

Blair Blast

September 9th 2011

Well, our second week of school has been just as successful and exciting as the first. The focus every morning, as a school, has been to deepen all students understanding of the history of the United States flag and the meaning behind the words of The Pledge of Allegiance.

There have been many wonderful changes made at Mont Vernon Village School. The first is the addition of Reading Recovery. During the month of August, Robin Hoey attended Reading Recovery training. She will work with an advisor for this school year and will be working with first grade students who are identified as having difficulty with literacy (early reading) skills. With the addition of Reading Recovery and the expertise of our Reading Specialist, Fay Deysher, we will continue to improve the support provided to our students in the areas of reading and literacy.

We have also contracted with Ms. Crista Burrell as our Math Coach and Title I Manager. Ms. Burrell will work with our staff to implement the Common Core Curriculum in Mathematics with integrity. In addition, Ms. Burrell will work with teachers and students in supporting all learners as they build mastery of skill in numeracy and math fact fluency. There will be an embedded focus on teaching mathematical skills to a level that builds students to becoming competent and confident mathematicians.

The response to our Before School Care being offered to “working parents” during late start mornings has been overwhelming. At this time, we have eighty (80) students registered for this service based program. If you are a parent who works and *must be* at work at your usual time, this service is meant for you. If you are a stay at home parent or have other options, please explore those options. The number of students registered far surpasses any expectation and is over the number of children to adult ratio, at this time. Please consider whether or not you truly need this service. If your child attends kindergarten on Monday and Thursday for the full day, this service is not being extended to you because your child does not attend school on Tuesday. *The service is intended to support working parents who must be at work at their usual time.*

October is testing month throughout the State of New Hampshire. All of our students in grades three through six will be participating in the NECAP testing. Please refrain from taking any family vacations or scheduling dentist or doctor appointments during this time frame. As a school we make every effort not to test children on Mondays and Fridays. So, if there is a need to be away from school, please limit the school absence to a Monday or Friday. Please know that part of the assessment and our rating as a school is dependent on 100% participation.

Tonight is the Mont Vernon PTA “Ice Cream Social”. Please join us from 6-8 PM. We look forward to seeing you.

Upcoming Important Dates:

September 13th: Late Start

September 14th: Picture Day

September 21st: Open House

September 26-30th: Artist in Residence- Beth Olshansky
October 3rd –October 26=20th: NECAP Testing grades 3-6
October 7th: Grandparent's Day