

Events/News

There will be no more Computer Club meetings this year to give Mr. B time to work on the yearbook and the 8th grade Graduation Slide show.

Middle School ELA News:

We are in the final units of study for the ELA classes. The eighth grade will end the year working on a unit about choices. They are reading the novel Fallen by local author Doug Wilhelm. The students are enjoying the story of a high school freshman boy who has some difficult choices to make in his life. They will finish the unit by reflecting on personal goals. The seventh grade just started a novel that deals with perspective. They are reading Wonder by R.J. Palacio which is about a young boy who faces real challenges when he goes to public school for the first time in his life. Looking at things from different perspectives can lead to new insights.

The sixth graders will be doing a research essay on inventors from the 19th century. They will be finding out what motivates new ideas which may lead to creative inventions.

Middle School Math News:

The 6th Grade is learning about the foundation of algebra and examining the relationship between addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Rational numbers and writing algebraic expressions and equations is the focus of 7th Grade and doing so with real-world scenarios. The 8th Grade is studying geometry and will be learning about the dilation of shapes and similar figures in the upcoming weeks.

Spanish News:

The **fourth grade students** have been learning pets in Spanish. Next week they will be polling the students of Benson to find out what pets they have, teaching the younger students the Spanish words for the animals in the process.

The **fifth graders** are learning foods and have been creating menus for their own restaurants in Spanish-speaking countries. We will be using the menus for restaurant role playing/skits next week.

The **sixth graders** are learning how to describe themselves and others in Spanish using adjectives for physical and personality characteristics. We've been having fun playing Simón Dice (Simon Says) with motions for each word, as well as playing Spanish Battleship to practice.

In **seventh grade** Spanish we are learning the rooms, furniture, and other items in a house, as well as how to talk about chores they have to do. Next week we will do some internet research to look at houses in various Spanish-speaking countries and compare them to houses in our area.

The **eighth graders** are finishing up their stories and interactive Google map presentations on imaginary trips to their chosen Spanish-speaking country. I am excited to see their presentations and hear their stories next week! Review and preparation for final oral exams will begin soon for seventh and eighth grade.

Srta. LeFebre



Community Work Day! Join us on Friday, June 5th for our second annual Community Work Day. This year, middle school students will be doing some work on the playground and finishing the walking trail. We will begin at 9 am and welcome any and all community members who'd like to help. Let's hope for sunshine on that day!

Benson Village School

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Benson's Got Talent!! On Thursday, May 21st, the talents of the Benson Village School Students will be showcased! There will be a show at 12:45 and then an evening performance at 6:30. Come and see all the different acts! **Parents:** Today a note went home with those students who will be performing.



Sports Banquet will be held on Monday, May 18th at 6:00



The annual **Memorial Day Program** will be held on Thursday, May 28th at 1:30.



The Vermont Department of Health is advising everyone to take the following actions this spring and summer:

AVOID · Areas that are good tick habitat such as tall grass, or areas with a lot of brush and leaf litter, and along forest edges.

REPEL · Before you go outside, remember to use insect repellent with up to 30% DEET and treat clothes with permethrin. When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and tuck your pants into your socks to keep ticks away from your skin. Inspect yourself regularly when outside to catch any ticks before they bite.

Note:

- Do not use DEET on infants younger than two months old.
- Do not use DEET in concentrations greater than 30%. Higher concentrations are not more effective and are usually unnecessary.
- DEET is safe for children in concentrations up to 30%.

INSPECT · Do daily tick checks on yourself, children and pets. Check yourself from head to toe. While nymphs are most commonly found on the lower legs, they may be anywhere on the body.

REMOVE · Remove ticks promptly. Showering within two hours of coming indoors has also been proven effective in preventing Lyme disease by washing ticks off the skin.

For the past two years, the Health Department has encouraged Vermonters to report ticks (including how many and what type) to the "tick tracker" on their website. Visit healthvermont.gov for more information on ticks and tick identification.



Dates to remember:

- 5/21 ó Talent Show, 6:30pm
- 5/28 ó Memorial Day Program, 1:30
- 6/5 ó Community Work Day
- 6/19 ó 8th Grade Graduation, 7pm
- 6/19 ó Last Student Day

Next year the students will be in school from 7:45am - 3:00pm!