



BEACH DINNER AND DANCE...TONIGHT! SURE CURE FOR CABIN FEVER! 6:00-9:00 P.M.

Come dressed for the theme, if you can. Inclusive pricing for dinner and dancing, with a family max. Bake sale, too (requires extra coins). Children must be accompanied by an adult at the door. Contributions for the bake sale are always welcome and can be brought in after school on Friday or at the start of the event. BigTime Cabin Fever Boogie Down Heart-Thumpin' and Foot Movin' Fun!

END OF SECOND TRIMESTER TODAY

Today marks the end of the second trimester, a point in the school calendar that allows a look back at progress and achievements thus far into the school year, as well as a look ahead to the work of the last 12 weeks of school. Assessments are given, discussions about goal attainment conducted, report cards to students and parents are given out, and parent/student conferences are scheduled. It's a significant few weeks in the school year, We hope your understandings and discussions highlight the achievement and progress your FCS student(s) have made since the beginning of the year, and that there are opportunities to celebrate their hard work and efforts to meet the high expectations you, and we, have for them.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

The FCS School Board is seeking a person interested in serving on the Board. Currently, there is one vacancy to fill a two-year seat. The Ferrisburgh Select Board is charged with making the appointment and will do so at its April 5, 2005 meeting. Those interested in being appointed to the School Board are asked to write a letter of interest and submit to the Town Clerk's Office by Friday, March 25. For further information, please call Donn Marcus at FCS.

FCS TO HOST RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Donor truck will be parked at FCS on Friday, April 15, 12:00-5:00pm! We are very excited to host the first in a long time Blood Drive in Ferrisburgh. Our goal this first year is a modest 40 donated pints, but we think we can exceed our goal! Can you help the Red Cross Blood Bank help those who need blood by donating? Please consider. Watch for sign-up or drop-in info. Might you be available to help during the Drive itself? The sign-up poster to help (with time slots) is in the front lobby of the school. This is a community-wide Drive, and with the great support of the FCS community, we will fill the shelves of the Blood Bank so their efforts may continue to help those who need. Call FCS for further information and we'll connect you to a member of the Blood Drive Steering Committee, and plan on donating if you can! Thank you!

NEW FCS WEB SITE ADDRESS

As mentioned last week, our school's web site address is changing. Please update your bookmarks to reflect our new address: www.anwsu.org/fcs. If you haven't visited the site, there's an amazing amount of information on it relating to FCS, including links to educational sites and this newsletter, usually on-line by Thursday night, in living color (and the graphics are way better, too.) Check it out sometime!

GAME NIGHT BRINGS OUT 70

"What a fun night!" That's the comment most heard last Thursday evening as families came together for dinner and then cooperative games and challenges. A big thanks goes out to all the folks who made the Adventure Game Night a huge success. Thanks to the FCS Asset/Resiliency Committee who planned the evening: Kathy Alexander (for the great food), Kristina Mackulin, Karen Petersen, Holly Weber who, along with Jim Hulfish, ran the games and Pam Smith (our District SAP counselor). and the parents who ran the games. A special thanks to Eric Becker, our Live Y'ers YMCA After-School Program Director, for teaching the parents and kids how to play the games in a way that brought out the thrill of cooperative teamwork and group problem solving! Thanks again for a magical evening! Judy Danzig, FCS Asset Committee Coordinator

FCS DINNER/DANCE AT THE EAGLES CLUB

The playground committee is planning an adult evening out as a fundraiser. On April 9, we will be hosting a dance and calcutta (multiprize raffle) at the Eagles Club. Call your sitters and get ready for a great time. We have several prizes donated already and are looking for more,. Do you work for or know someone who would be willing to donate a prize to the playground renovation project? Do you craft something we could use for one of the many smaller raffles that will be going on that evening? Did you get something for a gift that just doesn't work for you? Email hfox9999@yahoo.com, or call 453-5266 with your ideas. And save the night of April 9th for some good (and close by) fun with friends! Thanks, Heidi Fox.



