



## Peacham Elementary School

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### Friday Notes

Dear Peacham School Families,

**Friday, February 2, 2018**

#### **Upcoming Events**

- 2/8/18 Burke Ski Day (K-6)
- 2/10/18 PTF Snowball Dance 5PM
- 2/15/18 Last Burke Mtn Day (K-6)
- 2/19/18 6PM Talent Show
- 3/24/18 Mud & Muck Auction
- 3/28/18 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

We were happy to have a full five day week of school this week! Students were very flexible and understanding about our postponed Burke Day and have enjoyed our temporary playground area in the parking lot to avoid ice. Speaking of ice, our skating rink opened this week and students are beginning to try it out thanks to the hard work of Eric Kaufman, thank you Eric! We have lots of ice skates here at school for students to use on the rink; however, if your child has their own skates they are welcome to bring them to school and keep them in their lockers.

#### **Art News**

There will be an art show at the Northern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH) in St. Johnsbury this winter that will feature the artwork of some of our students. The following students were selected by Ms. Lyons based on their effort, perseverance, focus, and Peacham PRIDE during art classes: Maya (2nd), Kate (3rd), Ambyr (4th), Sebastien (5th), Sias (4th), Willa (5th), Eliska (2nd), Charlotte (PK), Tanner (5th), and Ari (1st).

Additionally, all Peacham students will be featured in an art show that will be displayed starting this weekend at the Peacham Cafe. A date for a reception held at the cafe will be coming soon.

#### **Lunch Bills**

Lunch bills went home last week. Ken Cyr, our Director of Food Service, has offered to answer any questions regarding bills and the myschoolbucks system. Please let me know if you are interested in this and I will schedule a morning or afternoon time for Ken to be present to answer any questions.

#### **Flu Prevention**

As many of you know, the flu is impacting New England significantly this year. Our staff has been learning about flu prevention in their classrooms and we have been educating students about ways to prevent the spread of germs. We are reminding students to wash their hands frequently, avoid sharing food, and to cover their mouths when they sneeze or cough. Additionally, for the time being, we have created a “**no slime rule.**” Many students have been making/bringing in slime, playdough, and putty to use as fidgets or focus tools. Due to the nature of these substances touching hands and surfaces, we have asked students to leave their “slime” at home for the next couple of months.

#### **LEAP**

A few questions have come up recently about our LEAP program. As part of our required MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) system, we have 45 minutes in our schedule everyday where students K-6 participate in a LEAP group. LEAP stands for **Learn-Explore-Assess-Progress**. Our staff meets every other week as a data team to review student data and progress that allows us to assess the needs of each student. Based on our review of data, students are placed in LEAP

### **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

This year's 6th graders are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in our cafeteria on March 28th. They will be selling tickets for \$7 per person or \$25 for a family of 4 shortly. Tickets will also be available at the school. Mark your calendars for this delicious meal!



groups that change every eight weeks to address different skill needs. Some LEAP groups are designed to address skills that students need remediation in while others are designed to challenge students beyond their grade level skills. We believe that this time of the day is designed to meet each child where they are at to help them progress to the next level. If you have questions about your child's LEAP group, please do not hesitate to contact their classroom teacher.

I am keeping my fingers crossed for lots of snow this weekend and hope you all enjoy it with your families!

My Best,  
Ashley

**Mission Statement:** *The Peacham Elementary School is a community of learners and teachers dedicated to developing the ability of each individual to think and communicate clearly, to explore the world, to make responsible decisions, and to have concern for the common good.*