

Fairfield News

Back To School Trotter
Edition!

Fall 2011

Welcome Back Students and Staff!

It was a busy summer at Fairfield Center School! In addition to a successful, two-week summer school session, teachers participated in professional development activities including reading and writing curriculum development, math instruction, and district-wide work to further refine our supervision and evaluation system. Other summer activity involved teachers in planning work to develop a new student reporting system, and a three-day conference in Montpelier to support our second year of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) in Fairfield. One of our themes for the upcoming school year is student voice. In that vein, we hope that future town newsletters will include some writing by students who can tell you more about what is happening at their school.

We welcome the following teachers new to FCC this year: Kelsey Malboeuf (2/3 Classroom Teacher), Nick Delaney (.20 French Teacher) and Joanna Jerose (Outdoor Classroom Coordinator). Joanna replaces Lorelei Westbrook who did a fantastic job supporting our place-based education efforts at FCS, and tending to our expanded school gardens all summer. We wish Lorelei and newly retired Terry Hale the very best; we'll miss them both!

Have you noticed the pretty new blue and yellow benches on the playground? The benches were the spring Eagle Scout project of FCS graduate Clay Roberts who built and donated the benches to our school. We thank Clay most sincerely for thinking of us, and know we will enjoy these benches for a long time.

We are proud to recognize Bet Howrigan and Angie Carpenter-Henderson who were selected as Vermont's Fuel Up to Play 60 Advisors of the Year. Their efforts to promote good nutrition and exercise continue to support healthy students in Fairfield.

We are looking forward to a wonderful fall and another rewarding year of learning at Fairfield Center School.

Classes are filling quickly! If your teen is ready to take driver education, please don't wait until the last minute to call.

Now

reserving February and summer 2012 classes!

Please reply to

melissajmanson@gmail.com

or call.

Thanks!

Melissa Manson

Cow Tales Driver Education

309-5076

School Board

This past Town Meeting Day, the taxpayers of Fairfield voted to keep the High School bus running to BFA in St. Albans. The route begins in the morning at Stone's service station in East Fairfield, at approximately 7:00 am. It reaches Chester's in Fairfield Center by 7:10. Students can board at either location or anywhere along Route 36 between the two stops and BFA. Initially, it may be necessary to call the school to let us know where on this section of Route 36 you would like the bus to stop. In the afternoon, students will be responsible to inform the driver where along this same route they would like to be dropped off. Since the money for this bus has already been allocated through the ballot process, students will not be required to pay an additional fee. The bus begins on the first full day at BFA. Again, call the school with any questions or concerns. Have a safe and great beginning to the year!

News from the Outdoor Classroom

Coordinator: Welcome Joanna Jerose. Joanne will be following Lorelei Westbrook in the Outdoor Classroom coordinator position. Lorelei is going back to school to become a certified teacher. We will miss her and hope she returns!

Thank you to our Funders and Supporters: Community of Fairfield, Vermont Community Garden Network, NWRP Community Energy Development Fund, Fairfield School Board, Fairfield Community Center for the NRCS collaboration.

Gardens: Thank you to Lorelei for maintaining the gardens with just a bit of help...The South Garden struggles with too rich and too immature compost but will be in good shape next year. The Common School Garden will be harvested by the students, used in snack programs and sold to the Abbey group for lunches.

High Tunnel: The area behind the Fire Station is being prepared for the 35'X40' High Tunnel. It will be used to extend the growing season. Funding from NRCS (\$4000) for the High Tunnel came about through collaboration with the Community Center and the school board (\$3000 loan). Norm Menard, Albert Tetreault, Lorelei Westbrook and the Town's backhoe leveled the site, brought in topsoil, and connected a frost free hydrant to the Fairfield Water system (Thank you Fairfield Fire Department for allowing us to connect to your line). The High Tunnel "kit" has been ordered from Harnois and is to be delivered by August 26th. In the second week of September we will organize a couple of work days to plant for winter harvest in the structure. We are looking for crews and folks who have access to equipment (transit, backhoe, dump cart) as well as folks who have put up greenhouses of super-structures and gophers. Please call Joanna (933-8789) or Julie (933-4592) for more details and to volunteer!

