

## Events/News



Team Synergy will be hosting a work day on Saturday October 25th starting at 10:00 AM. We are once again working on our community walking trail. Our goal is to evenly distribute all of the stone that was donated to us by OMYA and Florence Crushed Stone. Currently, the stone is sitting in our parking lot next to playground. Robert St. Peter has volunteered to bring his tractor and some of the members of the Champlain All Terrain Sportsman Club will be bringing their ATVs and trailers. Between the tractor and the ATVs we should be able to move all of the stone. But we need your help! We need tools such as metal garden rakes and shovels and we also need people to unload the trailers and spread the stone. If you are available and willing to help please join us! The weather looks like it will cooperate with us and lunch, snacks and refreshments will be provided. Can't wait to see you all tomorrow!

### **Intermediate (4-5) News:**

Students in grades 4-5 are taught by Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Whitman. They learn Spanish from Mrs. LeFebre. Students are very excited to have new chrome books for reading, science, math fluency, and word processing. It's a wonderful resource tool for finding out up-to-date information quickly.

Students are reading a variety of fiction and nonfiction books. Developing a habit of daily reading is essential for reading achievement; and students are trying very hard to increase their stamina for reading both in school and at home. A new addition to the curriculum is word-study and spelling program called *Spellography*. Students are taught the many layers of language structure, such as phoneme-grapheme correspondence (sound-spelling links), spelling rules, common irregular words, and parts of speech.

In mathematics, 4th and 5th grade students can represent multi-digit numbers by using standard, unit, word, and expanded forms. They can read numbers up to billions. They use place value understanding to round numbers to any place. Fourth graders concentrate on whole numbers, while fifth graders extend that knowledge to include decimals to the thousandths place.

In Science, the 4th grade students have been exploring internal and external structures of plants and animals and how these structures support survival and growth. 5th grade science students just finished a unit on ecosystems. Students had the opportunity to present to the class about a particular ecosystem of their choosing (for example meadow, tundra, prairie and wetland). We are now beginning a unit on Earth's place in the Universe.

A field trip to the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center in West Rutland supported the 4th grade exploration of Vermont Industries and the 5th grade study of Leonardo DaVinci.

**Primary Unit News:** The Primary Unit is in full swing. In fact, both grades two and three are assessing what they learned in their first ELA units. Second grade has begun Unit 2 which is fairy tales, folk tales and tall tales. The social studies component of this unit will be the westward expansion and cowboys/cowgirls. Third grade is still assessing but will be starting unit 2 soon. It is called water and life, and has an ocean theme. We make sure to read a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books in each unit.

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In math, third grade is studying multiplication and division. Second grade is working on place value. Both groups are using a computer program called FASTT math every day so that they can master their facts quickly and accurately.

Third grade was fortunate to be the recipients of dictionaries from Center Grange #290 of Hubbardton. They will be using them at school during the year and will be taking them home at the end of the year. There is a section in the back with facts about the 50 states, animal information, maps, and sign language and Braille examples. The students are fascinated with this information and are enjoying reading the dictionaries as well as using them for their intended use. They are finishing writing thank you letters to the Grange for this generous gift.



Picture Retakes will be on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am.

PTCC will have their next meeting on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, we hope to see many new faces there! Come and join us in planning some upcoming events!

There will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting on **Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

The Benson Volunteer Fire Department will be coming to BVS for a Fire Prevention presentation on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.



## **Dates to remember:**

10/27 ó Picture retakes, 11:00  
10/29 ó 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parent meeting, 6pm  
11/4 ó School Board Mtg., 6:30pm



## BVS Trail Community Work Day

**When:** October 25th at 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Benson Village School next to the big rock pile

**What:** Helping us work on the walking trail, so please come help us!

**Don't forget:** bring boots, change of clothes, shovels and metal garden rakes, etc.