

The Beating Drum

Chester-Andover Elementary School



May 21, 2010

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DATES TO REMEMBER

5/24 – 5/28 – Keewaydin Camp for 5th and 6th graders (Bus will return on 5/28 at 2 p.m.)

6/4 – School Family Picnic, 5 to 7 p.m.

6/14 – CAES Field Day

6/15 – 6th Grade Graduation

6/17 – Last Day of School – 1/2 day. Dismissal time TBD

ONGOING ACTIVITIES @ CAES

Tuesdays: Tae-Kwon-Do, 3 -4 p.m. (Last Day May 25th)

Homework Club, 3-4 p.m.

Thursdays: Homework Club, 3-4 p.m. (Last Day for 5/6 graders is May 20th;
last day for 3/4 graders if May 27th)

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

Everyday: ASPIRE, White House

RESPONDING TO YOUR CHILD'S TECHNOLOGY CONCERNS*

If we want our children to come to us when they have a problem, we must be careful not to overreact. In fact, a survey of teen girls found that only 7% of adolescent girls who had been sexually harassed in a chat room reported the problem to their parents (Girl Scout Research Institute, 2002). Kids are often afraid that if they tell us about an online problem, they will never have computer privileges again (and in many cases, this is a valid fear)!

Suggestions for responding:

1. Take a deep breath and listen to your child.
2. Praise them for coming to you!
3. Decide together how you will handle the situation. You could:
 - make a report to www.cybertipline.com.
 - change screen names and passwords.
 - alter or delete a profile.
 - report spam or cyberbullying to your internet or cell phone provider, or contact your child's social networking/online gaming administrator.
 - go through your child's buddy list with them to make sure you know each person.
 - review your internet safety agreement to see if you need to add/change anything.
 - call the police.

* Adapted from Prevent Child Abuse Vermont's "Technicool: A Technology Safety Program."

KEEWAYDIN REMINDER

5/6 Grade students need to be at school at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, May 24th. Make certain all of your belongings are LABELED. IMPORTANT: All medicines must be given to Mrs. Roberts, CAES Nurse, by Monday before boarding the bus. CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CARRY ANY MEDICATION. Buses will return on May 28th at 2 p.m. Please make sure you are here at that time to pick up your child.

Please check out the new Blog which is on the CAES webpage: <http://caesatkeec.blogspot.com>.

NURSE'S NOTES

The end of the year is proving to be very busy.

The 5th and 6th graders leave for Keewaydin on Monday, May 24th and return on Friday, May 28th. I will be attending Keewaydin Monday through Thursday. There will be sub coverage for me for those four days.

On Friday, May 28, we will hold our annual Health Fair. It will include K through 4th grades. This is an all day event. The events for Health Fair include CAES Garden, Walk, Dance, Food Bingo and more. We will serve all students yogurt parfaits with fruit and granola at 9:30 snack time. School lunch will be pizza. Your child can buy school lunch or bring lunch from home. If your child brings lunch, please send them with health choices. I hope this will be an educational and fun day for them.

We do have some illnesses in the school; Strep throat has been reported, a variety of stomach bugs and the common cold. Monitor your child for these illnesses and keep them home if they are sick.

Mrs. Roberts

GOLF BALLS NEEDED

We need a few golf balls for the family picnic, June 4th. If you have a few that you would like to donate (new or old) we would appreciate it. Bring them into the school office and they will put them in my mailbox. Thanks in advance. Mrs. Plunkard.

END OF THE YEAR PICNIC

Please, join us on *Friday, June 4th*

5-7 PM at CAES

for good food and good family fun!



THE ROTARY will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers and pasta salad for \$2

Chips, soda, water and watermelon for \$1

The Rotary will donate ALL proceeds to the summer camp scholarship fund!



Popcorn, sno-cones, fried dough and turns in the Bouncy Castle will each cost \$1

All of the other activities are FREE

There will be no tickets this year, just pay as you go!

RESPECT CLUB

POPCORN SALES

The Respect Club will be selling popcorn on Tuesday, June 1st during lunch. Please bring in a non-perishable item for the Chester-Andover Family Center, present a "You Have Been Caught Being Good" token or 50¢ for a bag of popcorn. This will be the last popcorn day this year so don't miss out.

PTA NEWS

The final PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 9th from 6:30-8 p.m. in the CAES Library. Please, join us to vote on officers, determine meeting times for next year and a general schedule of events and fundraisers. We would LOVE to have your input on what the PTA can do as an organization to help support our school community!

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. LUKE'S GARDEN PARTY

Imagine all this! Pretty tablecloths on tables along with chairs on the green lawn. Violin music playing. Flower arranging demonstrations happening, for youngsters and adults. Decadent desserts being served to you on real china. All this for two hours for \$5 per person. This inaugural event happens on Saturday, May 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. on the back lawn of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 313 Main Street in Chester, Vermont. The players are Marija Cunningham and Adelaide Johnson (both members of St. Luke's, the Altar Guild and the Springfield Garden Club), Julane Deneen's accomplished violin students, the fine bakers of the church, and hostesses, both young and old and you. You must reserve your spot, so call Cindy Roundy-Winston at 875-3292 to make yours. You will not want to miss this event. Details can be found at www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org

SUMMER ART CAMP AT BLACK BARN ARTS IN CHESTER

This summer at Black Barn Arts the focus is on creativity in the visual arts. Each day will be filled with creative activity and imaginative play. Summer Camp at Black Barn Arts is intended to be a fun AND educational experience! We will be making paper, exploring hand building techniques in clay, drawing from life and beginning black and white photography with an intro to darkroom basics. All projects are structured for success within the relatively short time frame allowed by a two week camp framework and for a range of ages and experience levels. No previous experience is necessary for any camp activities.

We expect to have a great time and hope your children will join us for two weeks, July 19 – 30, Monday – Friday, 10 – 4. Pre care and after care are available. For more information, a brochure or a registration form give us a call at 875-1046 or email us at atannex@mac.com and we will email the information to you. You can visit us on the web at www.atelierannex.com. The registration deadline is June 15.