Select Board

It's been a busy summer in the Town of Fairfield!

The Road Crew has been working hard to catch up from the damage done by flooding on May 20th. Fairfield, along with many other towns, received a disaster acknowledgement from FEMA, which means there will be some federal funds to help fix the \$100,000+ worth of damage done by flooding.

We received confirmation of our paving grant! Pond Road will be paved from Sheldon Woods to the Swanton town-line by the time you read this letter! We will also see a change in the traffic pattern at the junction of Pond Road and Sheldon Woods Road. This intersection was reviewed and redesigned under a "dangerous intersections" discussion. The State will be changing the throughway to Pond-Sheldon Woods rather than Pond-Pond.

The Fairfield Pond Association requested a port-a-potty and trash cans to be placed on the public beach. With this summer's hot weather, it has been a very busy place! The Select Board decided to do this as a trial for the remainder of the summer. There is concern about the impact of vandalism since they are right beside the pond, but so far, no vandalism and no household trash! Thanks for keeping the area clean, and we'll re-evaluate next summer.

The opening of the Bent Northrop Memorial Library was the big news of the spring! The Select Board congratulates them on a beautiful building, lots of activity and extended hours! Nice job!

Select Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday's of every month beginning at 7:30pm in the town office. Minutes are posted at the town office, in Menard's Market and at Stone's Shell.

BNML

For Fairfielders both young and old, August means back to school! Students of all types can benefit from the resources in and out of the library. The Bent Northrop Memorial Library means information!

The Vermont Online Library is a premier research database containing over 11,000 databases. You can access this resource 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from home or anywhere you have an internet connection (high speed works best!) The database includes an extensive health and wellness resource and traditional adult and student level reference books, magazines, newspapers, and scholarly journals. However, it also includes Career Transitions (an online career guidance center that walks users through the job-search process from beginning to end including a step-by-step approach to help people: 1) explore new career possibilities; 2) assess their interests and experience; 3) identify ways to improve their prospects, including networking and education; 4) prepare for a job search; and 5) search and apply for jobs); Powerspeak Languages (an online language learning guide that assists you in learning French, Spanish, German, Mandarin, or ESL Ingles for travel, business, or personal enrichment); and the Small Business Resource Center that helps individuals start, finance or manage your small business. The resource includes sample business plans, how to guides, articles and websites.

BNML Patrons can also download audio books for business, school and pleasure. Since Fairfield has recently gained access to broadband through Fairpoint DSL, you can download audio books for your MP3 players and IPods at home! Audio books are a great way to travel with the family, make the drive to work more enjoyable, or enhance comprehension by listening to the story as well as reading it!

Patrons can also download Ebooks using the same ListenUp service. Whether you have a Nook or iPad, use the library to borrow a book just like you would a hard copy. You will need your patron number, so jot us an email or give a call to get your number today!

Of course, BNML also has the traditional resources inside the building: The Burlington Free Press, The Messenger, and County Courier, several magazine subscriptions, or the Vermont Room with factual information about our state.

Information is not the only thing you find at BNML - we have plenty of programs for all ages too! Early this summer, the Community Center and Library were awarded an afterschool grant from Senator Sanders office to provide programming for school age children as well as teens. Look for programs offered at both sites throughout the school year and vacation weeks! The library is also looking for ideas about technology classes! Whether you want to open an email account, start an ecommerce site for your business, or learn how to get your business on google maps, let your library know what you want to learn! Jot Kristen an email with your thoughts!

Finally, we're looking for a few good teens who might be interested in joining Fairfield's Tech Team. The ideal candidates would have transportation and good tech skills, however, they should also enjoy listening and talking with people of all ages! This winter, we will match tech savvy teens with adults and seniors in the community who are looking for some help with tech skills at their home with their computer! Jot us an email for info!

