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## April 2012

### Monthly Meetings, Activities and Dates to Remember

**Select Board:** 2nd & 4th Mondays @ town offices 7:30pm

**Grant Writer Committee:** 1st Monday @ town offices 6pm

**Zoning & Planning Committee:** 1st Monday @ town offices 8pm

**School Board:** 2nd Monday @ FCS school library 6pm

**Art Hop Classes:** Tuesdays March 27th, April 3, April 10th @ BNML 6:30pm

**BNML Trustee meeting:** 3rd Thursday @ BNML 3pm

**Book Club:** 2nd Tuesday @ BNML Loft 6:30

**KnitWits:** 3rd Thursday @ BNML 6-8pm

**Girls Club:** 2nd Saturday @ BNML 9:30am

**Breastfeeding Support Group:** No Meeting in April

**Mahjong:** 1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday @ BNML @ 6:30pm

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO):** 2nd Tuesday, school year @ FCS library 3pm

### Weekly Activities & Dates to Remember

**Tuesday: Senior/Community Lunches** @ FCC 11:30-1pm call 827-3130 to reserve a place

**BINGO** 6pm @ FCC; **Food Shelf** hours 3-5pm at FCC;

**Mahjong** @ BNML 6:30 pm (1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of each month)

**Wednesday: Playgroup/Story Hour** @ BNML 10-11:30;

**Thursday: Fairfield Farmers Market Online** Pickup 3-6pm @ BNML or St. Albans

**Friday: Food Shelf:** 2nd Friday of the month, 10-noon @ FCC

### March/April

**Mar. 31: Rabies & dog registration** @ Town offices basement, 10-noon

**Apr. 1: Annual Easter Egg Hunt** FCS playground @ 1pm sponsored by FRC

**Apr. 7: Franklin County LGBTQ: RU12 meeting Community Forum** @ BNML Noon

**Apr. 12: BNML lecture:** Howard Coffin: How Vermont Won the the Battle of Gettysburg! 7pm

**Apr. 15: Photography** @ BNML 10-11:30am; **Read Day** Celebrate early literacy @ BNML 1-3pm

**Apr. 18:** Outdoor Classroom workshop: Stone Hollow Farm, Bakersfield @6-7:30pm

**Apr. 23-27: April Vacation Camp** for kids ages 5-12 Call Nance @ 827-3130 to register

### A Word from the Town Clerk's Office

Rabies clinic & Dog Registration: Saturday, March 31st in the basement of the Town Clerk's Office from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. A licensed veterinarian will provide the shots \$7.00 for cats and dogs. Dogs can be registered with the town at the same time for \$8.00 (neutered/spayed) or \$12.00 (unneutered/unspayed).

### Spring at the Fairfield Community Center

**April 23-27 is April Vacation Camp** for kids 5-12! Space limited to 24, so get those registration forms in soon! Join us for a week filled with gardening, cooking, arts and crafts, nature hikes, Mr. K., and outdoor fun! Just \$20/day, including lunch & snacks. Sibling discounts and a few scholarships available. More info? Call Nance, 827-3130.

**Black Creek Adventure Camp** will run for 8 full weeks this summer!!! 9-3 daily, July 2 - Aug.24. Flyers and forms will come out in May, but keep us in mind if your kids need a safe and nurturing experience this summer. Reasonable rates, sibling discounts.

**Food Shelf** every Tuesday from 3-5, and every 2nd Friday of the month from 10-Noon. Got a bit of free time? We're looking for additional helpers to work once/month for two hours. Please call if you'd like to join our great team of volunteers!

**Tuesday Lunches**, weekly at noon. Suggested senior donation is just \$3; everyone else it's \$5 – still a great deal! All welcome. Please call 827-3130 and leave a message - we'll save you a seat!

**BINGO!** Every Tuesday night at the Center. Join Charles and Denis and the gang for a little legal gambling, great food, and lots of fun. New players welcome! 5:45-9:30 pm.



### Fairfield Center School News

*We have been busy learning at FCS!*

In February, our teachers spent time analyzing our 2011 NECAP results in math, reading, science, and writing, and are now working on a plan for continued progress in these areas.

Our middle school students have been deeply engaged in our sugaring unit, "Project Sweet Talk," and prepared for the annual "Open House" celebration that took place on Friday, March 23rd. Mr. Baxter and the 8th grade students placed over 300 taps throughout Fairfield in February, and were hard at work boiling in the sugar house when we returned from the winter break.

Students in grades 2/3 did a fantastic job with our art teacher Jamie Bedard on the special dedication project that was unveiled at the sugarhouse at the Open House! Be sure to drop by and see the beautiful quilt square hung on the sugarhouse!

The PTO generously contributed \$500 of their proceeds from the Town Meeting luncheon toward our Cirkus Smirkus residency which will take place May 7-11th at FCS. If you're willing to host a resident artist in your home, please contact Jen Wood or Angie Carpenter-Henderson at 827-6639. We will be organizing dinner meals for the host family that week!

Grades 4-5 used technology showcasing their learning through student-led conferences at parent-teacher conferences this past month.

Students in French class took a virtual field trip to Paris last month. It was fun to observe our students asking questions in French and learning a little about Paris and French culture from a Parisian. Bon printemps! (Happy Spring!)

