

Friday, December 16, 2016

School Notes and Athletics

Mr. Bagnato, Principal

This year's artist in residence was another huge success. Last night over 200 folks watched as students danced hip hop to a variety of songs. I enjoyed watching the dance moves, but more importantly, *students tried something new, took risks, and worked together.*

I would like to give a huge thanks to our Artist in Residence [Ms Ana](#) (feel free to have your child e-mail a thank you) and to the PTA (especially Erin Yunger, Eric Walker, Amy Donohue, and students Peter North and Charlize Brown). Charlize and Peter surveyed fellow students last spring to get their input on the Artist in Residence.

This will be our last newsletter until after the holiday break. **Our holiday starts at 12:30 on December 22nd and students will be back at school on Tuesday, January 3rd.** Busses will depart at 12:30 next Thursday. There is no One Planet on that day.

After the New Year, there will be many activities starting:

- **Friday Ski Program** - starting 1/8 (see the announcements and upcoming events section)
- **SNAP** - starting 1/3 (see the announcements and upcoming events section)
- **2nd Quarter Report Cards** - will be sent home on 1/18
- **Music Concert** - in Barrett Hall on 1/19

Athletics and Activities:

The best place to find the most up to date game and practice schedules is at the Newton School Website. When there is a rescheduled game or a conflict with a practice time, it will be reflected on this calendar. Please see below for the next two school week's of activities:



Mon Dec 19, 2016	3:15pm – 4:15pm	3/4 Girls Basketball Practice
	5:25pm – 6:25pm	7/8 Girls Basketball Practice
	6:00pm – 8:30pm	5/6 bball @Sharon Elementary/girls 6pm/boys 7pm - Sharon Elementary School, 75 VT-132, Sharon, VT 05065, USA
	6:30pm – 7:30pm	7/8 Boys Basketball Practice
Tue Dec 20, 2016	3:00pm – 4:00pm	ms nordic ski racers - TBD
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	5/6 Girls Basketball Practice
	5:25pm – 6:25pm	7/8 Girls Basketball Practice
	6:00pm – 8:00pm	3/4 bball @Sharon Elementary-girls 6pm/boys 7pm - Sharon Elementary School
	6:30pm – 7:30pm	7/8 Boys Basketball Practice
Wed Dec 21, 2016	3:15pm – 4:15pm	3/4 Girls Basketball Practice
	5:30pm – 7:30pm	5/6 bball vs. Tunbridge-5:30pm girls/boys 6:30pm - Rosa Tyson Gym
Thu Dec 22, 2016	8:30am – 10:30am	Literacy Triad
	12:30pm – 1:00pm	Winter Break - 12:30 dismissal
	3:00pm – 4:00pm	ms nordic ski racers - TBD
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	5/6 Girls Basketball Practice
	4:20pm – 5:20pm	3/4 Boys Basketball Practice
	5:25pm – 6:25pm	7/8 Girls Basketball Practice
	6:30pm – 7:30pm	7/8 Boys Basketball Practice
Fri Dec 23, 2016	All day	Winter Break - No School
Mon Jan 2, 2017	All day	Winter Break - No School
Tue Jan 3, 2017	3:15pm – 4:15pm	5/6 Girls Basketball Practice
	3:30pm – 4:30pm	SNAP
	4:20pm – 5:20pm	3/4 Boys Basketball Practice
	5:25pm – 6:25pm	7/8 Girls Basketball Practice
	5:30pm – 6:00pm	Principal Chat
	6:00pm – 7:30pm	PTA Meeting
Wed Jan 4, 2017	6:30pm – 7:30pm	7/8 Boys Basketball Practice
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	3/4 Girls Basketball Practice
	4:20pm – 5:20pm	5/6 Boys Basketball Practice
Thu Jan 5, 2017	6:00pm – 8:00pm	7/8 boys bball vs. Rochester - Rosa Tyson Gym
	3:15pm – 4:15pm	5/6 Girls Basketball Practice
Fri Jan 6, 2017	3:30pm – 4:30pm	SNAP
	4:20pm – 5:20pm	3/4 Boys Basketball Practice
	5:25pm – 6:25pm	7/8 Girls Basketball Practice
	6:30pm – 7:30pm	7/8 Boys Basketball Practice
	8:00am – 11:00am	Art Start - 4th grade to the Hood Museum
	12:30pm – 4:00pm	Ski Program - Dartmouth Ski Way

K, 1, 2 News

Ms. Kicza, Mrs. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

We capped off a busy week with a bang when the 3-5 cluster joined us for carols during our closing meeting. Our kids are so excited for their friends, brothers, and sisters to come, and we know the big kids enjoy a bit of their old routine as well! Some of the requests we sang were "We wish you a Merry Christmas", "Jingle Bells", and "Deck the Halls". This is fast becoming a favorite tradition for us!

