

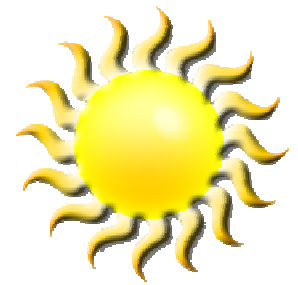


Celebrating our 20th year!

NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF

June 7, 2010 LAST WEEK

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News and Notes

About This Week

Tuesday June 8 Field Day. Morning outside fun for all classes. Wear hats, sunscreen, water shoes or sandals.

Wednesday June 9 6:15 p.m. 4th-6th Student Work presentation. 7:00 p.m. Graduation: 6th Graders say goodbye, and we salute them.

Thursday June 10 The Last Day of School:

11:00 Preschool performs for parents.

11:30 All parents and children gather on the front lawn for our last circle, followed by an All School Pot Luck Lunch. (See sign-up sheet in hallway.) Bring a dish. If parents are around in the morning, we can all help prepare for the potluck by bringing tables outside, and setting up.

After the potluck, don't forget to clean out your child's cubby and take everything home, including bags of papers, lunchboxes, and spare clothes. Double check the Lost and Found for the very last time.

There is no Lunch Program or After School Program.

Friday June 11 9 a.m. to 12 Set up at the Town Hall

Saturday June 12 Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction on the Common 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Everyone pitches in to make this an outstanding event. And it's fun for children too!

Gardening- An Open Invitation- Volunteers Needed

The Village School garden is planted. Feel free to drop in and graze. All children and families are invited to visit the garden over the summer vacation to help with weeding, watering and harvesting. A sign up sheet is posted- volunteers are needed to come in for just 2 hours for each family. Choose a week in the summer, and come in for 2 hours anytime that week to tend the garden. You can eat what you pick or give it away.

Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction this Saturday!

Invite friends and relatives to this enjoyable morning. If you haven't volunteered for a specific job, come and pitch in – we can always use extra hands in the kitchen. (The Sign Up sheet is posted in the hallway.) Remember, even if you can't work at the breakfast or auction, please don't let that stop you from coming to enjoy the great pancakes, the auction and other activities. This event brings out the great Village School team spirit.

Silent Auction Details and Items

We have great items this year. See the list on the VS website. Auction items can go to the upstairs Town Hall on Thursday or Friday morning.

Tables are needed for the auction- 6 ft tables, and any size folding tables - please leave them at the Town Hall Friday morning, with your name on them.

4th-6th Tag Sale

If you have items for the Tag Sale, bring items to the Town Hall on Friday morning or bring them directly to the Common by 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Everything must be clean and in working order. No clothes, please. 4th-6th graders and alumni are invited to help at the sale.

See the New T shirt colors in the hallway. T shirts will also be for sale at the Pancake Breakfast.

Hot off the press: *Persephone and the (not-so-hot) Heroes*, the Play DVD's are now available, in the hallway, for \$10 each.

June 2010 Last Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 8:45 All School Sing Return unused Raffle and Breakfast tickets, and proceeds.	8 FIELD DAY Wear hats & sunscreen Water shoes or sandals Afternoon as usual 1:00 K-1 Tully Mtn.	9 6:15 4th-6th Present Student Work 7:00 Graduation <i>Don't forget to sign up for Summer Programs</i>	10 LAST DAY 1/2 day 11:00 Preschool presents for parents 11:30 Gather on front lawn: All School Circle Followed by potluck. Bring a simple dish. <i>Coffee order in</i>	11 NO SCHOOL Auction and Breakfast Preparations at Town Hall Saturday: Auction and Breakfast→

Kindergarten—1st Grade

Last week we performed to an audience of parents, staff and 2nd to 6th graders. The performance began with the class singing spring songs, sharing spring ideas and playing recorders. The class did a great job acting out the Grimms' tale, *The Seven Ravens*, playing the roles of mother, father, daughter, the seven brothers (who were turned into ravens), the villagers, the sun, the moon, the Morning Star (who helps the daughter rescue her brothers) and the servant in the Glass Castle. Many thanks to the encouraging audience.

The class had a wonderful art lesson last week painting in the style of Jackson Pollock. We worked outside on large sheets of paper laid on the ground, splashing and dripping various colors into abstract designs. Many thanks to Renee for her adventurous, well planned and fun art lessons – the class love them!

Due to rain, we postponed our Tully Mountain hike to this Tuesday, leaving school at 1:00 pm and returning by 3:00 pm. Remember to leave car seats in school that morning and parents are welcome to attend.

