

The Beating Drum

Chester-Andover Elementary School



April 16, 2010

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DATES TO REMEMBER

4/19-4/23 – Spring Break, No School

5/1 – PTA Fun Run 2-3 p.m. at GMUHS track (rain date May 2, 2-3 p.m.) **NEW DATE**

5/3-5/4 - Kindergarten Orientation, No School For Kindergarten

5/5 – Teacher Appreciation Day 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

5/24 – 5/28 – Keewaydin Camp for 5th and 6th graders

6/4 – School Picnic, 5 to 7 p.m.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES @ CAES

Tuesdays: Tae-Kwon-Do, 3-4 p.m.

Homework Club, 3-4 p.m.

Thursdays: Homework Club, 3-4 p.m. (**Last Day June 3rd**)

Fridays: Respect Club, 3-4 p.m.

Everyday: ASPIRE, White House

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents,

Spring is here and the children will be able to do much more on the playground. With the budget frozen, we have not been able to purchase any outdoor equipment I have asked the PTA for some support and thought I would also ask parents if they could send in any of the following items: tennis balls, bubbles, jumpropes, chalk, playground balls, Frisbees, trucks, other....

Thank you so much. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Joan Nagle

CAMPERSHIPS – CAES SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Now that we are finally enjoying some signs of Spring, we are reminded that Summer is just around the corner and it's time to start thinking about summer plans for our children.

Once again this year, we are hoping to provide financial assistance (Camperships) for students who would like to participate in a summer camp program. This support is made possible through generous donations from many community agencies, businesses and individuals.

A Camp Scholarship application is attached to this week's Beating Drum. If you would like to request financial assistance, please return the form to the Chester-Andover School Counseling office as soon as possible. The attached application is only for the purpose of requesting financial assistance – it does not register your child for a camp program.

Many camps and summer programs are able to provide additional financial assistance, such as the YMCA Day Camp programs being held in Springfield (Lewis YMCA Camp). You must apply for this assistance directly with the camp program. Information about the YMCA Lewis Day Camp in Springfield and the YMCA's special programs can be obtained by calling the Meeting Waters YMCA at 463-4769.

Additional CAES Camp Scholarship applications are available in the CAES School Counseling office. Please contact Nicole McEnany, School Counselor, if you have any questions or would like additional information.

CAMPERSHIP SPONSORS

We are grateful for the wonderful and generous donations we have received in the past from the Chester Education Association, the Chester-Andover PTA and many agencies, businesses and individuals within our community who make our summer camp scholarship program possible. If you or a business or organization with which you are connected would like to contribute to this worthwhile program, we would be very happy to accept your donation. If you have any questions or wish to offer your support, please contact Nicole McEnany, CAES School Counselor, at 875-2108 Ext. 103.

BAND PARENTS

Please check your student's backpacks this week for an important notice on blue paper regarding this spring's parade schedule. Additional copies available on the Music Room door and Ms. Westcott's classroom webpage.

How to Hand in Your Work to *Zeenalini*, K-6 Student Magazine

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fill out this form. 2. Place this form and your work in the Zeenalini Box in the library. 3. All work due by April 27, 2010. All work will be published! Thanks! 			
Name			
Teacher		Age	
Email		Phone	
Written Selection		Art Selection	
<input type="checkbox"/> Short Story (300 words or less) <input type="checkbox"/> Long Story (450 words or less) <input type="checkbox"/> Poem or Song Lyrics <input type="checkbox"/> Nonfiction Essay (450 words or less) <input type="checkbox"/> How-To Article (150 words or less) <input type="checkbox"/> Book Review (200 words or less)		<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Painting (8.5x11" or smaller) <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph (8.5x11" or smaller) <input type="checkbox"/> Puzzle (provide answers) <input type="checkbox"/> Comic strip <input type="checkbox"/> Collage (mixed media; 8.5x11" or smaller) <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
<i>I promise that this is my own work.</i>			
Student Signature	Date	Guardian Signature	Date

"TECHNICOOOL" PROGRAM FOR PARENTS

On Wednesday, April 28th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the CAES library, we are excited to invite all parents to take part in our "Technicool" program. "Technicool" is a technology safety program put on by Prevent Child Abuse Vermont and will teach participants about the newest technology-related activities and how kids and teens are using them. Parents of all-age students are welcome and encouraged to attend!

The "Technicool" speaker will be meeting with all students in grades 3-6 for hour-long presentations during the school day, focusing on cyberbullying, safe online behavior and strategies and resources they can use to protect themselves. The staff will also be receiving an hour-long training after school. This is a great opportunity to stay in the loop with current technology trends and be better able to support and protect our kids. Hope to see you there!

