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TIGER NEWS



Our Mission: Fayston Elementary School, in partnership with the community, will prepare our students, academically and socially, to succeed in meeting the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow and beyond, in a diverse, rapidly changing world. www.faystonschool.org

Calendar of Events:

1/24 – PTO Meeting, 7pm, Hyde Away
1/26 – Winter Sports Afternoon
2/1 – Whole School Meeting, 7:40am, “I Love to Read and Write” Month
2/2 – Winter Sports Afternoon
2/8 – Early Release Day, dismissal 11:55am
2/9 – 6th Grade band students to Harwood Union, 9-11am
2/9 – Winter Sports Afternoon
2/14 – Grades 5/6 to the Flynn
2/15 – Whole School Meeting, 7:40am
2/16 – Winter Sports Afternoon
2/21 – School Board Meeting, 6pm

Some Practical Reminders:

Please be sure to notify the school office before 1:30pm if it becomes necessary to make a change to your child’s after-school transportation plan. This assures enough time to get the message to your child and the classroom teacher before our dismissal process begins.

Also, if you pick up your child at school, please remember to use the walkway adjacent to the parking lot when walking with your child. The walkway is marked with orange cones and is located in front of the staff parked vehicles on the school building side of the parking lot. Using the walkway will help keep students and adults safe in the parking area.

School Closing

Should school be closed or delayed, families will be notified with a telephone call from the AlertNow System. This automated system uses the contact information families provided to the school office at the beginning of the year. If contact information changes, please send new phone number and email address to office@faystonelementary.org.

Four Winds News

Topic of the Month: *Birds on the Wing*

The cyclical, seasonal movement of birds from one area to another for the purposes of feeding and reproducing is called migration. Some birds migrate only short distances, but many fly thousands of miles each year. The migration patterns and distances traveled vary with species.

Birds migrate from northern areas to places where there are more adequate food supplies, longer daylight hours for foraging for food, and less need to expend energy to stay warm.

Birds that migrate face risks along the way, such as bad weather, high winds and fog; becoming prey to predators; or falling victim to changes in their stopover or destination places.

There are some species of birds, such as the black-capped chickadee, ruffed grouse, and blue jay that have adaptations that allow them to survive the challenge of northern winters.

Year Round or Winter Visitors?

There are some birds that stay north all year and others that move south from the arctic tundra to spend the winter in northern parts of the U.S. Birds that are around during cold northern winters are the ones that can live off available food sources such as seeds and nuts and hibernating insects.

Set up a feeding station with seed and suet feeders or visit places where there are seeds, fruit and other wild food supplies to see what kinds of birds are around for the winter and to observe their behavior. Keep a daily journal; see if you can track arrival and departure times of migrating birds.

After snowfall is a good time to make a survey of the number and kinds of birds that nested and raised their young last spring and summer. Nests with their horizontal surfaces catch snow and are easily spotted among leafless branches.

Legos Request

Parents/guardians,

I am seeking Legos for an upcoming after school social skills group. If you have any you are willing to donate, please drop them off in the main office. Please let me know if you have any questions, or would like more information about the Lego Social Club.

Warm regards,

Jason Stevenson – School Counselor
jstevenson@faystoneelementary.org, 496-3636 x106

Help Wanted

School Board Recording Secretary

Fayston School Board is looking for a recording secretary. Duties include taking and transcribing minutes of monthly board meetings, preparing minutes for distribution and maintaining a filing and retrieval system for all official School Board minutes and records. For more information, please contact Cathryn Hayes at 496-3636 or chayes@faystoneelementary.org.

Bus Monitor

Adult Bus Monitor needed to assist with behavior management for afternoon bus route. The position is 2 hours a day when school is in session. For more information, please contact Cathryn Hayes at 496-3636 or chayes@faystoneelementary.org.

Community Events

Kids' Cabin Fever Escape

Next Saturday, January 28th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon come join in the fun at the 3rd Annual Kids' Cabin Fever Escape, for families with children ages 6 and younger. Located in the Moretown Elementary School Gymnasium, there will be playdough, painting with stamps, an obstacle course and more; snacks also provided. Bring your children, ages 6 and under to this event which is sponsored, in part, by Central Vermont Building Bright Futures.

Family Evening XC Ski Fundraiser

Ole's Nordic Ski Center

Friday, February 10, 5:30 to 7:00PM

Hosted by the "Snowbelles"

Bring the kids & headlamps & enjoy great XC skiing, ski games, & fun. Dinner provided by Ole's new Sugar Mama's Café

Ole's is donating free trail access & use of facilities.

Suggested \$25 donation for individuals/\$100 for families (includes dinner and ski activities).

For more information contact Jennifer White,

jenniferwhitevt@yahoo.com or Dori

Ross, dorihross@gmail.com

Money raised will kick off the Snowbelle's effort to raise

funds for the American Cancer Society during the national Relay for Life event, which will take place on March 10/11. The "Snowbelles" were formed three years ago to participate in the Relay for Life locally at the Trapp Family Lodge. The focus of the "Relay for Life — Nordic Style" is to raise money and awareness for cancer research and cancer patients by skiing and snowshoeing all night long. Last year the "Snowbelles" raised more than \$22,000 for cancer research. This is the most raised by one team in the history of the event.

Family Center of Washington County

Parenting Classes to be held at Thatcher Brook Primary School, High Street, Waterbury

Parenting Children Ages 1 to 4 – A three-part workshop that focuses on the Active Parenting Method which emphasizes open communication and how to rear confident, cooperative children. Topics include how to discipline your child without violence, how to prevent tantrums, how to childproof your home, how to care for yourself during the stressful toddler years.

Wednesday evenings, February 8, 15, and 22,

6-8pm Cost: \$15/single, \$25/couple

How to Talk so Kids Will Listen and Listen so Kids Will Talk – A six-week course in concrete parenting skills such as communication with kids, engaging kids' willing cooperation, disciplining without hurting, and fostering love and respect in families.

Wednesday evenings March 14-April 18, 6-8pm

Tuition: \$20/single, \$30/couple

Call Christopher Robertson at the Family Center, 262-3292 ext. 115 for more information or to register and reserve child care. **Class size is limited to 25 people.**

Advance registration is required.

Note change for youth yoga at the Bridges

Youth yoga for children ages 6-10 has been moved to Wednesdays at 3:55pm.

Green Mountain Performing Arts News

Green Mountain Performing Arts (formerly One Studio Dance) has opened its doors at a brand new facility located at 37 Commercial Drive in Waterbury (Moretown Commercial Complex - behind Juniper's Fare Restaurant). One Studio Dance converted its operation to a nonprofit and changed its name after it suffered terrible damage during T.S. Irene. GMPA is a nonprofit school dedicated to providing fully accessible performing arts education in a non-competitive and supportive environment. GMPA has an outstanding faculty of caring, professional teachers who are excited to share their love of the arts with students in the community. There are over 15 new classes just starting for youth and adult students and GMPA is taking new enrollments now! For more information, call 802-244-8600 or visit www.GreenMountainPerformingArts.org