

# Montgomery Elementary School Newsletter

Friday, September 12, 2008

## Soccer Practice:

Both 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams will practice next week M-TH from 3:15 to 4:30 Game schedules have been distributed.

Students who are members of a sports team at Montgomery Elementary will be given a mouth guard, at no charge, courtesy of the Parent-Teacher-Community Organization (PTCO). Additional mouth guards may be purchased from the PTCO at \$2 each, subject to availability.

Instrumental music students should bring their instruments to school on Mondays. \*\*New band students - Ellis Music Co. will be dropping off instruments on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.

“The Basement” TEEN CENTER: Gr. 6-8 and up - open M & W from 3:15 to 7, and Fri. 3:15 to 9. Permission slips are available in the school office.

Junior Gardener’s Club – Students in grades 2 and 3 are invited to join. Activities planned are a fall garden “discovery”, harvesting, composting and putting the garden “to bed”. Meetings are scheduled after school from 3 to 4 p.m. on: Sept. 22, Oct. 13, 27 and Nov. 10. Permission slips are available at school.

Open House – Tuesday, September 23 @ 6:30

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Dinner Night – Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Please sign up by Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

St. Johnsbury Academy will visit the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Transitions class on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stanstead College will visit the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Transitions class on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Picture Day – Friday, October 10

Homework Club meets mornings this year, Tuesday through Friday, from 8 to 8:30 a.m. Afternoon homework club sessions run from 3 to 3:45 p.m. on Tues., Wed. and Thurs.

## Library News and Book Borrowing Procedure

Library classes at the beginning of the year will focus on resource location skills, book care and book borrowing procedures. We will ask students to checkout only one book at a time while we reinforce these skills. After five checkouts, all second graders and up will be able to check out two books at a time if they have not had any overdue books.



Overdue notices are printed once a month. For all books that are overdue by one to eight weeks, notices are sent home with students. Notices regarding books that are more than two months overdue will be mailed home. Payment is expected for the replacement cost of lost or damaged books. If parents cannot make a full payment at that time, a partial payment or payment plan may be worked out with the librarian.

In grades 4-8, when a student has an overdue book, he or she will be unable to check out additional books. Students in grades Pre-K-3 will need to keep their library book in the classroom.

Note: All returning students will have a clean slate in September of the next school year.

Lost & Found: It would be helpful if parents wrote their child’s name inside garments, backpacks, etc.

Website reminder- Families are encouraged to go online for easy access and reference to newsletters. The school website address is [montgomeryk8.net](http://montgomeryk8.net)

Have a great weekend!