

FALCON NEWSLETTER

**JOHN FULLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
51 PINE STREET, NORTH CONWAY, NH**



It doesn't look much like Christmas, but it really feels like it around here. The grades **4-6 show was delightful** this week

and I look forward to the K-3 "anything can happen" show this coming Tuesday. Staff and students are nearing Elf status as their fundraising efforts and community service opportunities are at an all time high. **K-kids** broke their record in the food drive, and gained first place in the tree decorating at Settler's Green. **Student council** is close to \$3,000 raised for **Angels and Elves**. Thank you so much for supporting the efforts of these students. These students are involved and caring individuals. Coupled with their academic ability and success, they show a bright future.

It is becoming clear that the trend of curriculum will be on-line in the future. We are exploring the school **Everyday Math** program in this area. To move to the on-line version provides many advantages from home access to real time updates

PBIS Quotes of the Week

To be nobody but yourself-in a world which is doing it's best, night and day, to make you everybody else- means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight and never stop fighting.

E. E. Cummings

and adjustments. The constant updating of hardcover books is expensive over time. This may allow a savings in that area. We are looking at samples and starting the discussion now before purchasing decisions are made.

Participation in the **Junior Ski Program** is near 100% this year. I am glad that our students are taking advantage of this unique opportunity for outdoor activity and life long sport skill building. Don't forget we start the program on our **first day (January 2)** back from vacation.

A school is far more than curriculum and instruction. To be a really great school, we have to be a **community** that builds common values, provides activities for involvement, supports times of challenge, solves problems as they arise, and celebrates the success of each individual. The parents of this community have been a pleasure to work with. Your willingness to help as **true partners** is outstanding. Likewise, the faculty here is **exemplary** in what they do in and beyond the classroom. That combination makes this school a special place for children. Those **united efforts** far exceed the impact of any individual and model the team effort that accomplishes so much.

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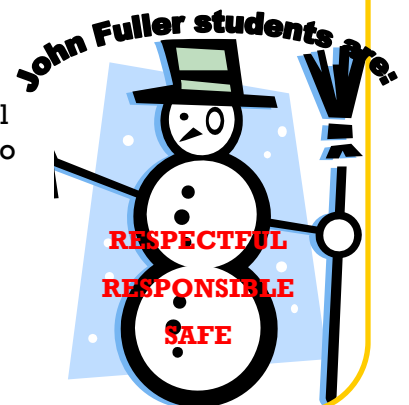
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Important Dates

Mark your Calendar

- Holiday Concert Band and Chorus K-3 Tuesday Dec 13th at 6:00
- Ski Forms **need** to be returned by Dec 15th.
- PTA Family Night at Movies Friday Dec. 16th @ 6:15
- Holiday Recess December 23rd-January 1st 2012!
- Ski Program begins on Jan, 2, 2012



JOHN FULLER / ESSC JUNIOR SKI PROGRAM



The John Fuller school will have a check out system for ALL students skiing at Mt.

Cranmore on Mondays in the Jr. Ski Program, starting January 2, 2012.

Students will ski until 3 pm. (**This is a change from last year, when 2:45 pm was the specified time to be off the mountain.)

The same procedure used for dismissal of students at school holds for the mountain.

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE CHECKED OFF A PARTICIPATION LIST TO INSURE THEIR PRESENCE ON THEIR

APPROPRIATE SCHOOL BUS OR PICKED UP BY PARENT. For supervisory reasons, only the following exceptions can be made:

A. A written, signed and dated note from the parent indicating a different arrangement for their child at the close of the program. *We cannot accept word of mouth messages.*

B. A parent personally picking up their child and checking him/her off the participation list.

Remember, this procedure is for the safety of your child. We have to be able to accurately account for all students. Your cooperation is essential.

Remember that Cranmore requires a Cranmore ski & board pass (ESSC pass not acceptable) for any use of the mountain after the end of the program (3 pm).

We will accept "blanket" written notes for the season if you know in advance what the arrangement will be.

Cross Country Skiers will be dismissed from school. Dismissal notification will still be needed for these skiers, as they are not dismissed from their classroom.

Ski equipment is the student's responsibility and must be picked up on Monday's after skiing.

A printable permission slip can be found on the website if needed.

News From Multicultural Club

Twenty-two students attended the Multicultural Club on November 30th in the library. We had a very interesting presentation about India by Mrs. Patel. Her son, and daughter are at John Fuller School.

Here are some of the interesting facts our students learned about India:

India has a lot of festivals. – Samantha

The language (Gujarathi) is very interesting. – Claire

They have holidays called

Divali and Holi. – Christina

I learned how to count in Gujarathi. – Willow, Mia, Michael, Parker

I saw how the alphabet is written in Gujarathi. – Sadie

The Gujarathi letters don't look like our alphabet. – Mrs. Kurtz

For the holiday of Divali, children have a month off from school! – Kiana

I learned how to write my name in Gujarathi. – Jack

Divali is the biggest Indian

festival. – Skylar

Indian culture is very cool. – Tanner

One dollar equals 50 rupees. – Lewis

I learned that their snacks are spicy and delicious. – Basil

Two of the Indian gods are called Ganesh and Lakshmi. – Mrs. Kurtz

Divali is the Festival of Lights. – Mrs. Gibson



Support the Store that supports your school!

Trying to think of an easy holiday gift? How about the new JFS t- shirt or a gift certificate to the School Store?

The store hours are every Tuesday during all lunches. Extra hours for shopping will be during the holiday concert



December 6th and 13th. Stop by and see the new t-shirt design.

School Nurse Notes

Reminders for Ski Season!

Please remind your child to dress in layers.

For downhill skiers remember gloves, helmet, ski boots, poles, skis, ski pants and jacket.

