.
Bus leaves at 10:15 a.m.

Thursday, October 20th
Parent Conferences by Appointment;
NO School for Students Today and
Friday, October 21st

Monday, October 31st
Fun Run
Scheduled during the
afternoon on the
playground
In the gym if raining



Tuesday, October 25
Railroad Safety Assembly
8:15 a.m.
Gym

Wednesday, October 26th
Mrs. Cole's Class is off to the
Audubon Center.
Bus leaves at 10:15 a.m.

Friday, October 28th
Mrs. Heikel's Class is off to the
Audubon Center.
Bus leaves at 10:15 a.m.



Summit's Annual Spaghetti Dinner

October 15th from 5:00-7:00

Don't forget to attend this fun family event this Saturday
from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This is an all you can eat dinner. The
cost is \$5 for adult and \$3 for children.

• PTO Playground Project —



As we anticipate beginning construction of the Natural Playground at Summit Street School, it is imperative to solicit volunteers to make this PTO project a reality. Over the next couple of years, the exciting possibility of constructing the design will only occur if individuals step forward to assist with leadership in the following areas: communications, fund raising, grant writing, etc. The design is in place, approvals are about to be secured and the next phase is to turn the design into the natural play area that will provide recreation to the children and entire community. Please consider serving on this committee to ensure a natural playground becomes a reality. Contact the main office if you would like to become involved.

• Four Winds Grant —

Summit Street School was just informed that in recognition of his volunteer service to our school community and in celebration of IBM's 100th Birthday, David Riester has been awarded a \$1000 grant to cover the cost of Four Winds. This science program implemented by parents teaches children in all grades about becoming stewards of the earth as they learn to take care of nature around them. Monthly trainings provide the background and tools for parents to come into the classroom to engage children in hands-on science. David and his wife Carla have been active volunteers at Summit over the years when their two sons were in attendance. What makes this special is that although David's children have moved beyond Summit, he still thought about Summit when applying for this grant. Thank you, David Riester.

• Fire Safety —

At Tuesday's assembly, children were excited to meet fire volunteer Christopher Putnam who brought along a firefighter mascot that the children enjoyed. Since Christopher is a father of a second grader, it was an honor to have him with us. Children learned about what to do when the smoke detector goes off; to drop and roll; to go to the family meeting place if forced to evacuate, etc. Children observed firefighter Putnam dress in the clothes they would see if firefighters came to their home. During the month of October we think about fire safety; first and second graders will bring home a coloring book with these and other fire safety tips.

• Book Fair Riddles —

Each morning throughout the days the book fair is open, Principal Hughes is reading a book riddle over the intercom. Children are asked to put their guess of the title on a piece of paper and each afternoon two slips with the correct answer are unannounced and those classes receive a free book from the book fair. Ask your children the answer to: Her hair's the stairs.

• Internet Information —



Comcast is launching their "Internet Essentials" program, offering low-cost internet to families who qualify for Free (not Reduced) lunch. Please go to this link for more information:
<http://www.ccsvvt.org/10529/low-cost-internet-offered-to-qualifying-families/>

• **Fun Run —**



Come cheer your runners! The seventh annual Summit Street School Fun Run will take place in the afternoon on Monday, October 31st. During the Fun Run, students will run, skip, or walk one mile (8 laps) around the playground while listening to motivating music. All students will enjoy a healthy snack and receive a token of accomplishment after the event. This is not a race! It's about fun and wellness. See the schedule below for Run times:

1:00-1:30	Neil, Dall, Mahoney, Hamilton
1:40-2:10	Heikel, Bergstrom, Cole, Turcot
2:15-2:45	Macmillan, Filipek, Comeau, Hall

• **Box Tops Add Up! —**



Keep those Box Tops coming! Thanks to all of you who turned in Box Tops already. Did you know our school can earn up to \$20,000 a year by turning in Box Tops coupons? Let's work together to raise money for our school! Start clipping and bringing in Box Tops coupons. Every coupon counts! A handful or a bagful they are all worth the same, 10 cents a piece. Ask your relatives, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to help too!

Turn them in to the collection bin by the front door to the school and then we'll take care of the rest. We turn them in to the Box Tops for Education program twice a year and they send us a check. This money goes into the PTO account which helps pay for field trips, school activities, Four Winds, etc.

We can raise up to an additional \$40,000 by shopping at the Box Tops Marketplace and the Box Tops Reading Room. Go to www.btfe.com to find out more.

The next turn in date is **November 1st** so check your pantries and recycling bins for those box tops!

Thanks!! - PTO Box Tops Committee

• **Dress for the Weather —**

Cold days will soon be upon us, and we fullest. Children are expected to come can fully enjoy recess. So what does



here at Summit "enjoy" them to their to school dressed for the weather so they that mean exactly:

Sweaters—Hats—Mittens/Gloves—Winter Coats—Snow Pants—Boots...all must items for recess fun!

All students will be outside for recess and before/after school unless the temperatures hover near 0° or the wind chill is close to 0°.

• **Walk the Village "Move More Essex Junction" —**



Want to **win a 6 month membership to Planet Fitness or new sneakers from Fleet Feet?** Just walk on one of the sidewalk paths in Essex Junction and then take the online survey at www.movemoreej.org. Pick up a copy of "A Walker's Guide to Essex Junction, Vermont," which has a map of the Village with several walking paths of varying lengths all around town. The Guides can be found in many locations such as area businesses and banks, Brownell Library, the Village and Town halls, Essex CHIPS, school health offices, and Essex Pediatrics. You can also print a copy from the Move More Essex Junction website. Move More Essex Junction, a group dedicated to increasing the physical activity level of our community, have developed the maps and stenciled many of the measured walking paths. Look for the two directional white arrows stencils. What have you got to lose? Take a walk then take a survey and you could win a prize. More importantly you may just walk yourself into better health!

• **Child Nutrition Programs—VT Department of Education**

Vermont has been granted an extension by USDA of the previous year's student eligibility for school meals for a 30 day period due to the flooding and damages from Tropical Storm Irene and its impact on schools, families, roads and the infrastructure of our state.

Typically, a student who has been deemed eligible for free or reduced price meals during school year 2010-2011 may carry over that eligibility into the new school year for up to 30 operating days, or until a new application has been submitted but not later than October 15th. At the 30th operating day deadline or October 15th, if a household had not submitted a new application or the student was not on the Direct Certification List, the student's household was notified that he or she was no longer eligible for meal benefits.

As result of the granted extension, students whose households have not yet submitted their new meal applications for the 2011-2012 school year, may continue to be eligible from the previous school year for an additional 30 operating days. This longer timeframe will allow families sufficient time to complete a meal application and schools the opportunity to contact households from whom they have not received an application for the new school year.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at laurie.colgan@state.vt.us or at 828-5153.

The ever popular "Red Barn" fundraiser is coming—expect order forms to go home in Friday folders on Nov. 4th.



Gift Card Grab Schedule: Nov. 4, December 2, January 6, February 2, March 9, April 6, May 4, June 6