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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In an effort to notify you of school cancellations or delays due to poor weather conditions or other emergency situations, we have decided to subscribe to an electronic notification service called ALERTNOW which will allow us to send a telephone message to your land-line or cell phone in a timely and accurate manner. In the event of an emergency at school, you can have peace of mind knowing that you will be informed immediately by phone. In the future, individual schools can use this service to remind you about various school based events. Please note: school delays and cancellations will continue to be posted through the Vermont Broadcasters Association.


Messages will not be sent after 9:00PM or before 5:00AM. There are many features to ALERTNOW including;

1. Caller ID which will display the school's main number when general announcements are delivered;
2. Caller ID which will display 411 if the message is an emergency;
3. ALERTNOW will leave a message on any answering machine or voicemail; and
4. if the ALERTNOW message stops playing, all you need to do is press 1 and the message will replay from the beginning.

I am very excited to incorporate ALERTNOW as a tool to improve parent/guardian communication and look forward to having the ability to deliver real time information to you and provide awareness of all the great events that take place within the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union and our local schools.

We plan on testing ALERTNOW on March 4. If we don't experience any major problems, we plan to go live with this service on March 8, 2010.

Best Regards,



Mark S. Andrews
Superintendent of Schools

Craftsbury Academy • Craftsbury Elementary • Hardwick Elementary • Hazen Union
Lakeview Union Elementary • Wolcott Elementary • Woodbury Elementary • Greensboro • Stannard

Equal Opportunity Employer

Woodbury 6th graders would like to give **BIG THANKS** to the following local businesses for their generous contributions to our silent auction and spaghetti dinner (we made over \$1300 last night! Yay!):

THE *Essex*
Vermont's Culinary Resort and Spa

Grand Union Market

The Vermont Foodbank

National Life Insurance

The Woodbury Village Store, , White Rock Pizza, Shear Elegance Salon, Universal Auto, Tracy's Clip Joint, and Windshield World

And super thanks to amazing parents:

HEATHER GILCRIS-KEHOE, EARL KEHOE, KAREN DEMERS, MEGAN BEACHUM, SONYA and SIG OLSACHER, KELLY WHITE, and KRISTIN GILBERT for all your time!!!!

...and everyone else who helped out and attended! Thank you so much!!!

Kaleb

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Alexis

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Mark

Kagan

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Lyndsay

Dylan

Ms. Titus ☺

Vacation Programs at the Jeudevine Library



93 North Main Street, Hardwick 472-5948

Monday, February 22 10:00AM

Winnie the Pooh party-

We will read the story in which Christopher Robin Gives Pooh a Party, and then we will enjoy our own party complete with honey cake! For all ages.

Thursday, February 25 10:00AM

Star Wars Trivia Quiz-

Test your Star Wars knowledge with this spelling bee format trivia game. Prizes include Star Wars books and models. May the force be with you! For all ages, geared to 8-13 year olds.

Saturday, February 27 3:00PM

Wii Gaming at the Library-

Play multi-player games on the big screen in the library. For ages 12-18.

Wednesday, February 24 10:00AM

Family Story Hour-

Join us for a special story hour featuring the puppet show Little Red Riding Hood. Stories, snacks, and activities. For all ages.

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Data on Highly Qualified Teachers Released

The 2001 federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA) requires that all public school teachers of “core academic subjects” meet the “highly qualified teacher” (HQT) requirements of the Act.

Under NCLBA educators must be properly licensed and endorsed for the subjects and instructional levels they teach, and have the required content knowledge for the endorsement they are using in the assignment. The law also requires that schools receiving federal Title I funds notify parents when their child is being taught a “core academic subject” by a teacher who has not yet met the federal requirements.

The Vermont Department of Education determines the HQT status of educators for their assignment both statewide and school-by-school. Under NCLBA, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are required to report the percentage of classes in each school that are taught by teachers who have not yet met HQT requirements for their assignment by LEA and school. NCLBA also requires LEAs to report on the number and percentage of teachers in each school who are teaching under temporary emergency licenses and to provide information regarding the professional qualifications of their educators. (Visit www.education.vermont.gov for statewide results.)

Here are some key points to keep in mind when reviewing local data:

- **There are a number of reasons why a class might be taught by an educator who is not HQT for his or her assignment.** These reasons include teaching under an emergency license, being assigned to teach a grade level or subject area that is outside of the parameters of the educator’s current license and endorsements, or not yet meeting the content knowledge requirements to be HQT for the assignment.
- **The federal HQT requirements pertain only to teachers of “core academic subjects” as defined by NCLBA.** These are English language arts (including English as a Second Language), math, science, social studies, reading, foreign languages, art, music, and the generalist endorsement areas of elementary and early childhood education (grades K-3 only).
- **Emergency license figures include teachers of all subjects, not just “core academic subjects” as defined by NCLBA (see above). However, they do not include administrators or student support personnel (e.g., guidance counselors, nurses) working under emergency licenses.**
- **In any instance where a class is taught by an educator that is not HQT for an assignment, an individual plan is in place for the class to become so with the support of the school administration.**
- **The data that is being reported is from the 2008-2009 school year. 2009-2010 school year data will be available next winter.**

- In small schools, the percentages of educators who are HQT for their assignments may fluctuate significantly year to year because of the small number of classes and teachers.

For more information on the Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements, visit <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/licensing/hqt.html>.

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Data for the 2008-2009 school year

| LEA / SCHOOL | Classes taught by NOT HQ teacher/total classes | % of core academic classes NOT taught by HQ teachers | # of emergency credentialed teachers/total teachers | % of teachers teaching with emergency credentials |
|----------------|--|--|---|---|
| Craftsbury | 9.7 / 57 | 17.02 % | 0 / 23 | 0 |
| Hardwick | 0 / 28 | 0 | 0 / 31 | 0 |
| Hazen Union | 13.5 / 150 | 9 % | 1 / 40 | 2.5 % |
| Lakeview Union | 0 / 9 | 0 | 0 / 11 | 0 |
| Wolcott | 0 / 16 | 0 | 0 / 14 | 0 |
| Woodbury | 0 / 7 | 0 | 0 / 10 | 0 |
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| LEA / SCHOOL | Teachers | No license (in process) | Provisional/ Emergency license | Level I license | Level II license |
|--------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Craftsbury | 23 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 19 |
| Hardwick | 31 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 26 |
| Hazen Union | 40 | 2 | 2 | 10.5 | 25.5 |
| Lakeview | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| Wolcott | 14 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 |
| Woodbury | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 |
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