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Read A New Book Month



Holiday Breakfast

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On Saturday, December 5th from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. we will be holding a delicious breakfast in the multi-purpose room at the Wells Village School. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, homefries, orange juice, milk, coffee, hot chocolate and tea. The cost is as follows:

\$4.00 - 1 pancake meal
\$6.00 - 2 pancake meal
\$8.00 - Hungryman Special

All money raised will benefit the 5th and 6th Grade Vermont History Trip.

Free Rummage Give-Away



There is a free rummage give-away at the Granville Baptist Church, 23 Quaker St., Granville, NY on **Saturday, December 5th** from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. "Used but useful" clothes, household items,

furniture, toys and some items suitable for Christmas gifts will be available. Park in the rear parking lot and take ramp into Fellowship Hall. For more information, call Pastor Jim Peterson at 518-642-2245.



Winter is Returning!

Now that the cold weather is arriving, please be sure your child comes equipped for outdoor recess (coat, hat, gloves or mittens, snow pants and boots). These items will be required to be worn if the temperature is below 32

degrees with the wind chill factored in. If you are unable to provide your child with any of these items please let us know so that we can help out in providing them. Thank you for your help.

AlertNow System Implemented



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Holiday Breakfast
- ◆ Holiday Movies
- ◆ Holiday Parties
- ◆ Holiday Concert

The WVS has secured the services of AlertNow, an automated alert system to be used in the event that school needs to close. It can also be used for general announcements. In the case of non-emergencies the service will dial the home phone listed on the emergency card you provided at the beginning of the school year. **We will**

perform a trial run on Monday. In the event of a true emergency situation the system will call all of the numbers you have provided (including work numbers and cell phone numbers). We hope that you will find this program an effective means for contact under these types of circumstances.



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KIDS FIRST

We're on the Web!
www.rwsu.org

H1N1 Clinic

Our second immunization clinic will take place on **Tuesday, Dec. 8th** for students under 10. At this point we have received no other requests for vaccination other than those who received the initial dose.

Those students who are receiving the vaccine should wear a short sleeve shirt to make the process easier and quicker.

Who Says That Nothing is Free!!!



The Neighborhood Pantry Express is coming to Wells the third Saturday of each month and will be giving out free groceries to anyone who needs them. It is sponsored by the St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Wells. Please call Michelle at 645-0934 for more information. Pick-up will be at the **Modern Woodman Tin Building on Route 30** starting at **9:30 a.m. on Saturday**,

December 19th. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

There is a Community Breakfast at the Trinity Ministry Center in Poultney on **Saturday, December 26th** from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$1.00 for adults, and children 14 and under are free. It is open to everyone.

Play Group Open to All

Play Group will resume on **Friday, November 20th**. Playgroup meets each **Friday morning, 9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**, during the school year, as long as school is in session. It takes place downstairs at the Wells Methodist Church, in the community room. The church is located just a few doors down from the Wells Village Store. Parents or caregivers stay the entire session as we enjoy music and movement, stories, and lots of children's activities together, in a relaxed, friendly

atmosphere. If you have an infant, young children, or both, you are welcome to join us. It's a wonderful way to get to know other families in your community. Playgroup is **free** and a light snack is provided. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the Middletown Springs School at 235-2365, or the Wells School at 645-0386, and leave a message. I'll be happy to return your call.

Jan Krantz



Boil Water Notice Lifted



Matt Guerino from the VT Water Supply Division has informed us that because the five water samples we completed in the last two weeks all passed state requirements; our boil water notice has been lifted. You will

notice that we will be keeping our water coolers for awhile longer. This is due to a contract with the company. We will no longer be purchasing bottles of water for the coolers.

Holiday Parties

On Monday afternoon, Dec. 21st each class will celebrate the "Season of Giving" with classroom parties. Each teacher will be in

contact regarding the specifics for their classroom.



No Pets Allowed

Due to a severe allergy, **NO** pet are allowed in our school.

Thank you for your cooperation.



JISP / Skating Drivers Needed

In less than 2 months our winter sports will start up. I am very excited to see that we have approximately 40% of the students participating. We have about 2/3 heading to Bromley Mountain and about 1/3 heading to Riley Rink. The programs are being held on Fridays this year from January 8th through March 19th (Riley Rink ends March 5th). With such a good turnout we are in need of drivers. I mainly need drivers for the ice skaters at Riley Rink in Manchester. We leave

the school about noon and they finish about 2:45. The students going to Bromley leave the school at noon and finish at Bromley around 4:00. There are great benefits for the drivers. You can ice skate for free during the lessons at Riley Rink or receive a discounted lift ticket for that day at Bromley. If you or someone you know can volunteer to drive every week, one week or one way, please give me a call at 645-0469.



Christina Scarlotta

Reminder...



