



Beyond the Ordinary

Established 1998

April 23, 2009

### **Pre-K Apps. Being Accepted!**

Do you have a Pre-K student and would like to come to The Mountain School next year? We are now accepting applications for our full-day program! In-coming students must be **four (4) years of age by October 31**. If you are interested, or know of someone interested, please see the office for an application or more information.

### **MSW Adopts the Long Trail**

The Mountain School has adopted a portion of The Long Trail and will be working that portion of the Trail each spring and fall. Middle School students and parent volunteers will be doing trail work next Wednesday, April 29. We will be leaving the school at 8:45 **SHARP**. Students must dress appropriately and have field trip permission forms signed. Interested parents are welcome. Please let the office or Greg Hasaj know if you will be attending. Also, we are in need of hoe's for the day; if you have one, please bring it with you or send it with your child. Be sure it is clearly marked. Thank you!

### **Tennis Racquets**

We are in need of gently used tennis racquets. If you have one to donate, please bring to the office. Thank you.

### **Box Tops For Education**

Thank you to those families who have sent in their Box Tops. We just received a check for \$130.03! Please keep sending in your neatly clipped box tops! Thank you for your support!

### **Upcoming Events**

4/29	Middle School Field Trip Long Trail work
4/30	Community Potluck & Taylor Farm Fundraiser
5/6	Mid-Term 3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester

### **Afterschool Yoga**

Kate Logan will be offering After School Yoga to grades 5-8 on Wednesdays beginning May 6th. If interested, complete the attached sign-up sheet and return with payment by Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Community Potluck and Taylor Farm Fundraiser**

On Thursday 4/30 The Mountain School will host a community potluck and contra dance to benefit the rebuilding of the barn at Taylor Farm in Londonderry. The potluck will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the dance at 6:30. The school will provide a main dish (ham) and hot and cold drinks. Guests are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert and a \$10/person (\$25/family) suggested donation for Taylor Farm. There will be a dessert raffle and Taylor Farm products will also be for sale. The Mountain School reminds everyone to support Taylor Farms and Buy Local!

### **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News**

We have finished our unit on Antarctica and will begin a unit on force and motion this week. Each student will build their own marble ramp. E will need paper towel and toilet paper cardboard tubes for this project. Please send in any

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you may have or will accumulate over the next few weeks. Thank you!

You should have received a permission slip for the "Cinderella" ballet on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. We are still in need of one more parent volunteer to drive to the Southern Vermont Art Center. If you are interested in driving or if you need another permission slip, please let me know.

Congratulations to Fiona, Patrick, Lucy, and Evangeline! They opted to have their word-count cinquain poems about Antarctica entered into the 2008/2009 Young Poets Collection contest and all of their poems were selected to be in a book of poetry. What an accomplishment, we are all so proud of you.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News**

Hello! Spring has sprung and we are heading quickly for the end of the school year! In class, we are focusing on writing from different points of view and on life for the early French/Canadian settlers. As such, I encourage the students and their families to attend the Contradance for Taylor Farm next Thursday to experience firsthand the traditional French/Canadian fiddling music and dancing! This is much like what early settlers would have done to entertain themselves in those long cold winters! As we approach the end of the year, we also have 2 field trips! Notes and permission slips regarding those will go home Monday, so please look for them! One trip is to see Cinderella in Manchester on May 27 and the other is our secret end of the year trip on June 10! If you can, please contact me ASAP to help out with the driving and chaperoning! Both should be great opportunities that you and the students do not want to miss!

## **Lunch Stuff**

Please help us keep MSW Green by packing everything your child needs to eat his/her lunch: napkins, utensils, etc. Also, please make sure that your child has his/her lunch with them when they leave for school.

## **Dressing for Changing Weather**

With broad temperature changes during the day and wet spring weather, please remember to send in your children with appropriate clothing to wear for outside recess and PE. Layering is always best this time of year and our kids need to be outside whenever they can. Thank you.

## **Community News**

### **Bill Muench Basketball Camp**

The Bill Muench Basketball Camp will be held this summer at MEMS. Please see attached flyer for dates and fee information.

### **Health Fair**

Grace Cottage is hosting a Community Health Fair on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. See the attached flyer for more information.

### **Private Swim Lessons**

Lawrence School for Young Children is offering private swim lessons for all ages and abilities. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

### **Peer Leadership Training**

The Collaborative is holding a Middle School Peer Leadership Training May 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> at the First Congregational Church in Manchester. If interested, please see the informational flyer and sign-up sheet posted outside of the office.

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Thank you to the Cyr family for their donation of a 10X10 storage space for our School!

**Procedures for public participation at Board meetings:**

Individuals wishing to address the Board must contact the Board Chair at least 3 days in advance of the Board meeting. The contact should include the subject of the presentation and the approximate time needed to speak. Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month.

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