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The Principal's Corner

Our school, like others in the district and across the state, is in the process of implementing the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The goal of these national standards (almost all states will soon be using them) is to "Prepare children for the challenges of a constantly changing world by learning step-by-step the real-world skills they need for career and college." Please find attached to this newsletter some more information about the Common Core. It comes to us from Stephanie Phillips, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Burlington School District.



Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 17th in the afternoon and all day on Friday, October 18th. School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on that Thursday

(lunch will be served as a "grab and go" for students), and there will be no school on the following day, so that conferences may be scheduled throughout the day. Mrs. Tina Desautels, our Administrative Assistant, is working hard to prepare the conference schedule. If you have any questions about your scheduled appointment(s), please contact her at 864-8479 or tdesaute@bsdvt.org.

The annual Book Fair is coming up soon! Please mark the dates of October 21st through October 25th on your calendars. This exciting event is always so well planned by our P.T.O. and puts great books into the hands of children as cold, dark nights of good reading approach. Please plan to join us.

Our school is in need of additional substitutes for classroom teachers and para-educators. We hire all our substitutes through Kelly Services. Please contact Mrs. Desautels for more information about the application process for substitute teachers.

Thank you for all you do to make our school a community of respectful, responsible, and safe learners.

News from Around the School



Students in Mrs. Judy Carpenter's and Mrs. Patty Kissell's Grade 2 classes enjoyed their fieldtrip to the Shelburne Museum this week. This trip was connected to a lot of Reading, Science, and Social Science work they have been doing.

Mrs. Kissell's class also presented lots of information they learned about shells to Grade 1 classes which toured their exhibit recently. They used great communication skills in describing their shells!

Students in Mr. Dale Pecor's Grade 4 class and Ms. Sarah Minkler's and Mr. Josh Safran's Grades 4-5 classes visited Camel's Hump on a fieldtrip today to learn a lot about Science and practice some great wellness during their hike.

Students in Grade 3 took the NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) tests in Reading and Math this week.

Calendar of Events



10/16: P.T.O. Parent Forum w/Superintendent Collins re: Calendar 2.0 Proposal (6:00-8:00 p.m.) -- Gymnasium

10/17: Parent-Teacher Conferences (School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

10/18: Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School)

10/21 – 10/25: Book Fair

11/8: First Trimester Marking Period Closes

11/15: Report Cards Distributed to Students