Students should **not** arrive at school **before 7:30 a.m.** There is **NO** supervision **before 7:30 a.m.** and students are **not** allowed in the building before that time.

ALL visitors to the school should stop and check into the office during school hours. We

are trying to keep disruptions to the classroom at a minimum.

Also, please be sure your child knows what the plans for after school are before they arrive at school and that they bring everything necessary for the day with them.

5th Grade News

The fifth grade students have been busy this past month. They have been working very hard on their writing portfolios. I am proud of my students for their effort in writing class. Each student has been using the knowledge they have acquired in class in their own writing. Recently we have been working on writing narratives. My students have been learning strategies such as "Show Not Tell", and the use of sensory language to make their stories engaging.

In science class we have been studying the motion of the planets through space and the effect of gravity on objects in the universe. We used a simulation called

"Gravity Launch" to observe the effects of gravity on a rocket traveling through space. My students created questions based on their observations. I was amazed at the depth of the questions that my students wrote. I look forward to seeing the new understanding that my students develop from this unit.

It's amazing to see how quickly the holiday season has arrived. I hope that you all will enjoy the holidays and that you will have a special new year in 2010.

Mr. Grote



VT Roots Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone for participating in the VT Roots Fundraiser. If you haven't already picked your order up at school please make plans to do so as soon as possible. Notify us immediately if there

are any problems with your order so that we can rectify it. Not only did this program support our school by raising nearly \$750, but it also supported our Vermont producers.

6th Grade Happenings



Happy Holidays! The year is flying by. Sixth graders are very busy with fund-raising and academics.

The past week we learned of Ernest Hemingway's Six Word Story. The whole class wrote a selection of 6 word stories of their own. We have published a class collection. Please ask your student to share these with you.

Our unit in math is algebra and its use in graphs and formulas. Some of these can be challenging but the students are attacking it with a positive attitude. New learning is sometimes frustrating.

Students have chosen topics for their next writing project, which are reports. They will have a rubric to guide them in creating a good report.



We are continuing our study of Ancient Greece and students have created some nice artifacts for their History Pockets.

The sixth grade has shown interest in the Vermont History Project. We are discussing and gathering information. A parent meeting will be set to discuss this as soon as possible as this project is done by the students outside of school. Competition at the state level is March 27th in Barre, Vt. at Spaulding High School.

Classroom Holiday Parties will be Monday, December 21, with a snow date of Tuesday the 22nd. More on this will follow soon.

Mrs. Gallinari and I want to wish you all a safe and Happy Holiday season!

Mrs. Hunter

Free and Reduced Lunches

Applications for free and reduced lunches are available in the office. You may complete an application at any time during the school year. If you qualify for reduced lunch, breakfast will be **FREE** this year due to a Vermont

Legislative change. If at any time throughout the year a change occurs in your income or employment status, please call the school office to request an application.



Yearbooks



This year we are going to have a school wide yearbook here at Wells Village School. It will be a fundraiser for the 5th and 6th grade class and a lasting memory for all. We will have news about the yearbook as often as possible. We will be selling ads, notes and the yearbook itself. Please see a copy of these forms attached or get them in the office. A note is a personal message that you or someone you know would like to put in the Yearbook to one of the graduating 6th graders. The cost is \$5.00 for 2 lines.

Yearbooks will be \$15.00 if ordered and paid by December 1st. They are full color soft cover and 40 pages full of fun from the Wells Village School. Each class will have a page. If you have any questions please contact Jeanean Dunlap at 802-287-4336 or vtunlapclan@comcast.net.

Thanks for helping us make this a successful fundraiser for years to come.

Holiday Movies



On Monday, Dec. 21st we will continue the tradition of allowing the students to "go to the movies"! Theater #1 will be in Kindergarten for the K-2 students. "The Polar Express" will be showing on the big screen. Theater #2 will be in 4th grade for the 3rd & 4th grade students. They will

be viewing "The Grinch", Theater #3 will be in the 6th grade room where the 5th & 6th graders will be watching the newly released movie, "Up". We will be borrowing the popcorn machine from Gilmore's to provide our moviegoers with the real thing!

Annual Golf Outing

Our 3rd Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, May 22nd at 8:30 a.m. This is the weekend before

Memorial Day. Mark your calendar and plan for a fun filled day. More info will be coming!



Basketball News



All Basketball Registrations must be turned into the office no later than **Tuesday, December 8, 2009**.

Practice dates have changed due to scheduling conflict. Practice will begin the week of **December 7th**.

Here is an updated schedule.

Monday: Gr. 5/6 4:00-5:30 w/Coach Keith

Tuesday: Gr. 3/4 4:00-5:30 w/Coach Blanchard & Coach Dunlap

A Thursday practice may be scheduled. We will let you know.

