

Fayston Elementary School

Principal's Report

July / August 2009

- **For the first time since 2001, all of our second graders met or exceeded the standard on the Developmental Reading Assessment last spring. This is a statewide assessment of reading fluency, decoding, comprehension, accuracy and the ability to retell details from text. Our assessment scores have steadily increased each year since 2006.**
- **As of August 11th, enrollment is down 13 students from last year. The breakdown of students by grade and by class is attached. It covers last year and the year to come.**
- **Our 2009-2012 Technology Plan has been approved by the State due largely in part to the work of Justina Boyden and Doug Bergstein. The Board will be asked to approve the plan in August and it will be reviewed at the August 18th meeting.**
- **Students raised \$1200 for the American Heart Association last spring during Jump Rope for Heart.**
- **The following major building projects were completed this summer. The water storage unit was inspected and cleaned as is required every five years. Two new heating units were installed (Goldhammer's classroom and the library.) The kitchen grease trap and school septic were pumped and the pump station was cleaned. All floors were either carpet -cleaned or waxed. Some painting touch-up was done.**
- **Staff Members completed several professional development offerings over the summer including: Responsive Classroom II, the Vermont Reads Institute and a technology course, just to name a few. Many courses include components that continue into the school year and take the form of strategies teachers implement day-to-day.**
- **Seven students received academic summer services in Literacy with Erin Koch. Individual student plans guided this work, which included six 30-minute sessions. Similarly, Doug Bergstein provided academic summer services in the area of mathematics using the same format.**

- **The After-School Program has successfully moved to the art/music room. Office space will be located in the loft, and the program's staff have been working with Nora and Carolyn to design how the space will be shared logistically. As of right now, program staff will include Director Deb Orr and Tracey Clements, both five days per week. The program has based their planning on 13 students. Currently, nine families have expressed interest. Waitsfield School has started a program based on the Fayston program. Grant funding no longer exists, so fundraising will be needed.**
- **Act 62 now requires preschoolers be assessed twice each year. This assessment currently costs \$12.95 per child and will be completed WWSU-wide. This year, that cost will be covered by WWSU funds.**

Grade	Classroom	2008/09*	2009/10
Pre-K	Abbott-Koch	16	10
Kindergarten	Abbott-Koch	13	9
Kindergarten	May	0	9
One	Boyden	7	6
One	Goldhammer	9	4
Two	Boyden	6	8
Two	Goldhammer	6	9
Three	Koch	9	7
Three	Lewis	9	5
Four	Koch	7	9
Four	Lewis	8	9
Five	Bergstein	8	8
Five	Vasseur	11	6
Six	Bergstein	13	9
Six	Vasseur	10	11
TOTALS:		132	119
*Totals As Of 6/25/09			