## **Happy Birthday BNML!**

This April celebrates the first birthday of Fairfield's new public library! Can't believe it has gone so fast! In keeping with expanded services and offerings, April brings great things to do!

**Read Day:** Join us on Sunday, April 15th from 1-3 at BNML to celebrate early literacy! Franklin County Pediatrics hosts this great event for young families! See the Traveling Storyteller, hear great books read aloud and participate in fun literacy activities. Free and open to all!

**Book Group:** Join us in the loft to talk about this month's read: *Unbroken: a World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand

**Franklin County LGBTQ:** RU12 is moving ahead with plans to reinvigorate their family programming, but they need YOUR INPUT on how they can help you! You are invited to attend an open forum hosted by RU12? on Saturday, April 7th at noon.

**Art Hop** continues on April 3rd and 10th! Drop in and watercolor with Lori Neiderer. Each class will begin with some basic watercolor techniques, such as: wet-on-wet washes, splatter, spray bottle, mixing colors, etc. Then, you will work on still-life and landscape paintings using these techniques. \$10/class. Registration not required, but helpful!

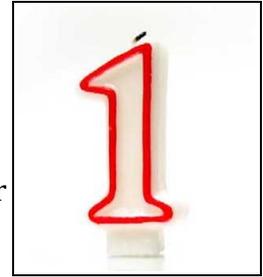
**BNML Lecture Series: Howard Coffin** will share How Vermont Won the the Battle of Gettysburg! His lecture will highlight Vermont relations to the Lincolns and the Gettysburg Address. Join us at 7pm on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Fairfield's Girls Club** meets on Saturday, April 14th at 9:30am

**BNML Tech Team:** Need a little help with setting up an email account? Struggling with finding your files after you save them? Is the formatting on your Word document trying to take over? The BNML Tech Team can help! Connect with one of the volunteers in our own community to help you sort through challenges and gain your technology confidence back! Call BNML to set up an appointment with one of our own Fairfield Tech Gurus! 827-3945

**Think summer reading!** Last year, Fairfield kids read over 1000 books and turned the hair of the FCS principal and the librarian blue! What will inspire our kids to read this year? Send in your suggestions to <http://tinyurl.com/fairfieldsummer2012>

\*Please note we are closed Saturday, April 7th! Wendy keeps us all updated on FB - 'like us' and see what you are missing!



## **EVERmont**

*Wikipedia, Google Places, and You*

April 10th, 12:00 -12:30, April 12th, 12:00 -12:30,  
April 17th, 6-6:30 pm Even if you don't have a  
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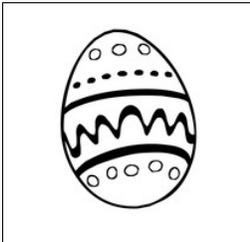
### **Fairfield Parent Teacher Organization**

We would like to thank everyone involved in our two fundraisers in March: Town Meeting Day Luncheon and our 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast. Both were successful and couldn't be done without our many volunteers, food donations and of course customers! Don't forget to "like" us on facebook for more information. Next meeting: April 10, 3:30pm in the school library.

### **Outdoor Classroom**

The entire school gathered outside the SugarHouse to mark Maple Celebration Day and to view the quilt made by 2nd and 3rd grade classes. Teachers Kelsey Malboeuf and Art Teacher Jamie Bedard teamed up during their Social Studies and Art classes to lead the children in creating quilts for the Sugarhouse, The Common School and local farmers who have dedicated time and resources to our school. Student-made granola was also featured as part of the snack-of-the-week. *Project Sweet Talk* continued as 6th graders shared interviews with local sugarmakers and displayed food, photos, recipes, historical information and three dimensional works of art.

**Extend Your Growing Season! Wednesday, April 18, 6-7:30 pm** The Outdoor Classroom will host its first workshop *for community members* with farmer Ken Carter from Stone Hollow Farm, in Bakersfield. A local farmer who participates in St. Albans Farmers Market and runs a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), Ken will talk about extending the growing season by starting seeds, transplanting, and growing greens throughout the season! Join us for this exciting opportunity at Ken's farm, **Wednesday, April 18, 6-7:30 pm**. Interested in carpooling or need a ride? Call BNML (827-3945) to register and/or request a ride.



### **Fairfield Recreation**

**Fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday April 1st at FCS Playground, 1pm.** There will be two groups: ages 4 years and under or 5-9 years old. Please bring your own basket. Call Rick Haag for more information 524-7529.

#### **Learn how to take better pictures using your Digital Camera?**

Professional photographer Melanie Webb will lead a hands-on workshop on using Photoshop Elements to improve your photos. Bring your digital camera with fully charged battery. Call Rick Haag (524-7528) with any questions. **Sunday: April 15th from 10 - 11:30 AM** (*Please note the time change for this session!*) at the Bent Northrop Memorial Library. Free!

### **From the Listers**

The listers inspected new construction in late March. Usually around late May/early June we send out change of appraisal notices which notify property owners of any changes made to their assessment and how to grieve if they should wish. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact us at the office- 827-3261 ext 2. Just leave a message and we will get back to you.

### **Other News**

**Bottle Donation at Menard's Market** to benefit the 6th & 7th grade end-of-year class trip. Please tell Joe you're donating your redemption money to the class trip. Thank you and Menard's!