

Dismissal Changes: Car Riders

Effective Tuesday, 9/8/15: If you are picking up a EEE student, please park at the end by the big kid's playground. After buses depart, we ask that all other cars pull further up around the circle near where the Community Walking Trail's entrance is. We hope this change will make things safer for our students. **Please remember, cars need to stay in a single lane. Pulling out of the line causes real safety issues.** Thanks!

Newsletter: Each week we print paper newsletters for all our students as well as sending many electronically to families. As you might guess, this is a waste of paper as many families prefer to read theirs electronically. So, in the interest of saving paper and being more efficient, we would like to only send home the newsletter to those not on the email list. If you do want a paper newsletter sent home with your child, please let us know. The newsletter can also be viewed on the website.



Fall Sports have begun. If you missed the Student/Parent meeting, we have schedules available at the school and on the website. Next week:

- % soccer-Practice Tuesday-Friday at OVSI 5:30-7
- % soccer-Practice Tuesday-Friday at BVS 5:30-7
- Flag Football-Tuesday-Friday at FHUHS 5-6:30
- Cross Country- Thursday and Friday 3:30-5 FHUHS



Library News

This past week students in grades 4 through 8 worked on their library journals using Google sites. Each week they will be entering information about their library projects.

Many students have checked out books from the current Dorothy Canfield Fisher Master List. Those who read five books on that list will be able to vote for their favorite book with other Vermont students who participate in the DCF program.

Students may choose to read five DCF books from previous year's Master Lists; specifically lists from 2013/2014, 2014, 2015 as well as the current 2015/2016, to attend a DCF party next May. For the party students will need to share a brief summary of each book they choose to read as well as answer one question about that book that is listed on the DCF Reviews and Discussion Questions booklet at

<http://libraries.vermont.gov/sites/libraries/files/CBEC/BookAwards/DCF/DCFBookReviewsQuestions15-16.pdf>.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC: The Middle School music homework is to interview an older person about their memories of music as a young child, as a high school student, and to reflect on how music has changed since they were young.

They may write up the interview like a magazine article, or they may record it like a radio or television interview. All students have the link with details and a rubric. Due Thurs. Sept. 10. Link: [Music Journalist Project](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS at FHGS: Open to students grades 6-8. Parent pick-up at Fair Haven Grade School may be necessary. We are still working out the details. Please sign up in the office so we know how many are interested in attending.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND & LESSONS: Every Wednesday beginning Sept 2. You must have your instrument every Wednesday.

K-5 MUSIC: Every Thursday. K-5 students please wear sneakers or flat, securely fitting shoes suitable for movement.

5th GRADE INSTRUMENTAL: Every Wednesday. If you have an instrument, bring it in. If you wish to rent or purchase one, you may do so through Ellis Music in Bethel, VT. <http://ellismusic.com/> 802-234-6400. They visit weekly. BVS also has a number of functioning instruments for student use. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Dates to remember:

9/5 ACT 46 Study Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

9/8 8th grade fundraising meeting at 6:00

Board Meeting 6:30

9/9 School Pictures

9/23 ARSU Board Meeting at OVS 7:00

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

Declining enrollment in student population in Vermont has led our legislation to look at how our schools are organized. ACT 46 is new legislation that passed in the recent legislative session that addresses school consolidation/mergers. School boards are required to look into options for the future of our schools. The Benson School Board has responded to this, and you will be hearing about this important issue a lot in the coming months. A Study Committee has been formed in ARSU which includes membership from Benson, Castleton, Fair Haven, Hubbardton, Orwell and West Haven boards in each town in our supervisory union.

Detailed information can be found on the ARSU website, www.arsu.org under "Act 46 Study Committee." The direct link is www.arsu.org/?page_id=1740

It is likely voters will be asked to make decisions about this topic in March. All Act 46 Study Committee meetings are open to the public. You are invited to attend! This topic is crucial to taxpayers, parents, and most importantly, our children.