

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Important Upcoming Dates

- March 10 - Regular School Board Meeting - Cancelled
- March 11 - In-Service - No School
- April 2, 6 pm - Regular PTO Monthly Meeting
- April 10 - Early Release - Half-Day (12:15 pm)
- April 16, 5:30 pm: Spring School Concert
- April 20-24 - Spring Vacation

Useful Reminder

- We ask that children who have been sick to be fever-free for at least 24 hours before they come back to school.
- We are still going in the woods weekly. Please wear appropriate warm clothing so your child can participate fully in all activities.

Families and Community members,

On behalf of the School Board, teachers, and the staff of Sharon Elementary School, I would like to thank you and the Sharon community for approving the school budget at Town Meeting. We strive to provide a positive environment for our students for them to learn and grow. Your support makes this possible.

I'm sure many of you are aware that the coronavirus is in the news. We are taking steps at school to address the issue. Currently we are at a level 1 response which is to **Watch and Monitor**. During this level we will:

- Employ usual health care practices and precautions.
- Educate students and staff to maintain cleanliness and watch for anything that seems out of place.
- Students and staff will wash hands often, use hand sanitizer and keep hands away from mouth, eyes and ears.
- Clean commonly touched surfaces, bathrooms, sinks, railings, computer keyboards and drinking fountains.
- Treat all bodily fluids, paper towels and similar items as hazardous materials and use universal personal protective equipment when appropriate.

If we feel that we need to rise to a level 2, which is **Enhanced Awareness**, I will be in touch about our additional actions.

Please contact me with any questions that you may have.





Community Events

- Every Thursday at the ice rink behind the school until weather allows, 6pm: Pick-up Hockey. All levels welcome!
- March 6, 7:30 pm at Seven Stars: May Erlewine Trio (Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door) Visit www.sevenstarsarts.org/ for more info
- March 8, 12 pm - 4 pm at the Sharon Academy High School - Free Family Art Day
- March 10, 7 pm at Town Offices: Planning Commission Regular Meeting
- March 16, 6:30 pm - Town Office: regular Selectboard meeting (see agenda and minutes on sharonvt.net)



Again, I can't thank the community enough for your support. We are a committed staff that values everything that Sharon has to offer.

Thank you!

***Respectfully,
Keenan Haley***

School Board Meetings

Regular School Board meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM.

We alternate locations between the Newton School in Strafford and at the Sharon Elementary School, so make sure to check our Facebook page or read our agenda posted in the entrance of the school or on our website. We encourage parents and community members to attend these meetings to stay informed on our work in the school. If you cannot attend but want to stay informed on our work, minutes can be found on our website at www.sharonelementary.org

From the Superintendent's Office

Following final contract negotiations and fulfilling Vermont Agency of Education requirements, Jamie Kinnarney, will become the new superintendent, responsible for overseeing education operations for six school districts and the SU office in the White River Valley Supervisory Union (WRVSU). The WRVSU Board hired Kinnarney to replace the current superintendent, Bruce Labs. Kinnarney was selected as a finalist from a field of 13 candidates, who reside from within and outside Vermont. Kinnarney, was raised and educated in South Royalton and possesses undergrad and graduate degrees from three colleges in Vermont. He formerly taught in South Royalton, Bristol, and Randolph Schools. Kinnarney has been an adjunct professor at Norwich University and currently is a highly respected education consultant, providing leadership training for school administrators throughout Vermont. Kinnarney is currently the principal for the Williamstown Schools and has served in that role for the past seven years. The new superintendent will begin leadership duties on July 1, 2020.