We conclude Kindergarten math this year with the students finding combinations that equal 6.

This week we have our final week finishing activities including Field Day on Tuesday morning and the closing All School Circle and Pot Luck lunch on the lawn on Thursday.

Please check that your child's cubby is clear by Thursday lunchtime and look out for lots of work being sent home. Prepare some blank wall space for the art work!

2nd - 3rd Grade

We've had a great end to the school year. The Theme Celebration was wonderful—there was such a warm, happy feeling in the room. The children did a great job with all of their musical pieces, reading their stories and playing their drumbeats. Thanks to everyone for helping to make it such a great success.

It's been a week of reflection for us and it is truly amazing to think about how much growth has happened over the course of the school year (and it's amazing to see how much we squeezed in!). The children highlighted some of their favorite moments which included: the field trips to Plimoth Plantation and The Pequot Museum, making dream catchers, making dioramas, knitting and writing the spirit animal stories.

On Thursday, we reflected upon books that have been read-aloud to them and that they read themselves. Here's the children's favorites—favorite read-alouds: *Violet and the Mean and Rotten Pirates*, *Sees Behind Trees* and *The Boxcar Children*; favorite books read: *all the Ralph S. Mouse Books*, *Dinosaurs Before Dark*, *The Knight at Dawn* and *The Boxcar Children*.

Thank you to everyone who helped to enrich our theme and learning by lending and donating books, lending Native American pictures and artifacts, and coming into the classroom to share your knowledge. We appreciate it.

Preschool

As we explored the ocean theme last week, the children examined a horseshoe crab, a sea sponge, a nautilus shell, starfish, coral and the vertebrae of a seal. The class learned a lot of ocean vocabulary by playing an ocean bingo game. Last Wednesday the preschool worked with Leanne to make cinnamon rolls. The preschoolers delivered them, fresh out of the oven, to their reading buddies just in time for 2nd – 6th grade snack. This was their way of thanking their reading buddies for all the weekly visits. Tomorrow is Field Day and we will be out all morning having fun with: face painting, clay toss, foot painting, water relay and rope climbing. Children should wear sneakers or water shoes, sun screen and a hat. On Thursday, the preschoolers will sing for parents, grandparents and friends promptly at 11:00 a.m. followed by All School Circle on the front lawn and then pot luck lunch. Please join us to celebrate all the growth of this class of preschoolers.

4th - 6th Grade

We are writing speeches for Graduation night. The graduating 6th-graders have been reflecting on their time at the Village School and the 4th and 5th-graders have been reflecting on the graduates! The teachers have been writing reports and it has been a source of pride and pleasure to comment on such a wonderful group as this whole class has been.

We are completing some of our regular end-of-year rituals. The children have chosen their favorites from among the many 'paintings of the week' we've looked at in the past year, and these have now replaced their own artwork, which is being prepared for a show on Wednesday at 6:15, before the graduation ceremony. You don't want to miss the display of their work. The children's choices include *Dance at Bougival*, by Renoir, Holbein's *The Ambassadors*, *The Daughters of Edvard Darley Boit*, by John Singer Sargent, and *The Bathers at Asnières* by Seurat. We've also re-reading some popular stories by Saki, Kipling, James Thurber and the Brothers Grimm.

Last week the class clamored for two quizzes. In the first, which we completed last Wednesday, they had to write down as many of the U.S. states as they could remember, which we do, just for fun, once or twice a year. This week we will have our annual end-of-year quiz that covers anything from modern movies to Ancient Greece.

Our last art class of the year began with Renée reading a short account of the influential American abstract expressionist, Jackson Pollock, and showing a short video of the painter at work. This linked to a famous Pollock painting the class saw in Washington D.C. the previous week. Then we all went outside, where the children 'splatter painted' in a style inspired by Pollock's own work, on large sheets of paper on the ground. It was great creative messy fun!

We'll finish all together on Thursday morning at 11:30 on the front lawn, with a big circle of all the parents and children together. Then we'll enjoy a nice potluck lunch..

What a year! Thank you to all parents, relatives and friends, who helped make this year such a great experience for the children. We wish the children a joyful summer full of exploration and growth. A packet will be mailed in late July, for papers to return for the start of school. Mark your calendars for the start of school next September:

Tuesday September 7 Orientation for Preschool and K-1.

Wednesday September 8, First Day of School, a 1/2 day until noon (11:30 for preschool).