

Patriot Press Weekly

March 29, 2018

Folsom Education and Community Center

75 South Street, South Hero, VT 05486 802-372-6600

Website: <http://www.gisu.org/folsom>

Facebook Page: <http://www.Facebook.com/FolsomECC>

Susan McKelvie, Principal

Matthew Brankman, Interim Principal

Sue McNayr, Admin Assistant

susmcke@gisu.org

Mbrankman@gisu.org

susmcna@gisu.org



Be a Folsom Hero!

From the Principal's Desk

Making learning authentic for our students is at the heart of engagement. Learning happens when students feel connected to and engaged with the subject. A few weeks ago our community witnessed one version of authentic learning at our science fair. Today, we are fortunate to have another opportunity to learn with someone from outside of our school community by opening our doors to a working artist. Author Doug Wilhelm will visit today and speak with our students.

Many of our middle school students have been reading his book The Revealers. Today's visit is an opportunity for our students to take their learning deeper than simply reading a book. They will engage in a conversation with the author and have the chance to peer into the writing process itself. Not only will this give them insight into the book, but it will also give them a chance to learn about the writing process and see what it takes to be an author.

I'm thankful to be working in a school that sees the power of this type of learning. I'm continually thankful that the community of South Hero supports our school in so many wonderful ways.

Please have a safe weekend...it is starting to feel like spring!

Respectfully,

Matthew Brankman
Interim Principal

Upcoming Events

March

30 In-Service **No School**

April

13 PTO's Special Person Dance 6:30-8pm

18-19 County Music Festival

16-20 Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC's)

23-27 **No School** Spring Recess

30- May 4 Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC's)

May

4/30-5/4 Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC's)

4-5 District Music Festival

11-12 The Lion King performances

15-17 8th Grade Science state test

23-25 5th Grade Science state test

28 Memorial Day **No School**

Request from the Resource Room

Have an old tablet kicking around that you are no longer using? The Folsom Resource Room is looking for a donation of an old or unused tablet for student use. If you have one that you are willing to repurpose, please bring in to the Folsom main office. Thank you so much!

Special Person Dance

On Friday, April 13, the PTO will be sponsoring a "Special Person" Dance from 6:30-8pm. The concept is that students invite any special person in their life. Admission is free! Look for a flyer sent home with your student last week!

Way to Go, Seventh Graders!

Our seventh graders have been invited to visit the Vermont Statehouse of Tuesday, April 3. This invitation was given in response to the videos we submitted to Prevent Child Abuse VT as a part of the Healthy Relationships Project, SAFE-T program, our students participated in during guidance class. All of the submissions were impressive and one of our groups submitted the winning video. During our visit we will receive a \$300 check for the contest and be on hand when the Governor Proclaims April as Prevent Child Abuse Month. Mr. Nolan has been able to schedule a meeting with both Ben Joseph and Mitzi Johnson to take place in the Speaker's Office!

Art Room Happenings

We're having an art showing at Wally's Place for k-4 during the month of April! Each artist has creating a small piece of art inspired by our local bagel place and a famous pop artist, known for his food filled canvases! (Ask your artist whose artwork we talked about.) Thank you to Matt Bartle for giving us the opportunity. If you have an idea as to where artwork is needed or if you would like some awesome student artwork let me know.

Looking for some donations: *Do you have a pile of old broken crayons? *Acrylic clear spray *Palm sized smooth flat rocks *Trash/recyclable things *Magazines *Wood to paint on *Cardboard sheets? The art room welcomes and appreciates your donations to help us create amazing things!

LOOKING FOR LOCAL ARTISTS FOR AN ARTIST IN RESIDENCY! Are you a practicing artist? Do you enjoy installation work? Would you be willing to share your skill with students? We are looking to incorporate art into the garden area and an artist who has the enthusiasm for working with all age groups. Do you have someone in mind? Send them my way please! jambeda@gisu.org .

Shout out to Forrer Watson who got honorable mention in the Casella Calendar Contest. All of our 3rd graders drew an image for them, along with 400 other 3rd graders in the state of Vermont. Congratulations to all of our artists who enter a contest this year!

Vermont Youth Philharmonia coming to Folsom

On April 9th, the Vermont Youth Philharmonia (VYP) will perform at Folsom! The Vermont Youth Philharmonia (VYP) is made up of middle and high school students and is conducted by Dr. Yutaka Kono. The 45-minute performance begins at 10:00 a.m. and will include demonstrations from the orchestra as well as performances of their spring concert repertoire:

Dvorak New World Symphony, arr. Meyer
Superman Returns, Williams and Ottman, arr Lopez
Russian Sailors Dance Gliere/Isaac
Great Locomotive Chase, Robert Smith

This program will provide an excellent music enrichment experience for our students.