

Rochester School News

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I Love to Read!

Rochester School students from Kindergarten to 5th grade participated in 2 weeks of reading this February, with a program called, "I Love to Read." Students kept track of the minutes they read and classes set goals for themselves. Parents and faculty also took part in the tally of minutes. This year's grand total was 47,886 minutes read by everyone! Students received certificates with the number of minutes they read. Here is the total number of minutes by grade: Kindergarten - 5,986; 1st Grade - 3,456; 2nd Grade - 5,172; 3rd/4th Grade - 10,050; 5th Grade - 6,000. Congratulations to all the students on being such good readers!



Certificate received
by 5th grader Dylan Marineau

An all school event, *Books and Bagels*, was held in the school gym on February 19th. Upper school students were paired with elementary students to enjoy reading together.

Organized by Ada Bowman, Phoebe Parrish, Savanna Shepard and Jacob Burke of Youth and Adults Transforming Schools Together (YATST), this event was inspired by a similar event held at the Whitcomb School.



The Rochester School Long Range Planning Committee will be meeting on March 13th at 5:30pm in George Moltz's classroom.

For more information, please contact Dr. Linda Kelley at 767-3161.



Rockets of the Month February 2013

Kindergarten - Mathias Toro
1st Grade - Morgan Corbett
2nd Grade - Dakota Tanner
3rd Grade - Halley Fairbanks
4th Grade - Austin Havens
5th Grade - Sam Klingensmith

Students of the Month January 2013

Kindergarten - Gavin Barmore
1st Grade - Kallie Fairbanks
Ben Hanford
2nd Grade - Cheyenne Smith
3rd Grade - Olivia Corbett
4th Grade - Nicholas Steventon
5th Grade - Joel Domas &
Ethan Ferguson

Staff of the Month:
Mrs. Paquette, Ms. Kenyon, Ms. Rice,
Mrs. Klingensmith



Winter Wellness - 2013

For five weeks (one week was cancelled due to frigid conditions) from January to mid February, elementary students from 1st - 5th grade got to snowshoe, cross-country ski, snowboard or ski Thursday mornings at the Middlebury Snow Bowl and Rikert Nordic Center. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Paquette, Mrs. Gorton and parent volunteers, students got to hone their winter sport skills and enjoy the snowy wonderland of Vermont with classmates.

ROCHESTER ROCKETS

JV/Varsity Baseball & Softball *Preliminary Information*

Mon., April 8 First day to play
Tues., April 16 @Whitcomb
Sat., April 27 @Concord
Tues., April 30 @Craftsbury



Music News

Rochester music students have a busy spring ahead of them! The schedule, mostly involving band students, includes the following events:

March 14 - Band and singers in grades 7-12 participate in a mini-festival with Bethel and schools in the OWSU. All-day rehearsals and concert in South Royalton at 7:00 p.m.

March 19 - Band students participate in workshops with the Vt. Army National Guard's Rock Band and Woodwind Quintet in Bethel.

April 3rd - Six Rochester middle school students have been selected to participate in the Winooski Valley Music Festival in Barre Town. Brianna Hillier, Olivia Shonio, and Rebecca Yon will perform with the band, and Hayley Mears, Michael Crickard, and Tony Burke with sing in the chorus. Congratulations to all of them! They will rehearse all day, and give a public performance at 7:00 p.m.

May 8 - Rochester band will join with the Whitcomb band to march in the All State parade in Williston at 6:00 p.m.

May 27 - Rochester band will participate in the Memorial Day observances in Hancock (10:00 a.m.) and Rochester (11:00)

May 30 - Rochester School will host the WNWSU Festival of the Arts. 5th and 6th grade students will participate in a chorus with students from Bethel and Stockbridge Schools, and 7th & 8th grade band students will play in a combined band. The public is invited to the 7:00 performance.

Details of each event will appear in the newsletter in future months.



Shoppers at the Winter Market on February 9th

ExCel News

24 Rochester ExCEL participants went to the Gecko Rock Gym in Rutland on January 14th- that is approximately 40% of the elementary school population! It was a fantastic trip; the kids challenged themselves and a great time was had by all. Special thanks to Jen Kennett and Alicia Hanford, our parent volunteers and our two RHS alumni staff members for making this happen!

