

FCS BACKPACK EXPRESS

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Just a reminder that there is no school tomorrow due to parent conferences. Please use this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher(s) to discuss their progress this year. Research shows parent involvement has a strong correlation to student success in school.

Due to a technical glitch with our reporting system, report cards will be sent home across the district next Friday. Teachers will have the information to share at parent conferences prior to their release next week.

If you've been by the school recently, you've probably noticed a missing link to our wind turbine...the turbine itself! There appears to be a shortage in the system, so the turbine was taken down last Saturday and is on the way to the manufacturer for a fix. We hope it's back soon so we can capture all this good wind! The Wind turbine/Alternative Energy Celebration scheduled for March 31st has been postponed until we know for sure when it will be up and running again. We'll keep you posted.

Our doors are open. Come on in.
JoAnn Taft-Blakely, Ed.D.

Message from the Board:

There are currently two open seats for the School Board. Watch for an announcement next week on how to apply if you are interested in serving on the board through July 2011.

No School Board Meeting tonight. The meeting scheduled for tonight has been postponed until March 17th at 6:30.

Big Change Roundup

The third and fourth grade team would like to thank everyone who made the "Roll the Dough" fundraiser such a success. The students sold 150 dozen whole wheat rolls for the Vermont Children's Hospital at FAHC. The Big Change Roundup will receive \$538 from this activity. We would also like to express our huge appreciation to Kathy Alexander and the other ladies in the FCS Food Service Program for all their time and effort making this such a successful fundraiser.

We will update you on the success of "Hats On" for the Big Change Roundup that happened today.

Looking for Volunteers!!

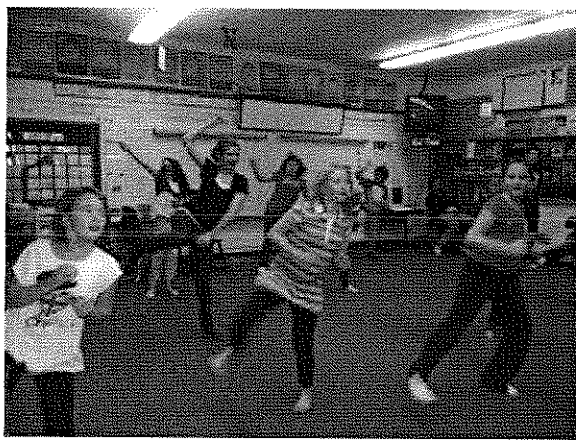
During recess periods, (for various reasons) we have some children who do not join ongoing games during lunch recesses. Health advisories call for 60 minutes/day of active play such as running, jumping, climbing, etc. for school aged children. FCS needs help to keep our students happily moving during this daily 20 minute break.

What we're looking for an adult(s) who will come once or more a week to just be a walking buddy in our school yard. Even if one child joins in on the "walk around", then it's one child who is not standing around, alone. Experience has shown, though, that the students gradually gravitate to the walking and even initiate tallying distances and record keeping. It becomes a great way to have fun, work on physical fitness, and promote friendships and healthy choices. How about one recess once a week? Three recesses twice a week?

Any combo will be welcome, and better than what we have now! Recess times are:

11:20 to 12:15	5/6 grades
12:15 to 12:35	1st grades
12:45 to 1:10	2nd, 3 rd & 4th

If you have some time and interest, please call Anne Cohn. THANK YOU!



FCS FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT DRAWS A BIG TURNOUT!

Friday night March 5th, our school was filled with 75 energetic parents and children taking classes in Yoga, Martial Arts and Zumba. A big thank you goes out to our instructors: Denise O'Brien, for teaching martial arts (Cooper O'Brien's mom); Katie Palmer, for teaching Zumba (Charlie and Dylan Paul's mom) and Kelly Hickey for teaching Yoga. If you are interested in children's classes in martial arts or Zumba, call Ms. Danzig at 877-3463. If you are interested in children's yoga classes in Vergennes, you may call Copper Crane at 877- 3663. Much appreciation also goes out to our parent volunteers, Kurt Haigis, Deb Rooney and Steve Anderson, who helped supervise the "open gym" activities and the bake sale. Thank you to the Student Prevention group who donated great snacks for the evening and helped raise \$80 from the sale of their baked goods to bring Vt. medical teams to Haiti. Thanks to Anne Cohn and Wayne Barrows for their help with classroom set-up. And thanks to all who participated! Judy Danzig, SPA Advisor

Attention 2nd Grade Boys and Girls

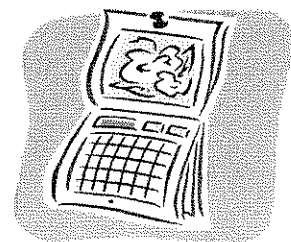
Starting on Wednesday, March 24th, the Boys and Girls Club of Vergennes will be offering a new fun after school program for six weeks. From 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at Ferrisburgh Central School – In-line Skating with Dylan Teer. This is a free after school activity and is on a first come-first serve basis. This means that the first 12 students who return their permission slips will be enrolled. Please return the permission slip to your classroom teacher by Monday, March 22nd.

Open Gym Baseball

The Vergennes Middle School gym is reserved for LL "open gym baseball" on Sundays March 14, 21, & 28 from 4:30 - 6PM for 9-12 year olds. Throwing, drills, & wiffle ball games! Join the

UPCOMING FCS EVENTS

- Mar. 12 – Tot Gym, 9:30 – 11:00
- Mar. 16 - After school Ski Club
3:00-4:00, Gym
- Mar. 16 - Grades 5 & 6 to Flynn
Theatre – 11:15 – 1:45 pm
- Mar. 17 - Parent Literacy Workshop
6:00 pm - Library
- Mar. 18 - After school Ski Club
3:00-4:00, Gym
Parent Conference Evening
- Mar. 19 - Tot Gym, 9:30-11:00
- Mar. 23 - After school Ski Club
3:00-4:00, Gym
- Mar. 24 - Early Literacy Evening
6:00 pm, Library
- Mar. 25 - After school Ski Club
3:00-4:00, Gym
- Mar. 25 - Band and Chorus
Concert, 7:00 pm
- Mar. 26 - Tot Gym 9:30-11:00
- Mar. 30 - After school Ski Club
3:00-4:00, Gym



Mark Your Calendars

Parent Conference Evening – March 18
Band and Choral Concert – March 25