

April School Board Meeting
Principals Report
April 19, 2011

Deb Gorton presented information about HIV and other Blood-borne pathogens to our faculty and staff last month. All were asked to take a test to show their knowledge.

We have started mailing our school brochure that was designed and developed by an ExCel After- school Graphic Arts program.

We received a nice note thanking us for the use of our facilities from the Boys Scout Troop 10 of Needham, MA.

We had our fall/winter Sports Banquet on March 23rd. It was well attended and very upbeat. Two of our seniors played in the Senior All Star Game on Saturday, March 26.

Rochester School hosted the VT Symphony Orchestra's "Petting Zoo" in our beautiful auditorium for all the schools of the WNWSU on Thursday, March 24th. Students were able to try out all types of instruments.

Our Big Picture Program hosted a wonderful Open House for interested students and parents on Thursday, March 24th.

We also hosted Kevin Brooks, a speaker who addressed making good choices for Bethel and Rochester 7-12th grade students on Friday, March 25th. Mr. Brooks is an inspirational speaker who's personal message of the consequences of drinking and driving was felt by all.

Our Elementary All school meeting for March included recognizing our Students of the Month and our Rocket's of the Month.

The School Town Meeting was held on Monday, March 28 with an attendance of around 70. It was a nice meeting with positive feedback from most townspeople. We passed our budget the next day!

On March 30th one of our BP students held a bake sale to raise money for the David House in Lebanon, NH.

We had our first elementary fire drill during recess and it was successful. It was a great way to show students the need to be quiet and follow directions as we had never practiced this before.

Our Excel After-School programs have been very well attended this last quarter (ballet, egg races, and pirate scavenger hunt, art classes, Wii Club, interactive jam sessions and scientific experiments)

We received two new students in April and one of our current students moved.

WE had another successful community Futures Meeting on April 6th. We divided into subcommittee's to gather information on a variety of topics. We will meet as a whole group after each subcommittee has met.

Our BP students, director and advisor spoke at a national conference on Friday, April 8th and were quite the hit. We are so proud of what this new program has accomplished in their first year.

Our Elementary School was a happening place on Monday, April 1st as we hosted a wonderful Book Fair.

On Thursday, April 14th our auditorium was full of laughter and smiling faces as we presented our One-Act plays. What a hoot they were!! The student body watched a video of both plays on Friday, April 15th during the activity period.

Our gym has been heavily used for softball and baseball practices as we waited for the snow to melt.

Facility use by other groups:

The Vermont Teen Theater used our auditorium and music room for practices throughout the months of March and April with their show performed on April 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10th.

The first night of Valley Idol was held in our auditorium on Saturday, April 16th.

The Quin-Town Prevention Partnership held a 2 day presentation that gave students and their parents an opportunity to have a hands-on experience with what happens with drug and alcohol abuse.

White River Valley Players have started rehearsals for their Spring Play.

Tri-Town Sports sign-ups were held in our gym on April 10th.

WRVP hosted a concert featuring Pete and Patty on Sunday, April 17th.