

**Principal's Report  
November 17, 2009**

**H1N1 Vaccination Clinic and General Attendance**

Our first H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinic took place on November 9<sup>th</sup> with 87 students and 22 staff members vaccinated. Home Health nurses administered the vaccine and were funded by the Vermont Department of Health. The clinic ran very efficiently, allowing all of the vaccinations to be done by about noon. A special thank-you to Betty McCaffrey, RN, School Nurse, for all of her organizational efforts. Thanks, also, to Mary Hoyne who was our "runner" that day and made sure there were always students in the right places, waiting, being vaccinated or being monitored for any potential reactions. Children under 10 years of age require a second dose of the vaccine. Our second clinic, we hope, will be scheduled for early to mid-December.

For your information, below is a chart of student absences for the past two weeks. We know that some families have proactively kept their children home at times, especially during the short week. We also know that not all of the sick children had the flu. The absences you see are, on the whole, slightly higher than normal, but not significantly.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Total Absence</b>	<b>Absence Due To Illness</b>	<b>Possible Attendance</b>	<b>PK/K Day</b>
10/26/09	16	10	111	Kindergarten
10/27/09	7	7	103	Preschool
10/28/09	5	4	111	Kindergarten
10/29/09	2	2	103	Preschool
10/30/09	6	3	111	Kindergarten
11/2/09	6	3	111	Kindergarten
11/3/09	4	2	103	Preschool
11/4/09	10	9	111	Kindergarten
11/5/09	9	7	103	Preschool
11/6/09	13	8	111	Kindergarten
11/9/09	12	9	111	Kindergarten

### **Support Staff Evaluation Tool**

Included in this Board packet is the final version of the support staff evaluation tool that will be used this year as a pilot. The tool is also being considered by the Administrative Team as a place to begin for considering the creation of a WWSU-wide support staff evaluation tool. All staff, including support staff, have set goals for this year. Each person's goals include current WWSU initiatives (writing or math), FES initiatives (Responsive Classroom and teacher language), Action Plan initiatives (helping students with significant behavioral needs) and one personal goal specific to each staff member. The support staff evaluation tool includes evaluating progress on these goals, as well as the attributes listed on the form. As a process, those staff members who work most closely with support staff will fill out one of the evaluation tools (i.e. if Bonnie works with Carla every morning, Carla will complete an evaluation of her). This feedback will be used anonymously, along with my impressions and those of the case manager, to create one evaluation that will be conferenced with the employee. The employee will complete an evaluation tool as a self-assessment. It is my goal to evaluate all support staff this year using this process.

### **Foodservice Agreement**

Negotiations are taking place for FES to continue providing breakfast, lunch and snack to the Waitsfield School. There has not been a formalized agreement for several years and, last week, I met with Michelle Baker, WWSU Business Manager, and Kaiya Korb, Waitsfield Principal, to begin discussing terms and formalizing an agreement. We will also be looking at ways to continuously improve foodservice quality with Cheryl Joslin. A meeting is set for December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Open Hearth at Fayston After-School Program**

The After-School Program is experiencing decreased enrollment. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays they have 8-9 children. On Tuesdays and Thursdays there are about 5 children. They sometimes reduce staff due to a lack of need, and are pursuing special programming (chess club, community guests, etc.) and fundraisers in hopes of creating a sustainable program. Previous grant funding will be running out soon.

### **Building Use**

It has been the Board's goal to make our school building accessible to the community and utilized as much as possible. I am happy to report that the building is used regularly four nights each week with adult basketball and volleyball. Additionally, specially scheduled events such as Mad River Recreation Committee meetings, adult French lessons, PTO, and other groups use the building regularly.

### **Fifth Grade Boston Trip**

Twelve fifth graders attended the annual Boston trip on November 13th and 14th. The group had dinner at the Boston Science Museum and explored exhibits. They visited the lightning show, an iMax movie and went to a planetarium. Workshops and activities on various topics took place within the museum's exhibits. The group slept at the museum within the exhibits.

### **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

The date for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner is Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 11:00 for the younger grades and 12:00 for older grades.