For snowboarders remember helmet, boots, gloves, ski pants and jacket.

For cross country skiers remember skis, poles, boots, gloves, ski pants, jacket, and hat.

For snowshoe students remember your hat, gloves, ski pants and jacket, and winter boots.

Please label all of your equipment

Always let an adult what trail you are taking and where you will meet.

REMEMBER to pack your water bottle in your back pack and stay hydrated.

REMEMBER to check lost and found if you are missing items

Be safe and have fun!



Student Council News

Student Council wishes to thank all whom donated to and bought from the yard sale on Saturday December 3rd. We were able to raise \$1,445 to be donated to Angels and Elves and the John Fuller School community!! The basket raffle has been very successful as well. All winners will be drawn during school lunches on Friday December 9th, winners will be notified in person or by phone. There will be a poster identifying winners outside of the library on the wall!

Student Council will be shopping and wrapping presents for the 20 Angels and Elves children that we are sponsoring on Friday after school!

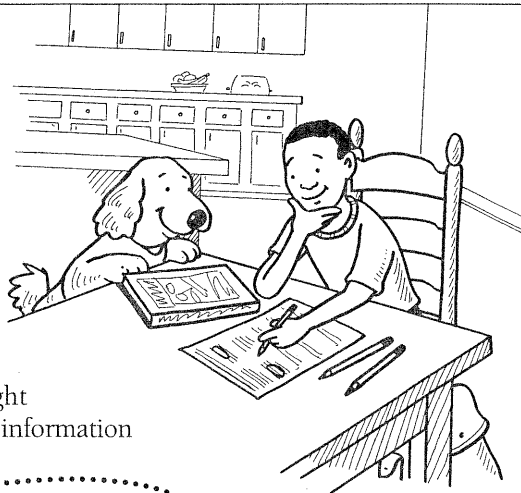
Thank you for helping to make many children's holidays a more joyful time



Strategies for success

There's more to doing well on an assignment than knowing the material. Your child needs to understand the directions, avoid careless mistakes, and look over his work when he's finished. Suggest these ideas.

1. Read directions carefully. It might help your child to underline important information



("Use blue to circle the math problems that equal 7") or to say the instructions in his own words ("If the answer is 7, the circle should be blue"). He can also refer back to the directions to make sure he stays on track.

2. Learn from mistakes. Encourage your youngster to make a list of his most common errors. ("The first letter in a sentence is uppercase." "The less-than sign points to the smaller number.") He can tape his list in a folder, notebook, or binder so he can consult it as he works.

3. Double-check. When your child finishes an assignment, he should reread it to be sure he did his best. He can check subtraction problems ($15 - 9 = 6$) by adding ($9 + 6 = 15$) or use a dictionary to look up words.♥

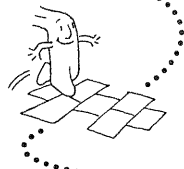
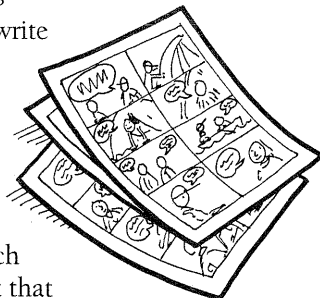
ACTIVITY CORNER

Starring... me!

On the first day of school, did your child write about her summer vacation? Now encourage her to write at home by creating more stories about her life:

- Have her summarize a special hobby or interest in exactly 10 words. This activity will teach your youngster to get her point across using only the most important words. She can start with as many words as she needs and then cut those that aren't essential. *Example:* "Soccer is fun. I love dribbling, passing, and making goals."

- She could write a story in the format of a graphic novel. These books have comic strip frames on each page. Suggest that your child divide a sheet of paper into four to eight squares. In each, have her draw a different scene from a family activity (camping, crafts). Let her write a sentence to go with each one ("Dad and I pitched a tent") and include dialogue in bubbles above characters' heads ("Listen to the crickets!").♥



PARENT TO PARENT

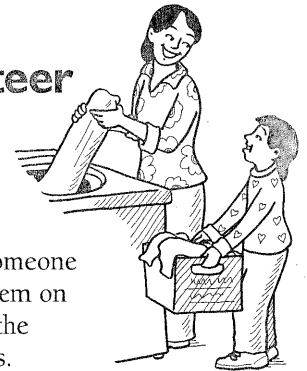
This year, I'll volunteer

I've always wanted to volunteer at my children's school, but I work during the day and couldn't seem to find time. This year, I emailed the girls' teachers to ask how I could help.

My younger daughter's kindergarten teacher needed someone to take the classroom dress-up clothes home and wash them on a regular basis. She also wanted help collecting items for the science table, so I've sent in pinecones, acorns, and leaves.

For my fifth-grade daughter's teacher, I have been calling parents to find volunteers who will read aloud to the class or help out in the computer lab.

I was surprised to discover how many volunteer opportunities there are for working parents. My girls are proud that I'm helping, and seeing how much the teachers appreciate my help makes me feel good, too.♥



Q & A Playground fun for everyone

Q: My son doesn't like recess. He says he isn't good at jumping rope or climbing on the jungle gym.

How can I help him feel more confident and enjoy recess more?

A: Recess is important because it provides exercise and gives your child a break from school-work. It's also a good opportunity to build social skills, like starting conversations with other children and working together to

make decisions about what and how to play.

Try visiting playgrounds together to build your son's confidence. Let him practice skills like climbing ladders, sliding down poles, crossing monkey bars, swinging, and kicking and catching a ball.

Also, suggest that he make recess plans ahead of time. In the morning, for example, he might ask a friend to play hopscotch with him on the playground. Finally, be sure to ask how it's going, and if things don't improve, talk to his teacher.♥



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