Ex.C.E.L. and Farm.School.Community. collaborated to host the February "Winter Market" on February 9, from 2-5 pm. 14 Vendors had their wares available: Greeting cards, spun wool, pottery, chocolates, cupcakes, teas & bath blends, bakery & books, tie dye, gourds, jewelry, Chinese food, meat & eggs, blagz and hand crafts. Live local music by Whoever Shows Up. There was also a Valentine craft table for all children.

Save the Date!

Rehearsals have started for *Grease*. It will be presented on April 12th at 7 PM in the Auditorium.



What's Up in the Parachute?!

You never know what kind of activity is happening in the Rochester School Gym. Terry Paquette, PE Teacher, likes to keep the students active while having fun.



Winter Break is from
February 25th - March 5th.
Classes resume March 6th.

The Rochester School News will be out in various locations for the community to see what is happening at Rochester School. The Rochester School News is also available for anyone to get via email. If you are interested in an email copy, please contact Liz Steventon at 767-4327. The locations where you can find the Rochester School News are: Rochester Post Office, Rochester Town Hall, Rochester Public Library, Suzelle's Shear Delight, Rochester Cafe and Country Store, Randolph National Bank, White River Credit Union, Rochester Hardware, Sandy's Books and Bakery, Skip Mart, Mac's Market, Hancock Town Hall, Hancock Post Office, Hancock Public Library, Hancock Building Supply, Hubbard's, Granville Town Hall, Granville Post Office, Granville General Store, Stockbridge Town Hall, Stockbridge Post Office, Pittsfield Town Hall, Pittsfield Post Office, Pittstop and Pittsfield's Original General Store.

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Sue Domas recently did a presentation on Manasquan, NJ at a morning meeting at Rochester School. Manasquan School was the school that Rochester School reached out to following Hurricane Sandy. The students at the Elementary School as well as the Middle and High School did a coin drive. The Elementary School raised \$27.93 and the MS/HS raised \$36.34 for a total of \$64.27. Sue also put together the poster of the pictures she took on a recent trip to NJ of the Manasquan area. Here she is standing with her children, Joel and Sara and the totals raised by each school. A check is being sent to the Manasquan School to help out with recovery expenses.



PTO News



Bottle Drive

Guess how much money is sitting in these bags to the right. The Rochester School PTO held a bottle drive on Saturday, Feb. 2 and collected all these cans and bottles. On Facebook, Liz Steventon posted the picture and got the following totals: \$76.35 and \$112. The actual total was \$226.68! We also received a few donations from people bringing bottles. Stay tuned. We have let Rochester School classes know they could take a month to raise money for their class activities by being at the town recycling drop the first Saturday of the month. There will be information in upcoming issues about who is hosting the Bottle Drive in future months.

Besides this bottle drive, the Rochester School PTO has some behind the scenes fundraising going on that maybe people aren't aware of.

Funding Factory is the organization that the Rochester School PTO sends our toner cartridges and cell phones to and we receive money for these. The Campbell's Labels for Education Program allows teachers to pick from a catalog of items that are purchased using the points, which are the labels from Campbell's and other products for various companies. General Mills Box Tops for Education brings in money so that the school can purchase sleds for the winter activities and other items that are needed. Recently we participated in the Hannaford Helps Schools Program and we will receive a check from Hannaford as the program was run from September to December. Also Price Chopper Tools for Schools program runs from July 29, 2012 to March 30, 2013 by using your AdvantEdge card at your local Price Chopper.

For more information about these programs contact Liz Steventon at 767-4327.

The Rochester PTO is proud to be producing a newsletter for our school community. We are open to suggestions for content, pictures, or column ideas. It is a work in progress for our community to keep informed about the school. Photos thanks to Gene Heinrich, Dana Anderson, Liz Steventon and Sue Domas. Layout by Barbara Shenton.

Save The Date!
Bring a Buddy to Lunch Day
for Elementary School students
is Tuesday March 19th at 12 PM
More information to come.

