



Mettawee Messenger

April 22, 2021 Principal: Brooke DeBonis 645-9009

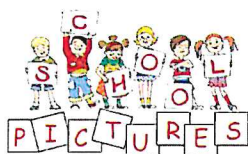
Principal's Corner:

ELA SBAC Test

I wanted to remind parents of students in grades 3-6 that we will have our SBAC test for English Language Arts on April 26th, 27th, 29th, and 30th. We have divided the test into small chunks so it is easier and less stressful for the students. The first two days will be the multiple choice questions and there will be about 40 questions total so the students will complete 20 questions each day. Thursday, the students will read and respond to short answer questions. Friday, the students will complete a longer response that will require them to write a beginning, middle, and end to a piece of writing. The students will be testing in the morning and they will have their specials later in the day. If your child is a distance learner we will wait and test them the week of May 3rd. I will reach out to you individually to schedule the testing times. Please make sure your children have a good night's sleep so they are rested for these testing days. We will have make up test days the week of May 3rd for any students who have missed any testing days due to absences. Let me know if you have any questions.



School Pictures Going Home Today



If you had Spring School Pictures taken they will be coming home in your child's packback today.

THE BIKES ARE COMING!

We are excited to have the opportunity to have Bike Smart come to our school with a trailer full of bikes for our students to learn beginning bike skills, bike safety, and bike tricks.

The bikes will be here the week of May 3rd.

The trailer has bikes and helmets available but your child may bring their own helmet if you'd prefer. Please label the helmet with your child's name. There is a flyer with more information following the Messenger.



Attendance Expectations

Just a reminder...

Moving forward, in person students may not choose to stay home and Distance Learn unless they are sick, are quarantining, or have an appointment that makes it a challenge to be at school.

In order to be considered PRESENT, Distance Learners must do their attendance, show up for their Classroom Connections meetings, and complete assigned work.

If you have any questions about attendance expectations please reach out to your classroom teacher or Mrs. DeBonis.





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VIRTUAL ALL SCHOOL MEETING



All School Meetings will be
from 2:00-2:20 April 30th
and May 21st.

For the safety of our virtual
ASM, only student and staff gmail accounts
will be able to enter the meeting.



April 26th, 27th, 29th, 30th - SBAC ELA

April 30th - Virtual All School Meeting

May 3rd - 7th - Bike Smart trailer

May 21st - Virtual All School Meeting

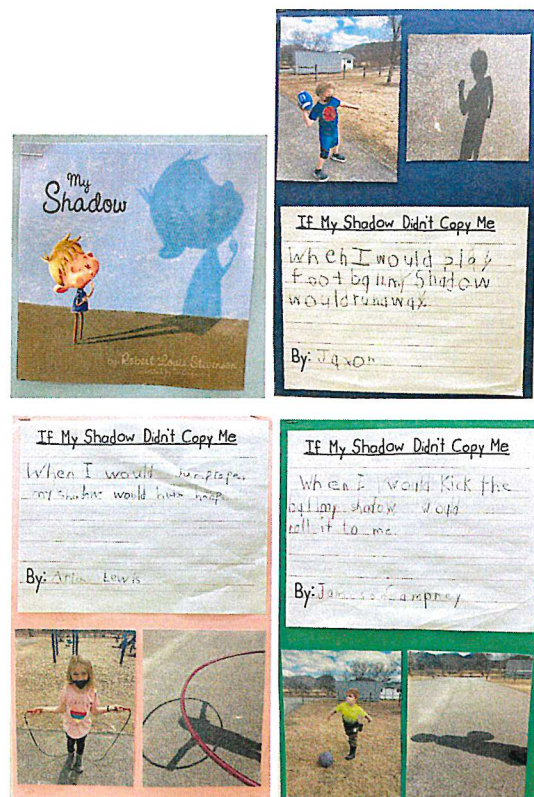


APRIL SNOWBALLS



Mrs. Robertson's 4th Grade is excited to share
their CORAL REEF with you. They transformed
an entire corner of their classroom to under the
sea!

Ms. Pierce's 1st Grade - My Shadow



Dear Parents,

We are excited to have Bike Week with Bike Smart at our school! The Bike Smart trailer will be visiting our school the week of May 3rd through May 7th. This program brings around 30- 40 bikes (of all sizes), helmets, and bike skills training materials to our school at no charge. Your child will improve their bike skills through games and on-bike activities designed to help them become a safe and confident bike rider.

- **Your child is free to bring their own helmet to use in class!** Don't forget to label the helmet (masking tape and a sharpie work well) so that it does not get misplaced. If you choose not to bring a helmet that's fine too. The trailer comes equipped with enough bikes and helmets for the students. **The helmets and bikes and any other equipment that we use will be disinfected after each use.**
- **The bikes in the Bike Smart trailer may be different from the bike that your child currently rides.** Some may have hand brakes and gears. We'll be using this training as an opportunity to help students transition to "grown-up" bikes, (depending on age) if they haven't already.
- **During the time that the trailer will be at our school, we'll be dedicating PE classes to bike skills and safety.** We will be learning how to check that a bicycle is safe to ride, as well as how to brake safely and effectively, turn smoothly, avoid road hazards, be alert for vehicles on the road, and more.
- **This is an excellent opportunity to go on bike rides with your child to practice the skills we will be learning in class.** You can reinforce the bike skills that your child will be learning this week by going on bike rides together. Your child will have many new skills and games that they can share with you, and a family bike ride is always a lot of fun!

