

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT  
SHELBURNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
MARCH 14, 2007**

1. **Wind Ensemble:** our SCS Wind Ensemble will be leaving for Disney on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> for their Performance of a lifetime Week. Many thanks to all the parents, students and staff who have contributed in many ways to support this wonderful event. As part of a send off for the Wind Ensemble, we will be having an all-school performance on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 9:35.
2. **NECAP Information:** The individualized student information was mailed home to parents two weeks ago. Teachers will be talking about this further in their parent teacher conferences.
3. **Parent Teacher Conferences:** Next week on 3/21, 3/22, and 3/23 we will have half days for these important conferences to discuss student progress.
4. **Special Presentation on Media Literacy:** Rob Williams will be coming to SCS to work with our 6-8 grade teams on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>. He will also be doing a special parent presentation on March 27<sup>th</sup> at SCS beginning at 7:00.
5. **Lunch Menu Ideas:** Our 6-8 Grade Student Council met with Peg Meunier to discuss the lunch menus and wellness ideas.
6. **March 5<sup>th</sup> In-Service:** This was a great success. Many thanks to Jude Newman for organizing this professional development day for the CSSU staff.
7. **Budget:** Thanks to all of you for your hard work on the budget. Everyone is thrilled that it passed!
8. **BEST Institute:** SCS staff will be going to the BEST Institute this year in Killington for a week in June. This is a wonderful professional development opportunity which focuses on school climate and student behavior. Fifteen of our staff have already signed up to go! This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to look at our systems we currently have in place, learn about other ideas and reflect on where we may need to improve.
9. **PTO Grants:** The PTO is sponsoring another round of these staff grants this spring. These initiatives presented and requested by teachers continue to support students and programs at SCS.
10. **Sound of Music:** The SCS musical the "Sound of Music" will be presented this weekend at the Town Center.
11. **Math Counts Team:** our SCS team finished third in the regional competition and will be competing in the State meet in two weeks. Thanks to Pam Cyr for coaching this team!
12. **Boys and Girls Basketball Team:** both teams had successful seasons and represented SCS well!
13. **Aurora Team:** They have been working on their state projects (researching, making travel brochures, creating a poster) and will be presenting these this Thursday evening. Students have been learning geography, map skills and the names of each state and their capitols! The students also had to write to the Chamber of Commerce for information on each state.
14. **Safe Routes to Schools:** SCS received a small grant from VTrans last fall to participate in the "Safe Routes to School Program". We are working closely with the town's bike and pedestrian pat committee as we plan to apply for the major infrastructure grants which will be awarded late in 2007. The whole effort is geared toward encouraging safe biking and walking to school. School Travel Plans for children within a 2 mile radius of SCS are being developed, barriers to

safe walking/biking identified and suggested solutions offered. A part of this effort is participation in the *Way to Go Week*, (a state-wide effort) May 7-11. This week will highlight safe walking and biking to school. We are also hoping to host an informational meeting for parents and citizens about our grant application (suggested routes and needed improvements) sometime that same week.

Thanks to Jan Fink for spearheading these events!

15. **Voyager 5:** These students enjoyed a presentation from Bridget Barry Caswell, a news reporter for Channel 3 (and the parent of a Voyager 5 student!). The students learned how to write concise articles for TV reporting and have begun writing news stories from national Geographic, Explorer, Scholastic News and Scholastic Science World. During the next two weeks the students will be working on the set of our studio and begin recording the newscasts, with students taking on some of the different jobs and duties of the studio. We will make a CD of our presentation (along with out takes and bloopers!).
16. **Air Quality Tests:** We have had two additional air quality tests in the modulars; one in January and one in Feb. Both have come back fine. The recommendation from ATC was to wait until warmer (and moister) weather before doing additional tests.
17. **Kindergarten Registration:** Currently, we have 73 students registered for kindergarten. Our kindergarten orientation night is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>, visitation for the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, and screening for April 11 and 12. Our anticipated number was 63.
18. **Current Enrollment:**
  - EEE – 21
  - Kind- 65
  - Grade 1- 81
  - Grade 2- 80
  - Grade 3- 75
  - Grade 4- 103
  - Grade 5- 86
  - Grade 6- 102
  - Grade 7- 87
  - Grade 8- 106
  
  - TOTAL - 806