Calendar Items:

Thursday, Sept 8th Rick Potash: The Holocaust: It's Not A Bird

Thursday, Oct 13th Rowan Gorman and Ethan Neiderer: Sailing to Vermont

Thursday, Nov 10th Joe Sherman: Young Vermonters

Thursdays, year round: Fairfield Farmers Market Online Pickup order days.

Just a quick note that tax bills went out on August 3rd. The due date to receive the 4% discount is Friday, September 2nd at 3:00 p.m. The final due date is November 18th at 3 p.m. We do accept postmarks for both of these dates. Have a great end of summer!

Take care,
Amanda

The Friends of BNML have not been resting on their laurels after sponsoring a wonderful Grand Opening of the Library - they have been planning!! The Friends are sponsoring a fall fundraiser they are calling *Bloomin' Bucks for BNML*. The event will kick off with a Bulb Bonanza from 6-9pm on Tuesday, September 13. There will be workshops from 6-7pm. Drop in to get the lowdown on bulb-planting, indoor bulb growing for winter color and tricks to keep the varmints from consuming your bulbs over the winter. At 7pm Michael Dodge, plantsman extraordinaire, will share his expertise with bulbs and illustrate with slides which will whet your appetite for main event. There will be catalogues from Brent and Becky's Bulbs and the ability to order right then and there on the Library's computers. Bulbs will be shipped to your home at the right time for planting. This supplier is known for the quality of its plant materials and associated products and for its public spirit. B&B Bulbs will donate 25% of all sales to the Friends of the Library. Not only can you order at the event itself but each time you order you can go to a section of their site to indicate that you are ordering in support on BNML and the Friends (and you) will reap the benefit. Please join us for a night of community fundraising and gardening fun!

Bent Northrop Memorial Library had a very beautiful and representative exhibit of local talent for the opening day celebration on June 18th—thanks to all who shared their work! We are now looking for ideas for coming shows and people interested in one person shows.

We are also looking for folks to help 1) to develop a library exhibit policy and 2) to create a first year plan of exhibits.

Contact: Bobbie Flack 933-7752 bflack@together.net

Lori Niederer 827-3728 loriniederer@hotmail.com

BNML Landscaping: If you're willing to help with the landscaping, have plants to donate, or have expertise to share, we would like to put your name, phone number, and email address on the BNML Landscaping List. Contact Julie 933-4592 gwfarm@vmlink.net or Kristen 827-3945 bentnorthrop@gmail.com to get on the List. We'll be in touch!

BIRTHS

Sean Michael Thomas	Jan. 3, 2011
Karlos Ignacio Garibay	Jan. 13, 2011
Riley James Domina	Jan. 13, 2011
Bentlee James Consentino	Jan. 13, 2011
Makenna Leigh Porter	Jan. 14, 2011
Madeline Raine Mayville	Jan. 17, 2011
Sara Rosemary Golden	Jan. 20, 2011
Celia Ryan Booth	Jan. 27, 2011
Samuel Levi Matthews	March 11, 2011
Piper Ray Howrigan	March 31, 2011
Isaiah Thomas Rollo Foley	April 16, 2011
Wyatt Rowan Webb	May 9, 2011
Grace Elizabeth Howrigan	May 15, 2011
Emmalyn Grace Boomhower	May 24, 2011
Daniel Alan Juaira	July 9, 2011

DEATHS

MARRIAGES

Greta Brunswick - James Plumpton	March 19, 2011
Danielle Yandow - James Turner	July 9, 2011
Eileen Beliveau - Brian Lampman	July 6, 2011

Recreation Committee

Fairfield Sunday Soccer!

When: Starts Sunday, September 4th -
October 2nd

Pre-K/K - 1pm - 1:45pm

Grades 1-2 - 1pm - 2pm

Grades 3-4 - 2pm - 3:15 pm

Where: Soccer field behind Fairfield
Center School.

Shin Guards recommended, cleats are
optional.

There will be a table by the Common
School for registration, please register
your

child according to the grade they are
entering in the fall of 2011.

Volunteers are always welcome!

This is a free program sponsored by the
Fairfield Recreation Committee.

Please call Rick Haag at 524-7528 for
more information.