We were able to bring this trailer to our school through the generosity of the Bike Smart program. Bike Smart is funded by annual grants from The State of Vermont's Behavioral Safety Unit, VTrans, and other supporters. The program is powered by Local Motion, Vermont's nonprofit advocate for safe walking and biking. For more information, visit https://www.localmotion.org/bike_smart

We are thrilled that your child will be spending time on a bike the week of May 3rd! By the time the trailer rolls out of the school parking lot, your child will have made some great strides in bicycling. Let's hope for good bicycling weather!

Sincerely,



Come on up!

Some of What's Happening - Spring and Summer, 2021:

CLASSES

April 21 - May 26
April 29 - June 3
May 4 - 25
May 8 & 9
May 16
May 22 & 23
July 10, 17 & 24
August 3 - 19

After-School Mixed Media Art
After-School Acting
Drawing in Perspective (Online)
Watercolor Flowers (Online)
Family Circus Day
Portrait Painting (Online)
Botanical Drawing and Painting
Pastels for All

Ages 11 - 18
Ages 10 - 13
Ages 14 - adult
Ages 14 - adult
Ages 6 - adult
Ages 14 - adult
Ages 14 - adult
Ages 14 - adult

CAMPS

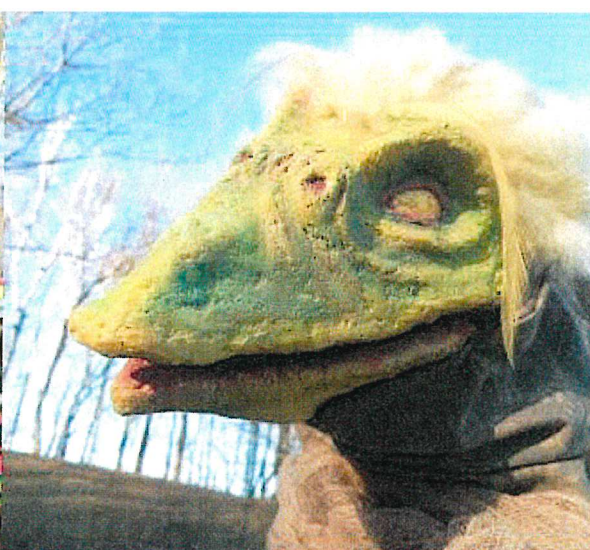
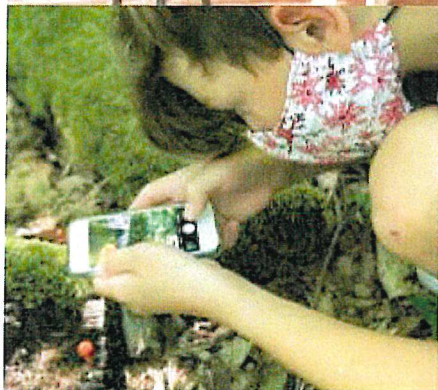
June 14 - 18
June 21 - 25
June 28 - July 2
July 12 - 16
July 19 - 3
July 26 - 30
July 26 - 30
August 2 - 6
August 9 - 13
August 16 - 20
August 16 - 20
August 23 - 27

Acting for Middle Schoolers
Intro to Architecture (wait list)
Fun with Music
Acting for High Schoolers
Hobbit Houses (wait list)
Art of Textiles (wait list)
Animation, Art & Artists
Make Art that Moves (STEAM Fun)
Myth and Monster
Nature Photography
Acting for Grades 3 - 5
Wunderle's Big Top - Circus!

Ages 10 - 14
Ages 6 - 11
Ages 6 - 11
Ages 14 - 18
Ages 6 - 11
Ages 6 - 10
Ages 7 - 14
Ages 6 - 14
Ages 10 - 18
Ages 11 - 14
Ages 8 - 11
Ages 6 - 18

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Join Us This Week for Free Virtual Programs for Kids & Adults!



Author/illustrator Jason Chin back when in-person school visits were a thing

CLiF presenters have a lot going on! There are several free, virtual events for kids/families, educators, and everyone in the next week.

Thursday, April 22, 1:00-2:00 p.m. EST

Illustrating Nature with Author/Illustrator Jason Chin, a special Earth Day event co-hosted by our friends at VT Digger*

For kids of all ages

and paper!

[Learn more & register here.](#)

*If you make a gift to *VTDigger's* April membership drive, a low-income child will receive a new book through CLiF's programs!

Friday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. EST

Poetry Without Tears: A Workshop for Teens & Grown-ups with poet Verandah Porche

"Poetry Without Tears" will be a safe space to write a first poem or sharpen skills. Verandah will share her work and we'll talk about finding beauty in our own language. Then we will create a collaborative poem where participants each add a few lines. We will choose a prompt and write for five or ten minutes. Those who wish to can share. Bring whatever you like to write with.

[Learn more & sign up here.](#)

Monday, April 26 - Friday, April 30, 12:00-12:20 p.m. EST Daily

April Vacation Comics Camp with Graphic Novelist Marek Bennett

For kids of all ages

Draw along with award-winning graphic novelist Marek Bennett for 20 minutes each day to create your own comics. [Learn more and find Marek's YouTube channel](#), where he'll be drawing live every day at noon. Come ready to draw!

Wednesday, April 28, 3:00-4:30 p.m. EST

You Can't Pour From an Empty Cup: Strategies to Help Educators Navigate Forward with Author Karen Gross

Karen Gross, educator, author, and leader in the field of trauma-responsive education, will discuss ways for educators of all kinds (teachers, librarians, out-of-school-time providers, after-school programs, and parents) to manage the many stresses they are encountering, including trauma transmitted to them from their students whether online or in person. Through the demonstration of concrete strategies, she will offer insight into educator self-care that will facilitate teachers helping their students manage the traumas brought on by or worsened by the

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