

WINOOSKI SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS!

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Celebrating Our Achievements!

Free Preschool at the Winooski Family Center for Fall 2016

We are currently accepting applications for our preschool for the fall. We are NAEYC and STARS accredited and offer free summer school/camp activities for children registered in our preschool as well as many other resources and activities for children and their families. Please call Karen at 655-1422 for more details.

Join Us for Mindfulness

By Jaycie Puttlitz, Wellness Coordinator

- **What:** Guided Mindfulness Practice
- **Where:** Winooski Senior Center
- **When:** Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

The Winooski community continues to practice mindfulness together each Thursday evening at 6:30pm, led by volunteer Andrea O'Connor. Our sessions are recorded and uploaded to the school website. You can listen to them by visiting this link: www.wdschools.org/mindfulness-in-winooski/

In addition, guided mindfulness audio is provided at www.mindfulcities.org. Translations are now available in Somali, Nepalese, Arabic and Vietnamese.

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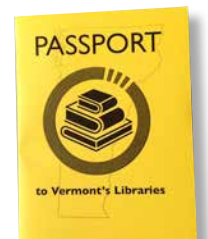
It's Summer Reading Time at the Winooski Memorial Library!

On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!

This year's program begins **Tuesday, June 14**. Visit the library for programs and reading challenges all summer long. Adults vs. kids! Let's see who can read the most titles!

- **Looking for a job or thinking about a new career?** Our Job Hunt Helper program is available through the summer. Our Helper can assess your skills and interests to explore career options, assist with a job search and polish that resume and cover letter. Even get you ready for the interview! Evening hours coming in June!
- **Borrow library passes to ECHO, the Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites, Birds of Vermont Museum, Elder Enrichment Lectures, Shelburne Farms, and coming soon, Shelburne Museum.** With your library card, library passes provide free and reduced admission to area attractions.
- **How many Vermont libraries can you visit this summer? The second annual Vermont Library Passport program kicks off on June 1.** With a library passport, participants may visit libraries all over the state. Vermont has the most libraries per capita, so there are plenty to choose from. Pick up a passport at the library and start collecting stamps! Passports will be entered into a state-wide drawing.
- **The library will be serving youth meals this summer.** Tuesday through Friday from 12:00pm to 6:00pm and Saturday from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, lunch will be served to youth ages 18 and under.
- **We offer programs for children of all ages on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.** Call or check our website to find out more!

The library is located at 32 Malletts Bay Avenue and is open Tuesday-Friday from 10:00am to 6:30pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We encourage all community members to register for a library card. Please visit the library online at winooskilibrary.wordpress.com or contact us at 802-655-6424 or winooskilibrary@winooskivt.org.



Important School Dates to Remember

- **Last Day of School:** The last day of school is Friday June 10. School will let out at 11:00am.
- **2016 Graduation:** Winooski High School is pleased to announce that graduation will take place on Saturday, June 11 at 1:00 PM. See page 14 for full end-of-year calendar items.

Are the Winooski and Colchester School Districts Merging?

By Sean McMannon, Superintendent of Schools

Earlier this month I was at a neighborhood party in Colchester and one of my neighbors turned to me and asked “If Colchester and Winooski schools merge where will Colchester put all the Winooski kids?” Immediately, my fear that most Colchester and Winooski residents misunderstand the governance part of Act 46 was confirmed. My neighbor assumed that Winooski schools would close and be absorbed by Colchester schools. This is not true. In the simplest form of conventional merger, Colchester and Winooski would merge budgets and school boards into a single budget and single school board. Nothing else would need to change. No school closure or consolidation.

The financial incentive is if WSD and CSD merged into a single district the new district's equalized homestead property tax rate would be decreased by \$0.08 in the first fiscal year of operation, \$0.06 in the second, \$0.04 in the third, and \$0.02 in the fourth.

So, I went on to explain the following to my good neighbor:

1. Act 46 was created to address the growing context in Vermont school districts:

- High expectations for our schools to meet the needs of today's students
- Increasing poverty and addiction rates
- Growing inequity in student opportunity and outcome
- Significant cost pressures (e.g. property taxes)
- High leadership turnover

2. Per Act 46 the preferred governance structure is a single PreK-12 district servicing at least 900 students that operates one of the these four most common structures:

- All grades PreK-12
- PreK-8 & tuitions 9-12
- PreK-6 & tuitions 7-12 or
- Pays tuition for all PreK-12 students

3. Given WSD's current governance structure and size (865 PreK-12 students), WSD has the following options:

- Commence discussions with neighboring PreK-12 districts to determine whether partnering would help the districts further the goals of Act 46
- Develop a plan to retain our current governance structure and make the case to the Secretary of Education that this will satisfy the goals of Act 46
- Pursue none of the above options and wait for action by the Secretary of Education and the State Board of Education.

The WSD school board chose the first option of reaching out to neighboring school districts.

4. Superintendents from Burlington School District (BSD), Colchester School District (CSD), South Burlington School District (SBSD) and WSD met in February to discuss opportunities for our districts to expand learning opportunities for students and realize operational efficiencies.

Following a lengthy and productive discussion the four of us agreed to recommend that WSD and CSD move forward in a formal manner to develop a study committee and pursue these same opportunities with an eye for taking advantage of the tax cuts that come with merger. The group felt that moving forward with four districts would be too unwieldy. BSD and SBSBD remained very interested in working with WSD and CSD to find regional ways to expand learning opportunities and realize operational efficiencies.

5. At the March WSD school board meeting a motion was unanimously passed to form a committee with CSD to study conventional merger.

