

# Montgomery Elementary School Newsletter

Monday, May 1, 2009

**HEALTH ALERT:** While no cases of swine flu have been identified yet in Vermont, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported confirmed cases of swine flu in the United States. Hundreds of cases have been reported in Mexico.

Vermonters are being advised to stay tuned, and take the following precautions:

\*Wash your hands often and well.

\*Use alcohol-based hand wipes and gel sanitizers if soap and water are not available.

\*Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing then discard it.

\*Stay home from work or school and away from others if you are sick.

\*Call your healthcare provider if you need medical attention.



The Recreation Department is planning a Pavilion Clean-Up – tomorrow, Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Helpers would be appreciated!

## A DEEP LOOK INTO THE SPRING SKY

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Montgomery Town Library at 9 p.m. Join members of the VT Astronomical Society to look through several large telescopes. This event is free of charge; donations are welcome.

Shakespeare Potluck & BBQ – POSTPONED to next Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Sue Z's house, at 1 p.m.

"Sunny Mountain Garden Sprouts" 3-4 p.m. May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> (field trip) & 18<sup>th</sup>, and June 1<sup>st</sup>

American Red Cross Swimming Lessons 2009 Registration forms are available in the office.

## MES 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade SOFTBALL



### Game Schedule:

May 4	Away at Troy	4:30
May 5	Away at Berkshire	4:15
May 7	Home vs. Berkshire	4:30
May 12	Away at Richford	4:30
May 14	Home vs. Troy	4:30
May 27	Home vs. Lowell	4:30
May 29	Away at Lowell	4:30
June 1	Home vs. Richford	4:30

GIRLS ON TRACK – Friday and Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30 and May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:15 a.m.

The 2009 FNESU Art Gala is open to the public, at the Enosburg Opera House, Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon. Come and support our student artists from Bakersfield, Berkshire, Enosburg, Montgomery and Richford!



You're invited to come in Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. to create a puzzle piece with your family in the "Art Fits Vermont" campaign. Puzzle pieces are provided by the Vermont Arts Council.

A reception will be held on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 8 p.m. and a Silent Art Auction will be held, with proceeds to benefit the emergency food shelf.

Grades 3-4 Trip – Wed., June 3  
K-2 Trip – Thurs., June 4

An informational meeting for parents regarding 5th-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIPS will be held Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

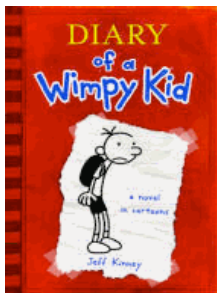
D.C. Trip for 8<sup>th</sup> graders – May 17 to May 21  
Montreal Trip for 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – June 2 to June 4

Have a nice weekend!

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## Lines from the Library



We have a winner! Jeff Kinney's Diary of a Wimpy Kid is the 2009 Dorothy Canfield Fisher book of the year. Seven of our readers, 7 of them met the goal of reading at least 5 books to be eligible to vote.

Our school winner was Elephant Run, by Roland Smith. Several titles were nominated also: No Talking, by Andrew Clements, The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick, Dragon's Egg by Sarah L Thompson, Robot Dreams by Sara Varon and Cracker! by Cynthia Kadohata. The new DCF list is now out – available in the library or browse it online at [www.dcfaward.org](http://www.dcfaward.org).

The Red Clover Award winner is, by no surprise, Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend, written by Montreal author Melanie Watt! All students in grades PK-4 voted for their favorite book, and our MES voters selected the same winner! Top vote getters in our school: in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Dadblamed Union Army Cow by Susan Fletcher, and we had a tie for third place between White Owl, Barn Owl by Nicola Davies and When Dinosaurs Came With Everything by Elise Broach.

I am very pleased with the breadth of the votes students submitted in both the DCF and Red Clover book lists. It shows the variety and the strength of the selections. It was very hard for some students to pick just one favorite book. I must admit I am happy it is a student vote, as I too would have a difficult time choosing just one title. Next year's Red Clover list is out, and I look forward to reading them with the students in library class this fall. – Mrs. Robin Bryce, Librarian

Jean Trautner is our coordinator in the BoxTops for Education program for the school. We thank her and everyone who has been clipping and sending in box tops from eligible products for this campaign. Parents and community members are encouraged to continue to collect! The money earned benefits the PTCO.

The Montgomery Town Library is open for afterschool hours on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3-7 p.m. All students 10 and older are invited to visit the library on their own, but must have permission from a parent to take the bus there. The library staff does not monitor computer use, so be sure to talk to your child(ren) about what use you allow.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Last Day/Awards Assembly, June 12<sup>th</sup>

Tech Savvy Girls™ Summer Camp for Middle School Girls takes place mornings July 6-10 at LRUHS this summer. Scholarships are available on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Ms. May for more info.

“If trees could talk, what would they tell us?” – an Art & Writing contest for Vermont K-12 students. Entries are due by May 15, 2009 and winners will be announced on June 3, 2009. More info is available in the office.

We remind community members and parents that, as a security measure, we only allow entry and exit from the building through the FRONT DOOR.

LOST & FOUND – please have your child check the Lost & Found for any items they might be missing. Clothing that is left at the end of the school year will be donated to BERMMA.

Have a nice weekend!