KINDERGARTEN FOREST DAY BLOG

This quarter Mrs. Hill's reading class has been reading aloud and discussing several picture books which all address the same theme. The three main texts include "Beatrice's Goat" by Page McBrier, "The Good Garden" by Katie Smith Milway, and "One Hen" also by Katie Smith Milway. All three books portray families living in another part of the world that are struggling to support and feed themselves. Through gifts and loans the families are given resources and education which allow them to make positive changes in their lives. In all three stories the families are sustainable by the end. The class is now writing informational essays about how when people are given the right resources they can make short term and long term changes in their lives.

All three classes enjoyed enriching learning activities on Friday. 5th Grade went to the Hood, 4th visited their Preschool Buddies, and the 3rd Grade had their Reading Buddies with kindergarten kiddos.



3rd Grade Hood Trip Visits:

4th & 5th Grade Hood Trip Visits:

Middle School

Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff, Mrs. White



Planned Absence Form:

Just a reminder that this form is due to your child's homeroom teacher two weeks before the scheduled absence or the absence will be marked "unexcused." We understand that there may be circumstances in which this is not possible, so please let us know if this is the case. Forms are available through Mrs. White or Eleni.

Fundraising:

A spreadsheet detailing the money we have raised to date as well as the funds already allocated for the NYC trip will be sent to parents next week. Thanks to everyone who has participated in our recent fundraising activities! We expect to schedule another fundraising meeting after the first of the year.

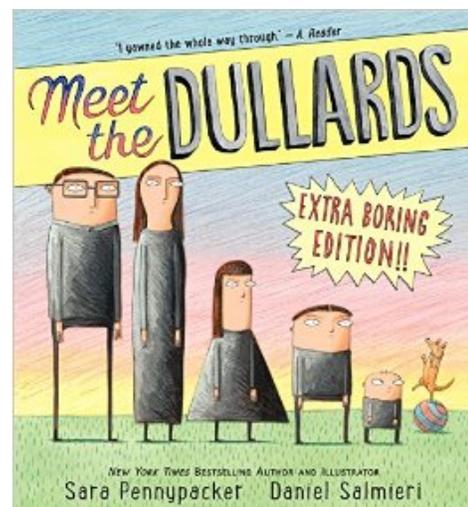
[NYC Trip Go Fund Me Page](#)

Library & Technology News

Ms. Simone Pyle

Our Red Clover Award read is *Meet the Dullards* by Sara Pennypacker, and it has inspired us to think about doing very dull things-- watching paint dry, watching grass grow, etc. Grades 2 and 4 are using iMovie to make a trailer for a movie about doing something very dull. The kids have some great ideas, and I can't wait to share their final products!

Kindergarten has been looking at stories without words, investigating the ways illustrators share action and emotion without using any text. They've been making their own books without words and, even though we missed our Monday class, we hope these will be ready to go home before the holiday break!



Health News

Nurse Ellen

Students for the most part have felt well this week. Encourage your children to get plenty of rest, stay bundled up against the cold and everyone should be feeling well over the Holiday Break.

A friendly reminder, the Vermont Dept. of Health encourages all students and parents to get their flu shots.

SKI HELMETS:

If you need ski/snowboard helmets, they are available through CHAD at Molly's Place, Nurse Ellen has the contact information.

Happy Holidays from Nurse Ellen

Local Resources for Families Information

PE News

Mr. Casey Grimes

The K-2 cluster have been working on dribbling, shooting and passing skills with a basketball. They are all doing really well and working really hard.

The 3-5 cluster have been honing in their basketball skills with passing, dribbling and shooting. They are also working really hard in class.

The 6-8 cluster have started a indoor floor ball unit. It's very similar to hockey but we use a special whiffle ball and no skates!!!

7th & 8th graders have been working on strength & conditioning. They have been doing P90X3 which includes working their core, balance, triometrics, plyometrics, upper body, and lower body strength training.

Art News

Janet Cathey

K students continue to make art with shapes. They glued colored tissue squares to tin foil. New colors and shapes magically appeared where the shapes overlapped. They cut up this colored foil into large triangles to create fir tree collages. The cardboard triangle tracers they used were slotted and painted, and now they are 3D Christmas Trees.

Students in grades 1 - 8 are designing kinetic sculptures. Many climbing toys, flapping birds, and accordian jaws have now found their way home. Older

students are persevering as they create their wind spinners, balanced mobiles, and spinning gears.

Art by Amelia, Grade 3



One Planet

Ms. Kiersten Harlow

Just a reminder there is **No One Planet Thursday, December 22nd!**

PTA News

Amy Donohue/Shannon Varley

Next PTA meeting is scheduled for **January 3rd at 6pm in the library**. We will be working on a new spring fundraiser. Come share your ideas!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

[**2018 Paris France, Switzerland, The Alps and Germany**](#)

[**Revels Kids 2017/Revels Kids 2017 Traditions of Zimbabwe**](#)

[**Ski Sign Up Form**](#)

[**Snap Program Sign Up Form**](#)

[**Fifth Grade Passport for Skiing**](#)

[**Pico Ski Pass for \\$89 \(VT students only\)**](#)

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is each individual member.
The strength of each
member is the team."

- Phil Jackson