

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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## Important Upcoming Dates

- Every Friday for those enrolled: Ski Runners and Cross-Country/Snow Shoe: Wear appropriate clothing for cold weather.
- Feb. 11, 5:30 pm: Regular School Board Meeting at Sharon Elem. School
- Feb. 13, 6 pm: Regular PTO Meeting
- Feb. 16: Hockey Tournament. Contact the Steve at [gagliardones@gmail.com](mailto:gagliardones@gmail.com) for more info or to register a team.
- Feb. 17 - 21, Spirit Week
- Feb. 21, 6 pm: PTO Free Movie Night (Toy Story 4) Free Popcorn. Bring a chair or pillows to be comfy. PJ and slippers encouraged!

## Families and Community members,

And here we are, already in February! Our shortest month of the year brings hope of warmer days, more sunshine, and possibly big snowfalls. As I've stressed before, I hope you all can find time to enjoy some outdoor time during our Vermont winter.

In my last newsletter, I asked that folks take some time to log onto the Portrait of a Graduate website. This is a chance for community members to give us feedback on what skills we want our students to have once they leave our school. I thank those who have sent along their thoughts. I would love to get more feedback from folks. So, once again, here is the site. It's free to do. Log onto <https://portraitofagraduate.org/mysketch> and let us know what you think! You can either email me your portrait or print it out and hand it in.

We are currently in the process of addressing our lead testing results for some of our sink areas. Be assured that none of the areas that tested above state requirements are used for drinking. Another consideration is that all areas that tested above level, tested above on the initial draw but as soon as the water was running for a minute, those levels went below the threshold of what the state deems as dangerous. We will be replacing fixtures in these areas and retest.

On Sunday, February 16th, from 10 am until 4 pm the Sharon Community Rink will host its 5th annual ice hockey tournament.





### Community Events

- Every Thursday night at the ice rink behind the school, 6pm: Pick-up Hockey. All levels welcome!
- Feb. 11, 7 pm at Town Offices: Planning Commission Meeting
- Feb. 12: second installment of property taxes are due at the town: [sharonvt.net](http://sharonvt.net) for more info.
- Feb. 13, 6:30-8pm at Sharon Elementary School: Ashley Community Forest Public Meetings
- Sun Feb. 16, 2 pm - Seven Stars concert: Bread and Puppet, Diagonal Life; Theory and Praxis (more information at [www.sevenstarsarts.org/](http://www.sevenstarsarts.org/))
- Feb. 17, 6:30 pm - Town Office: regular Selectboard meeting (see agenda and minutes on [sharonvt.net](http://sharonvt.net))

This is a wonderful community event for everyone, even those who do not participate in the games. We are hoping that families will be willing to provide a food item for this event. Sharon Elementary classrooms will be making food for the event and the pizza oven will be running as well. If you are able to provide something, please let me know. We will have outlets available for crockpots and other warming devices.

Finally, as I write this newsletter, we have a snow day. Please understand that when deciding to close school I am in contact with our town road crew and other administrators in the Supervisory Union. I base my decision after hearing all thoughts. My first consideration is the safety of all students. I'm sure that having your children home during the day is not ideal. Living in an area of the country that experiences weather that impacts travel is a reality that we all face. Hopefully everyone can stay safe and have a bit of outdoor fun at home during our snow days.

*Respectfully,  
Keenan Haley*