PTA NEWS

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Teacher Appreciation Day will be Wednesday May 5th. If you are a parent helping to cover a classroom please arrive at 11:45 a.m. and plan on staying until 1 p.m. when teachers return to the classroom. **IF YOU ARE COVERING A CLASSROOM PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU FILL OUT A BACKGROUND CHECK. THEY ARE IN THE PTA FOLDER NEXT TO THE GYM.** Contact Kathleen Willis or Angelica Houghton with any questions kdwillis@yahoo.com , ahoughton@vermontel.net

Still needed

- 1) 2 parents to help set up the lunch room (10:45-11:45)
 - 2) 7 people to prepare "high end" dessert" (e.g cheese cakes, soufflés, cobblers, custards, shortcakes)
- Delivered to the school before 11:30 on May 5th.

Please contact Julie Hance if you can do either of [these JHChester@vermontel.net](mailto:these.JHChester@vermontel.net)

COMMUNITY NEWS

SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPERS BACK AT ST. LUKE'S

The first Saturday Night Supper at St. Luke's was ten years ago. Adults and children picked their partners and opponents and went to a table to play Monopoly, Parcheesi, Candy Land, and everyone had a ball. A potluck dinner preceded the games. Slightly reformatted in 2010 the first SNS will be held Saturday, April 17, beginning with board games at 3:30 in the afternoon and ending with pizza and sundaes at 5 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Just bring your favorite game, a determination to have family fun and even display a creative talent for decorating pizzas and sundaes. Young families are sure to enjoy the event. We expect to fill Willard Hall so reserve your game table at 875-2114. For details check special events at www.stlukeseiscopalvt.org.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE HEROES

On Saturday we gathered together to rake and do lawn work at six difference residences in Chester. We worked from 9 a.m. until 12:35 p.m. and completed them all. We would like to thank the following people for participating in Make Difference Day. They were quite a team.

Deb and Dave Armstrong, Julie Hale, Jake Dion, Jon Dion, Bridget Hoose, Bailey Morse, Samantha MacDonald, Cecelia Pennell, Marin Pennell, Anne Lamb, Mrs. Plunkard, Megan Spinrad, Kerri Spinrad, David Charleton, Liam Charleton, Gwen Kekic, Nick Kekic, Hazel Kekic, Annie Lamson, Dan Lamson, Erin Lamson, Brennan Cassels, Eamon Cassels, and Jerry Cassels.

FUN RUN: May 1st at GMUHS track from 2-3 p.m. Please, see pledge sheet on attached form. Don't forget to get your pledges over vacation! The class with the highest percentage of participants wins a class prize. Prizes for most laps completed for each grade!

FITNESS IS FUN

Fitness is Fun will begin on Tuesday, April 27th from 2:45-4 p.m. Girls should come prepared with snack, water bottle, sneakers and clothing comfortable for walking/running. We need any parents who are available to join us for walking/running the loop on Tuesdays. The room where we will meet will be announced at the end of the day on Tuesday. PLEASE, send your child with a note, giving them permission to stay after school.

Thursdays will be movement/dance/yoga and will be led by Ashley Hensel- Browning, Rebecca Salem and Louisa Nufield. The program will run Tuesdays and Thursdays until June 10th and will end with the Alumni Day walk/run on Saturday June 12th.

If your child has not yet signed up, THERE IS STILL ROOM, please, contact Anne Lamb at anneplamb@yahoo.com or 875-6379. PLEASE send your child with a check for \$30 to CAES PTA. All money goes to paying for the dance instructors and registration and a t-shirt for the alumni day run.

SOCCER

Pick up soccer for girls in grade 3-6 will continue outdoors at GMUHS on Sundays from 4-5 p.m. until further notice. There will be soccer on the Sundays during April break. Please, bring water and shin pads. Contact Anne Lamb for more information 875-6379. No experience necessary.

AMATEUR ARCHEOLOGIST

April 29th, Thursday, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM. **Adventures of an Amateur Archeologist in Alaska and Vermont.** Meet at Springfield Public Library, 43 Main Street, Springfield, VT. Frank Kelley, 5/6 teacher at Chester-Andover Elementary School, spent almost six weeks in the northernmost part of the USA back in 2008 learning about archaeology, native people, arctic science, and the challenges of becoming a writer and photographer. Frank's presentation will cover the different aspects of the PolarTREC program while also describing life in Barrow, Alaska. Frank will also share some of his experiences working on an archaeological dig in the Green Mountains of Vermont during the summer of 2009. All ages are welcome for this interactive program. Co-sponsored by the Museum, Springfield Library, Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society, and partially funded by the Wellborn Ecology Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

Chester Green Up Day 2010

Date: Saturday, 1 May

Time: 8:00am-1:00pm

Places: Pickup bags at Gazebo on Green & Drop off trash at Town Garage

Come help clean up Chester during Green-Up Day on the morning of Saturday, May 1st. Collection bags can be picked up at the gazebo on the town green from 8:00-11:00am. Please drop off the bags, and other items gathered from roadsides, from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Town Garage, where refreshments will be available. Last year over 70 Chester volunteers participated in cleaning up our town! Green Up Day routes can be viewed online at: www.ourchester.org, on the "Breaking News" page.

Have a wonderful
vacation
See you on
April 26th