

Randolph Elementary School

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Family Newsletter

January 2012

Time for Resolutions



Research has shown that January is the most productive learning month of the school year. Making resolutions for positive change is just as much for kids as adults.

Encourage your child to use the opportunity of a new year to make (or refresh) positive and attainable goals for their schoolwork.

It's like getting a fresh start in the middle of the school year!

Driveway Follies

We have noticed that the traffic in the circle out front has become quite hazardous at the beginning and end of the day.

Please note that you cannot park by the curb and leave your car to pick up your child. If you intend to get out of your car to come inside, park in a parking space.

If other cars are already by the curb, please wait until they pull out before dropping off your child. Do not drop your children off if you are not at the curb.

Please be patient and courteous of other drivers and the buses. Most importantly, be alert to children!



Geography Contest Finalists

Congratulations to the ten finalists, and indeed all the contestants, in our recent geography competition, called the GeoBee.

These remarkable students took on the optional challenge of researching, practicing, and expanding their geography knowledge. In early December, about 40 students competed by answering a series of questions.

The winners - ten finalists who earned the right to compete in a final Randolph Elementary School GeoBee on January 9 are Asa Merrill, Bailey Hanrahan, Donato Cameron, Jack Kidder, Jaden Kinney, Joseph Dingleline, Maury Smith, Oliver Plavin, Shea Fordham, and Thomas Cassella.



POWER HOUR OPENINGS

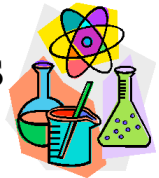
The Boys and Girls Club is currently receiving applications for the after school program.

The program runs M-F, 2:30-5:30. The current session runs from Nov 28 - Feb 24 with enrichment activities offered in addition to Power Hour homework.

Contact Program Director Ashley Grote at agrote.bgc@gmail.com or call 728-3332 with any questions.

Coming Soon:

The 2012 RES Science Celebration!



Many RES classes will be completing science experiments for display and hands-on experimenting throughout the day on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 in the RES gymnasium. Be sure to ask your child what kind of science experiment they will be displaying this year.

The evening portion of the science celebration is Tuesday, January 31st. If your child has registered to enter a science experiment, time is running out to complete their project. We don't want your child to miss out on an opportunity to display his/her experiment and explain to others what was learned through exploration.

This is a fun and interesting celebration, designed to encourage science exploration. This event will be held on Tuesday evening, January 31st from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Randolph Elementary School. We look forward to seeing you there!

SKI VERMONT

5th GRADE PASSPORT

Ski Vermont believes that winter in Vermont is a way of life, an opportunity to get outdoors, to be healthy and active, and to share amazing experiences with friends and family.

That philosophy has led them to develop the 5th Grade Passport, a program that lets 5th graders ski and ride for free at many ski resorts around VT, and fall in love with the experience of sliding on snow.

The only cost is a \$10 administration and processing fee. After that, it's all free!

Passports are valid from December 1- May 1 seasonally, excluding blackout dates.

Stop by the main office or visit www.skivermont.com for more information and an application.



FREE APPLE OR BANANA

Shaw's has recently started giving out cards to kids for a free apple or banana. All you need to do is speak to someone in the produce department to get a card. It will be good for at least a couple more months.

Are You Looking For Some Exercise?

The Shape swimming pool at the Vermont Technical College is offering swimming lessons for all levels, Baby Bubbles to Level 6.

The swimming lessons will be Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:30PM, starting January 7th through March 3rd, or on Tuesdays between the hours of 5:00 PM and 8:30 PM, January 10th through March 6th. The lessons will be half an hour. Your time slot will depend on your child's swimming level.

If you would like more information regarding this program please call the SHAPE facility at 728-1384.



Enjoy Your Swim!

Dates to Remember

Monday, January 16th
Inservice Day - No School

Tuesday, January 31st
Science Celebration
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM RES Gym

Wednesday, February 1st
Science Celebration
8:00 AM - 1:30 PM RES Gym

Friday, January 27th
Unified Arts Report Cards will be distributed

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Boys and Girls Club of the White River Valley announces new scholarships for the Randolph After School Program. These scholarships are made possible through a grant from the Kimberly Clark Foundation. In addition this "Family PLUS" grant will fund family support programs and special events at the Boys and Girls Clubs in Randolph.

The aim is to help single mothers who need access to after school child care. Any single mother who is a resident of Randolph, Braintree, Brookfield, can apply for a scholarship of \$100 for one of BGCWRV's after school programs. Scholarships will be awarded to those who qualify on a first-come first-served basis. For an application, visit the BGCWRV administrative office at 34 Pleasant Street in Randolph, call (802)728-3332, or visit their website www.bgcwrv.org for an application.



FARM TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING

Randolph Elementary School has proudly embraced the principles of the Farm to School movement in recent years. From local fresh foods served in our cafeteria to classroom relationships with local farmers, we have worked hard to help our students understand where their food comes from and the importance of farming in our community. Through this program we have offered students the opportunity to taste new and delicious foods; they have visited local farms and had the farmers come to their classrooms; and they have celebrated the joys of local food with harvest dinners and farmers markets.

Although the original grant for this program has expired, our school remains committed to continuing this wonderful learning experience. We are hoping that parents and other community members feel the same way. We will hold a planning meeting to discuss the current and future plans of Farm to School on Wednesday, January 25th at 2:45 p.m. at RES. We are looking for fresh energy and ideas about how to continue or expand what we already have in place, but we are also hoping to hear some new thinking that might take our program to an even better place. Please join us if this is something that is important to you. Hope to see you there!