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Troy School Students Shine, Walking In Shoes For Success

Small Town, Big Heart

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Hand's On Learning At ECHO

Parent's Get The Inside Scoop

By: Mariah Bathalon, Leanne Dewing, and Jarrame Rollerson

Parent-teacher conferences took place at Troy School on Wednesday, November 8 and Thursday, November 9. They are set up every year to allow parents and teachers to discuss student grades, work ethic and behavior.

The principal, Chris Young, plays an important role and helps the evening conferences run smoothly. He said, "I work to help parents and teachers find the best times to meet, but I don't schedule anything specific; I just approve the times. I also try to meet as many parents as I can during conferences." Young's dedication to meet as many parents as he can helps build a stronger, healthier school community.

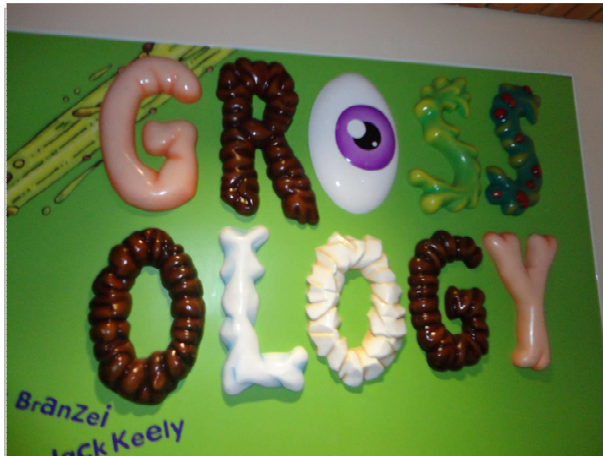
The conferences were very successful. Claudette Starr, the Administrative Assistant said, "Ninety-five percent of the parents attended."

The Student Voice

Victoria Blais and Katherine Mills think:

It's absurd that the police who are on GMP's side are illegally forcing the Nelson's off their land. What GMP is doing is wrong and illegal. GMP and the Supreme Court are going against the 1st, 5th, and 14th amendments. GMP should move their location because they're invading on someone else's traditions!

Would you like to know why they're so upset? Turn to page two for more details.

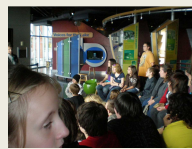


Grossed Out In a Good Way

By: Emily Rappold, Alaine Craig, and Logan Sawyer

On Monday, November 7, Troy School middle grade students went to the ECHO Center to explore the Grossology Exhibit. They went to explore all of the gross things our bodies do to keep us healthy. It was an educational trip where students and staff had fun learning about the systems of the human body.

The middle school students and teachers looked forward to not only the Grossology Exhibit but the aquarium and many other on-going science exhibits. Emma Lepage, a seventh grader, said before they left, "I'm looking forward to the gross facts, and I think it'll be funentertaining."



In order to teach students the parts of a turtle during a turtle presentation at the ECHO Center in Burlington, Alaine Craig was dressed up as a turtle. She said she, "really liked the ECHO Center and would recommend that every school checks it out."

The exhibit that I'm looking forward to the most is the Map Turtle Exhibit because I don't get to see turtles very often, and they're my favorite reptiles."

Three specific exhibits grabbed many on-looker's attention. The YU Stink exhibit grabbed students by the nose; it asked Center participants to guess the origin of a smell. The Toot Toot exhibit explained why human's pass gas and allowed students to try their hand at making noises. Lastly, the Burp Man helped explain the digestive system and how our body burps.

Students had a lot of fun exploring on their own and learning about how the body works through interactive exhibits. On returning to school, all students presented their own model of a body system they learned about.



Nelson's 10 Year Run Continues

By: Victoria Blais and Katherine Mills



The on-going struggle between Green Mountain Power (GMP) and Don and Shirley Nelson, continues in Lowell, Vermont. GMP has been trying to build windmills on the elderly couples land for over 10 years. Shirley Nelson says

It's happening because, "our property touches the property that GMP leased for one and a half miles." GMP wants to power more Vermont homes by using owned land without the landowner's permission; however, the state has given them permission to do so.

