

Blair Blast

January 27, 2012

As we approach the last few days of January, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Education is a job that cannot be accomplished during the regular school day. The support of parents is essential for each student's growth and development as a life-long learner.

Today is Progress Report day for Mont Vernon Village School. All students who attend MVVS should be coming home with a comprehensive report explaining the new skills and concepts introduced, taught and hopefully mastered. As always, if you have any questions about your child's progress please feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange a conference.

In addition, we are in the process of collecting input regarding our pilot of the trimester format. We are half way through our school year and would like to hear from our parents concerning this transition. We would like to hear the benefits and the concerns this twelve week marking period presents for parents. As principal, it is my hope that you, the parents, are receiving more viable information regarding your child's learning goals, learning outcomes and overall progress. Please feel free to email me with any thoughts you might have about our transition to trimester reporting.

The winter months often present us with many challenges including weather related school delays and cancellations. Administrators from across SAU#39 are collaborating on ways to make our emergency notification system, Alert Now, more family friendly. Currently, the system requires principals to develop separate messages for each building, which means that many families receive multiple phone calls early in the morning. We apologize for any inconveniences these calls may present for you and your family. As our use of technology increases, so do the challenges. The overall benefits of the Alert Now emergency notification system hopefully outweigh its detriments. We will strive to improve the current system with minimum disruption to families.

Mont Vernon Village School hosted its annual spelling bee on Wednesday, January 25th. There were eleven finalists who competed for the first place position who will compete in the State competition in March. Riley Mularien, a fourth grade student won the competition and will represent us. Runner-up is Alexandra Meader, a sixth grade student. Congratulations to all who competed.

Mont Vernon Village School is in the final steps of implementing the school dismissal program Pick-Up Patrol. This change will be implemented on Monday, February 6th. Please watch for

further information. It will be provided electronically and via school mail delivered by your student.

Enjoy the weekend and the crazy weather!

Important Dates to Remember

2/8	MV Deliberative Session 7PM
2/9	MVVS board meeting
2/10	Math Mania K-3
2/14	Late Start
2/15	K-3 Concert during day 2:00pm, evening at 6:30pm
2/20- 2/25	Children's Stage Adventures
2/20	Spirit week
2/27- 3/2	Winter Recess