

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Sharon Elementary School

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Important Upcoming Dates

- Thursday Dec. 19, 6 pm: Winter School Concert (all grades)
- Monday Dec. 23 - Wed. January 1st: No school, (Jan. 2: School resumes)

Services Offered to All Sharon Residents

- Baxter Memorial Library is open Mon. & Tue, 2-6 pm, Wed. 9-1 pm, Thursday, 2-7pm, and Sat. 10-Noon
- Sharon Health Initiative: Providing personal attention, health assessment, advocacy, and referrals within the health care system for individuals, families, caregivers, and elders who need assistance aging in place.
- The Food Shelf is always open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 - 6: 30 pm. No questions asked.

Families and Community members,

It's been a high energy two weeks since we've returned from our Thanksgiving holiday. Traditionally this is the case during this time of year. Next week will be our last week of school before our holiday break. When we return from that break I hope that the students can regain focus and put forth a solid effort in their academic and social learning.

I want to thank all parents who have attended their parent/teacher conference. I'm happy to say that we have had almost 100% participation! The message that sends to our students is that not only do your teachers believe that their education is important, but so does their family and community. I know all of you care deeply about your child and I can't say enough how extremely grateful I am that you took time out of your day to attend your conference. I also want you to know that just because the "conference" time has passed, you can always be in touch with your child's teacher, as they are open to meeting and discussing the educational, emotional and social development of your child at any time.

Our new dismissal system is going well. As a reminder, students who ride the bus home will be dismissed first. After the buses leave, our One Planet and Parent Pick Up students will then be dismissed. I appreciate all your support with this process.





Community Events

- Dec. 14, 3:30pm-5:30 pm - Sharon Elem. School: Winter Sports Gear Swap. This is an opportunity for individuals and families to find great deals on winter sports equipment like skis, boards, boots, poles, snowshoes, skates, and more.
- Dec. 14, 5-6:30 pm - Sharon Elem. School: Free Spaghetti Church Supper
- Dec. 16, 6:30 pm - Town Office: regular Selectboard meeting (see agenda and minutes on sharonvt.net)
- Dec. 18, 5:30 pm - Seven Stars: Unwind Wednesdays with Sylvie (Yoga, more information at <https://www.sevenstarsarts.org/>)

Last Friday, staff met to begin a visioning process for our school. We are re-looking at our current mission and vision statements. This has been an inspiring process that finds teachers looking inwardly at why they do what they do.

Our next step in this journey will be to involve the community in the visioning process. If you would like a head start on this feel free to write to me, or stop in and see me in answering these questions: What do you value about Sharon Elementary? What skills, habits of mind and dispositions would you expect your child to gain by being a part of our school? We look forward to hearing from you!

I hope everyone has a safe and joyful holiday season. And, as I stated above, I hope our children can come back from the break refreshed and ready for the next chunk of school. I'm excited to see what the new year will bring!

Sincerely,
Keenan Haley

Winter School Concert

Our winter concert will be held on December 19th at 6 pm, with PreK-6 children all singing on the same night. Sharon children will perform a small selection of holiday songs. If you can, please carpool with family members who want to attend, our parking space is limited.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant

We are happy to announce that we qualified once again for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant. All kids at Sharon will have access to fresh, unprocessed fruits and vegetables as snack options throughout the day. This program comes at no cost to parents and is open to every student at Sharon Elementary School.