As a culminating language arts activity reading books with Asian settings, 4th graders in Ms. Downing's class delved into the culture of Japan and China. Dan Hawkins (left) and T.J. Simpson (right) join the class in a traditional meal of sushi, seaweed salad, green tea and flower's kiss candy.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MARCH** 14 - FCS PTO Meeting, 6:30pm
15 - Author Bonnie Christensen visits grades 3-6 (re-scheduled)
16 - Report Card Distribution Day
17 - Staff In-Service Workshop Day. No School for Students
18 - Parent Conference Day. No School for Students
19 - Odyssey of the Mind (OM) Competition at UVM
22 - Basketball Grade 3/4 Teams End-of-Season Pizza Party
- Evening Conference Night
24 - FCS PTO Spring Fundraiser Kick-Off. Think Human-i-tees and Bulbs!

GOOD LUCK TO THE FCS ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM AT UVM!

On March 19 at UVM, thousands of Vermont students who have worked hard for months of creative solutions to challenging problems will meet for a day-long competition as part of the Odyssey of the Mind (OM) program. FCS' team has been meeting since November, preparing their solution and spontaneous problem-solving skills and getting ready to present their work for scoring before a panel of judges. Good Luck, FCS OM Team! Members are 4th graders Andrew Edwards, Mary Langworthy, Jennifer Morley, Jack McCarthy, fifth grader Megan Cousino, and Coaches Wendy Edwards, Meg Langworthy and Julie Edwards

IMPORTANT LITTLE LEAGUE NOTICE: Spring Practice Sessions - get that arm loose, batting eye sharp and glove ready for the upcoming baseball/softball season. Indoor Whiffle Ball Saturday mornings, March 5-26. Free for all boys and girls registered this year. Ages 7-9: 10:00-11:30 in the VUES gym; Ages 10-12: 10:00-11:30 in the VUHS gym. Don't forget the 5th Annual Baseball Clinic, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 9 in the Middle School gym. Coach Ringer and the VUHS Varsity Baseball Team will conduct the clinic for baseball players ages 10-12. Free for players registered in the VAYLL. For info, call Fred Westenfeld (877-0041) or Greg Curler (759-2327).

BABY-SITTING COURSE: American Red Cross Baby-sitting Course offered at FCS for children, ages 10-14 on THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH (staff workshop day) from 8:30 - 3 pm. Cost: \$45 - Scholarships available. Deadline to register: March 15th. Call Judy Danzig for more information - 877-3463.

GOT PEDOMETERS! FCS STUDENTS DO

Hey, FCS Kids! Show me your pedometer! How many steps have you walked today? Those are the words being heard these days around FCS, ever since Grade 3-6 students received their own pedometers this week. We're hoping classes can walk around Lake Champlain (587 shoreline miles) in the next 10 weeks, and by the energy already displayed, that should be noooooo problem. Pedometers, Keeping track of personal, class and school data using spreadsheets, Wellness and Nutrition Books, talks about the Lake and its historical and ecological resources, are all aspects of learning generated by an interdisciplinary grant FCS received. Put together by Annie Wilson (physical education), Annie Cohn (health services), Linda Thurber (technology) and Kathy Alexander (food services), the "Maritime Miles" project is off and running, and walking, and skiing, and snow-shoeing, and dancing, and bowling, and shoveling, and getting off the couch or away from the computer screen. We'll keep you posted on our progress around the Lake, but it's all charted on the big Lake Map in the cafeteria. Ask your pedometer-wearing student if (s)he walked 2000 steps today. That's a mile! We're aiming for as close to 10,000 steps a day as we can get, five miles!



Mrs. Cohn points out the map of Lake Champlain, which grade 3-6 students hope to simulate walking around.



FUN TIMES AT THE FCS FAMILY GAME NIGHT