Wednesday: Gr. K-2 (will now be combined)
4:30-5:30 w/Coach Miceli

Games schedules are still being processed.

Also, we would like our players to look like a team so we will be ordering shirts. An order form is attached to this [Chalkboard](#).

JISP Equipment

It is time to get your equipment if you are skiing or snowboarding. You can pick up your equipment at the Bromley Rental Shop. They have a list of the student's names and which ones have scholarships. Just give them your name and which day (**Friday**) your class is. There is a refundable \$75 deposit. This will be refunded when you return the equipment at the end of the season. If you do not have a scholarship you will also be required to pay a \$75 non-refundable rental fee. You should pick up your equipment by **December 20th** between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Bromley Rental Shop. You will keep your equipment with you until the end of the season. If you

go after the 20th you will just get fitted and have to pick it up and turn it in every week. Please go before the 20th to make it easier during the season.

The ice skaters will get fitted for their equipment the first day of class. They will turn in the skates every day because Riley Rink will need those for their regular skate rental. Cost for this was included in the fee you have already paid or covered by your scholarship.

We are still in need of drivers. Please give me a call if you or someone you know can assist. My number is 645-0469.

Christine Scarlotta



SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

Price Chopper's "Tools for School"

The Wells Village School is participating in the annual Price Chopper's "Tools for Schools" program. This year the program runs until February 13, 2010. Price Chopper is offering over \$500,000 in school supplies and equipment to area schools. As of November 2nd Wells Village School has accumulated 21,756 points and is rank 23rd

in student ratio to tape value. The top 100 schools in student ratio to tape value will receive a GBC Department Shredder valued at over \$1,000. For more information or to sign up to participate go to www.pricechopper.com or contact the school. With the upcoming holiday, it is a great place to support the WVS.



Turn Trash Into Money For Our School



Wells Village School has signed up to become part of a Drink Pouch Brigade and a Cookies Wrapper Brigade. We will collect empty drink pouches and Nabisco cookie wrapper. TerraCycle will pay us \$.02 for each Capri Sun, Kool Aid and Honest Kids drink pouches and \$.01 for all other drink pouches (no juice boxes). We will also collect empty cookie wrapper and will receive \$.02 for each .11 oz of eligible wrapper received which represents the

average weight of a cookie wrapper. All Nabisco cookie wrappers are acceptable such as Chips Ahoy!, Nutter Butter, Oreo, Fig Newtons and Nabisco 100 Calorie Packs.

Not only will be helping the environment, we will raise money for our school. Participation in the program is totally free. So start sending in those empty pouches and cookie wrappers!

"Take Charge of Education"

When parents, teachers, and other school supporters use their REDcards, Target donates up to 1% of their purchase to their designated eligible K-12 school. To participate, all you need

is a REDcard and to enroll in the program at Target.com/tcoe or by calling 1-800-316-6142. With your support, we will receive a nice check in September 2010.



My Coke Rewards for Schools



The Wells Village School has joined the My Coke Rewards for Schools program. By buying one of over 200 Coke Cola products you can enter reward codes and earn rewards points which in turn can be donated to our

school. Our school can use these points to "purchase" sports gear, creative supplies, books, classroom tools and more. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



****After-School Notice****

We are happy to see so many students participating in the After School activities. However, due to the large number of children currently attending the After School Program, we are asking that when you pick up your child(ren), please sign them out and exit promptly. There has been a lot of confusion

due to a number of children and adults hanging around. As much as we enjoy conversing with parents, it is impossible for our program to run smoothly with so much commotion. As always, we are always available if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your understanding and help with this situation.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 5th

5th & 6th Grade Holiday Breakfast 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Friday, December 11th

Wells Tree Lighting 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 14th

Wells Methodist Church Holiday Store 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 15th

Holiday Concert 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16th

School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 17th

Snow Date Holiday Concert 6:30 p.m.
Holiday Luncheon with Seniors

Friday, December 18th

MWA Holiday Party 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 21st

Movie Day - A.M.
Holiday Classroom Parties - P.M.

Wednesday, December 23rd - Friday, January 1st

NO SCHOOL December Recess

Monday, January 4th

School Resumes

Saturday, May 22nd

3rd Annual Golf Outing



Wells Wildcat Basketball Shirt Order Form

Grades K -4

We would like our team to look like a team. Shirts are regular T-shirts with Wells and our paw print on it. Numbers will be printed on the back. The cost is \$7.50. Funding is available if you are unable to pay for the shirt. Please indicate size below.

Please return this form no later than **Friday, December 18th**.
Thank You!

5th and 6th grade players will be provided with jerseys due to a generous donation.

Player's name: _____

Player's Grade: _____

Shirt size (Please Circle)

Child Sizes: S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)

Adult Sizes: S M L XL

_____ Yes, my money is included with this form.

All checks made payable the **Wells Village School**.

