



# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER - APRIL '21

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## Important Upcoming Events:

- April 6, 6:00 pm: Regular School Board Meeting (Via GoogleMeet)
- April 6, 5:30 - 6:30 pm: Baseball Assessments (6-12 yo), behind the school on the big field
- April 9, 12:15 pm: Half-Day (Early release)
- April 12-15 - Book Fair
- April 19-23 - Spring vacation (no school)
- April 27 - School is IN SESSION (previously scheduled as an In-Service day for teachers)
- April 29 - 6 pm: School Informational Meeting (virtual), followed by Town Informational Meeting (virtual)

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**Town and School Annual Meetings Postponed to Saturday May 8 (Voting from 10 am - 7 pm at the Town Offices)**

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## Families and Community members,

What a wild weather ride we have been experiencing over the last few weeks. One day it's close to 70 degrees, and the next, we are back down into the 20s. And, now as I write this letter, there is snow falling! This is how it is in Vermont this time of year; as with everything that we've been challenged with this year, we will get through it, and soon, sunny warm days will be the norm.

Over the last few weeks, many teachers and staff have taken advantage of Vermont's COVID vaccination program. I assume many of our grandparents, parents, and relatives have as well. This is exciting in many ways, but we still need to keep in mind the guidelines in place as children are not yet vaccinated. I understand that many of us are fatigued and want to get back to normal. With our April break on the horizon, I'm sure folks are eager to travel and see family. But, we still have quarantine guidelines that need to be followed if children travel during this time. If your family travels out of state over break, your child will need to be quarantined upon arrival back in Vermont for either 14 days or 7 days with evidence of a negative COVID test. I wish this were not the case, trust me, but I'm hopeful that if we can all hang on a little longer and follow our guidelines, next year will be different.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Mrs. Perry and Ms. Carmen for all of their work in our kitchen this year. You may or may not know, but they have been working since the shutdown last year, through the summer, and into the school year, providing meals for students and families.



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**Sharon PTO News:**

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up! As in previous years, we are working on making that week memorable for the staff and teachers. And if there is a year to show our appreciation, this one might be it.

If you want to help us celebrate our wonderful staff, please reach out to Holly at hbcathcart@gmail.com.



Our breakfast and lunchtime routine has been altered, which has challenged them to provide meals that are easily transported to classrooms while still meeting nutritional guidelines. Please join me in thanking them for all of their hard work. Have a wonderful weekend and as always, reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns that you may have.

*Respectfully,*

*Keenan Haley  
Principal*

**Budget Informational Meetings**

On Thursday, April 29th, and May 6th at 6:00 pm, there will be an informational meeting concerning this year's school budget. This is a time to learn how the budget process works and how it impacts property taxes. **I urge all to attend at least one of these meetings so that you can make an informed decision when voting on the budget.** The Annual School Board Meeting and Town Meeting have both been moved to be by Australian Ballot due to COVID this year, and voters will be able to cast a vote on May 8th, 10 am - 7 pm, or by mail-in ballot. What is usually a discussion and vote in-person will be different, which is why attending these virtual informational meeting is important.

The PTO is finalizing plans to offer **FREE soup + bread to-go on April 29th**, to free up some of your time so you can attend the meeting! Thank you, PTO!