About 75% of Lowell town voted "yes" to GMP's wants on March 3, 2010. Mr. Nelson said, "I think probably half of them voted "yes" because taxes would be reduced for the town." If what Nelson thinks is true, then people

voted for an issue only thinking about it from a financial standpoint, not about the effect the project will have on the ecosystem or property rights.

"This is all about property rights" explains Mr. Nelson. "We feel that we have to make sure that the average property owner in VT is not losing their property rights. If we cave into the demands of GMP; if they-the other property owners-did feel GMP is wrong, and if they- GMP-prevail in court, it would set a precedent that would be detrimental to our basic property rights."

The elderly couple believes if they back down, others will too; they believe they are setting an example for how the big the situation has become and the importance of taking action and standing up for our basic rights.

GMP has permission from the state and support from a third of Lowell's population to build the windmills on the Nelson's land although the couple did not give permission to the company to do so. Property rights are very important to the couple, as they should be to everyone.

Troy Celebrates Veteran's Day

By: Emma Lepage and Evan Sarault

On November 12, 2011, George Frisbee, Walter Smith, Linda Saulters, Clara Mayhew, and other community members and volunteers helped put on a Veteran's Day dinner. The dinner included a gun salute and singing of the National Anthem. It was open to American Legion members and their guests. The dinner took place at the American Legion in North Troy at 6:30 in the evening; but there was a social hour beginning at 5:30. The cost was \$15.00 for guests and \$13.00 for member couples.

In addition to the dinner, there was an evening raffle and there were lots of winners. Flo Ellie, Richard Martin, Nancy Cole, Linda Saulters, and Erin White all won prizes donated by Brault's Meat Market. They donated generous prizes varying from meat breakfast baskets to whole hams and turkeys. During all of the festivities, everyone kept in mind the veteran's who have died in combat or non-combat situations and what they've done for our country. GOD BLESS AMERICA!



Changing attitudes at Troy School

By: Alayna Chaffee and Sierra Daigle

There are a variety of activities happening at the Troy School which are helping change the school climate. Some of these activities include a bookfair, band, dance, and a motivational program known to the students as horseshoes.

The bookfair is organized by the librarian, Dorothy Bonette, for the school. There are many genres of books and school supplies to buy. Bonette said that she holds the bookfair because it lets kids get good books and it lets me raise money for the library which helps me buy more books for the library. The event also allows kids to gain a sense of independence by getting to purchase what

they want to, helping them build confidence.

Band and dance are after-school activities and both help students practice working with others while learning an art. Emma Lepage, a seventh grader, likes band because it's not just about the physical instruments, but about the voice as an instrument too. The band works well together and sounds really good together as well. Rose Daigle and Virginia Booth, community members, teach the seventh grade dance group. Daigle said that she loves to teach the kids dance because it's a way to incorporate exercise into their lives and it helps them raise their self-esteem and confidence. This program also

helps students to figure out if dance is something they want to pursue, as the high school has a large dance team.

Last, but not least, the horseshoes program is an on-going program that helps kids at the Troy School learn how to treat others, including themselves. The way the program works is pretty simple. Each class, kindergarten through eight, earns horseshoes when they follow the four rules of "Shoes For Success": follow directions the first time given, be safe in all we do, do best in work and play, and be kind to others. If a class earns ten small horseshoes, they get one big horseshoe to display in the school hallway. When a class gets ten horseshoes, they earn a reward. When the whole school earns 50 horseshoes,



the entire school gets a reward. Theresa Messier, one of the group members organizing the horseshoe program, said that she thinks this is a good chance for kids to learn and teach others new things.

These are just a few of the activities being held to broaden students' experiences at the school. Each program is teaching kids to be kind, respectful and out-going, and each program is helping to strengthen the school community for the better.