

Events/News

Computer Club

Computer club ends at 3:15

February 9 – Group 3

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE:

High School Prep dates are set!

Monday through Friday the weeks of July 6th and July 13th.

Hours Monday-Thursday 8-1 and Friday 8-12.

This is a **Transition to High School Program** that Fair Haven Union High School offers.

Students do not have to be present the entire two weeks to participate, however they will earn a 1/2 credit of elective with perfect attendance for all 10 days. They are welcome to attend any days they are available.

The program is free to all incoming 9th grade students. Transportation will be provided and a schedule of pick-ups and drop offs will be available as we get closer to the summer. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

More information to follow.

FHUHS is hosting an 8th grade (incoming 9th graders) open house on **Tuesday February 10, 2015 at 6:30pm.**

This will be a time to be introduced to FHUHS, tour the building, meet teachers and receive information about the courses available for the 2015-2016 school year. Additionally, there will be information about extracurricular activities.

It is strongly recommended that each 8th grader and their parents attend this

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Ezzo, School Counselor at BVS 537-2491

Art News:

6th-8th grade: The middle school has been working on covering the stalls and preparing them for their murals that they have designed in their groups. We will start by reflection on our experience so far and talking more about the process of painting and drawing out our murals while some members of the group will be continuing to prepare the stall walls.

4th/5th grade: We will be discussing the works of Pop artist, Andy Warhol, and his use of color in his pieces. We will refer back to our color wheels to identify complimentary colors and begin the layout design for our next project. This involves a design that will show their understanding of complimentary contrast between object and background, much like the work of Andy Warhol.

2nd/3rd: We will finish the color wheels that we had started last week and continue discussing the proper use of acrylic paint and care for brushes and materials. This color wheel will be a tool for our next project.

K/1st: We will be discussing the works of artist, Piet Mondrian, and his use of color and shape. Then we will make our own designs mocking his style within the shape of a heart with cut paper and paint.

EEE: We will finish a project that involves filling a circle with paper they have ripped and gluing to complete the head of their snow men. We will then continue the ripping of the paper method to complete the snowmen so that they have a face.

MUSIC NEWS

WAY TO GO! Congratulations go out to Emily Dugan, who participated in the Green Mountain Music District festival honors chorus on Friday, February 6th. Emily spent the entire day at the College of St. Joseph the Provider, singing a program of challenging repertoire with a chorus of 100 middle school students from Addison, Rutland and Bennington counties. In addition to middle school chorus, the festival includes a high school band, middle school band, and a string orchestra. The honors festival includes over 200 student participants who audition for placement, and an audience of 700-800 at the evening concert.

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ADVANCED BAND: We are working on four pieces for the upcoming ARSU Mega Band Concert. Middle school and high school band musicians from the entire ARSU district will convene at FHUHS to rehearse during the day and perform a concert for the parents in the evening. **MEGABAND DAY is Thursday March 12th. Concert 6:30 p.m. in the FHUHS gym.**

5th GRADE INSTRUMENTAL: Remember to bring your instrument every Wednesday! We are working on "12 Bar Blues in Bb", "Power Rock", "Band Room Riff", "Shave and a Haircut", and songs from the Sound Innovations book pp.8-10. We have a very dedicated volunteer group who also meet on Thursdays before lunch for some extra playing and fun.

KINDERGARTEN - 5th GRADE MUSIC CLASSES: Movement, play-parties & folk dance through February and March. **We are looking forward to the FAMILY FOLK DANCE on Thursday, March 25th at the Town Hall!** Please wear appropriate footwear. Sneakers are best! K-3 will also be taking the *Primary Measures of Music Audiation*, a ten minute nationally standardized music test this month.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC CLASSES: We are watching The Music Man, the 2003 adaptation of the Broadway musical. Later in the month, students will compare and contrast a character, song or scene from the movie to the older, 1962 classic production. (*National Music Standards: MU:Re9.1.8a... evaluate musical works or performances*) and relate The Music Man to the culture and current events of the time (*National Music Standards MU:Cn11.0.8a Demonstrate understanding of relationships between music and the other arts, other disciplines, varied contexts, and daily life.*) If you are absent from class and want to catch up on the musical, you may watch it for free on YouTube.

Library News:



Middle School students have just finished their video projects. They have also been working on coding when time permits. Eighth grade students are using [Code Avengers](#) to learn HTML coding which is used to create web pages. Sixth and Seventh grade students are using [Code Combat](#) to learn Python or JavaScript coding which can be used to create game applications.

Students in fourth and fifth grade have been learning Google Docs and Google Draw through a Dewey Decimal poster project. They are creating posters for the library that show the Dewey Decimal categories.

Students in the K/1 class have been enjoying a Red Clover story hour each week. The current year's books are listed at the [Benson School Library blog \(http://bensonschoollibrary.blogspot.com/\)](http://bensonschoollibrary.blogspot.com/). Just click on the Red Clover 2014-2015 link under blog archive tab on the right hand side of the page to see the books they are reading.

All of the non-fiction books and around one-third of the fiction books have been entered into the library's OPALS database. The incredible progress in automating the school library is due to the help of Ms. Robbins. She spends every spare moment helping with this project. A preview of the OPALS automation site can be seen at this address: <http://bvs.arsu.mimas.scoolaid.net/bin/home>. The design of the website's home page is still a work in progress.



Snowshoes!! Don't forget to get your snowshoes if you are interested in joining Romp to Stomp sponsored by the PTCC. If you need snowshoes to participate, please contact Roberta Senn at sennshens@gmail.com or 537-2983.



Dates to remember:

2/10 ó School Board Mtg., 6:30
2/16-2/20 ó February Break