The CSD school board discussed WSD's invitation to participate in a merger study at their April 5th meeting and tabled a motion so they could get more information about the merger study process and WSD. WSD and CSD held a joint board meeting in Winooski on May 11th so boards could meet each other and discuss the strengths of each organizations and what a merger study entails. At the CSD board meeting on May 17th there was discussion about joining WSD to form a study committee but it was once again tabled without a motion.

While we still do not know if WSD and CSD will work together to explore and study the opportunities to expand learning opportunities and realize operational efficiencies, we do know that the WSD school board has intelligently and proudly made every effort to investigate opportunities while meeting its statutory requirements under Act 46. You should be very proud of your school board!

We will continue to research our governance options, offer the best possible program of educational opportunities for all of our students and prepare all WSD students to lead healthy, productive and successful lives. Thank you for working with WSD to benefit our students!

Top 10 Things I Like About Being on the Winooski Board of Education

By Julian Portilla, Board of School Trustees

I've learned a lot sitting on the Winooski School Board. I also really enjoy it. Someone asked me why the other day and I thought I'd take the time to write it down and share with you all.

- 1. Mindfulness moment.** Our school has been teaching mindfulness to kids for several years now. During one of our board meetings we realized that partaking of the practice of mindfulness at the beginning of our board meetings would be a good way to model that we think it's a good practice for the kids. And it's true! But not just because it's good for the kids, it's good for us! At the beginning of every board meeting we take about two minutes to let all the distractions from a busy day move into second place as we bring our attention to the school, the kids and the work at hand. Thanks to our board colleague Tori Cleiland for leading us in these exercises.
- 2. Focus on learning.** At the beginning of every board meeting, we take time to hear something about what's going on in teaching and learning in the school. Superintendent Sean McMannon will ask an individual or a group to present something to the board. It might be something going on in teaching—a new math or reading teaching technique, or something with parent engagement—creating partnerships with New American parents, or something about a new plan to better serve students—after school programming innovations or taking the time to explain a plan for a new advisory or a new schedule. No matter what it is, it brings us closer to school and reminds us why we're all there: for our children. Thanks to Sean McMannon for his thoughtfulness and dedication to bring these presentations to our attention.
- 3. Focus on governance.** One thing we DON'T do in our meeting after the focus on learning is to direct the principals, teachers or students on how to do things better. We don't

believe that's our job. We think our job is to make the policies—the rules that govern the school—and to ask Sean to report out on how those rules are playing out. Based on what he says, we can ask for more information, change a rule or leave things be. We don't tell people how to do jobs we're not trained to do. We DO demand accountability from the superintendent and we gather information to hold him accountable from different sources. What we do is called policy governance. We're very proud of it and it's one of the reasons the VSBA recognized our efforts when they choose us for the (first ever) school board of the year award a couple of years ago. Thanks to our board president Mike Decarreau for making policy governance happen.

- 4. Student representatives.** Ledania Taylor and Rainbow Chen are Winooski High School students who, besides playing in all kinds of musical projects and being wonderful human beings, represent the student voice in our board meetings. Rainbow also sits on the State Board of Education. Yep, she is one of two student reps in the whole state. Winooski! Say it loud and say it proud. In any case, our student reps offer up student perspectives on any number of things from their views on policy on down to filling in some of the gaps for us old timers about such current events like what the new advisory is like. And, one of the best things they do is #5!
- 5. Student reports.** After we discuss our policy matters at the board, our two student representatives, Ledania and Rainbow, give us a report of all things school. From elementary school field trips to fundraising for the prom to the iLab share nights to sports scores, to when the band is playing out and the status of the latest Penguin Plunge fund raising, the report is comprehensive and fun.
- 6. Concern for staff.** Our board has worked hard to build an excellent working relationship with our staff

during negotiations. Our teachers and staff work in one of the most interesting and demanding school environments in the state. They are heroes. Other schools come looking for teachers at Winooski because they know we've got the best, hardest working teachers in the business. We can't pay them what they deserve. But they don't come for the money, they come for the passion they have for students and learning. Hats off to them. My thanks to Jen Corrigan and Mike Decarreau for working tirelessly to restore the relationship between the board and all employees of the school.

- 7. Alignment.** You know how your car shakes and rattles when the tires aren't aligned? You can't go very fast and all the parts and pieces of your car wear down much faster than they should. Things start to go wrong and if you don't get your tires aligned, things are going to break. WSD is not a perfect place but I sense there is an alignment between the board, the City government and services, the superintendent, our principals and other administrators, our teachers, our children, our parents and our partners. We're pulling in the same direction. Kids are at the center of our collective vision. We're willing to criticize ourselves and we're willing to improve.
- 8. Our students.** Ours has always been a country of immigrants. The Abenaki were here first of course. And since its founding, Winooski has been home to waves of immigrants throughout its history: Irish, French Canadian, Vietnamese, Bosnian, Sudanese, Nepali/Bhutanese, Karen, Somali and countless others from all over are in Winooski. And I love it. Whether your ancestors worked in the mills here when they were cranking or you parents were born far away, whatever language you use most at home, we're all here. All of

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the differences in the ways we see and move in the world make Winooski a rich mix of culture, behaviors and ideas.

9. Our community. There was a time in Winooski (I'm told) when you couldn't count on the community to show up at the polls to support the school in March. In the five years I've been here, the community has shown up stronger and stronger in favor of our school and our children. Thanks to you all. I think part of that support comes from the knowledge that the school has historically done everything in its power to keep its costs down. And it continues to do so. But there are things we need that we can't afford, like transportation for our littlest students. It's a small town, yes, a square mile and all that. But tell that to a little boy or girl who has to walk uphill in the cold for 30 minutes to get to school. Parents for Change are organizing and coordinating with school, city and county officials to get some better transportation for our children. One of the things they are doing is sticking to the grass roots, finding ways to connect community members to one another to give each other rides to school. It's such a simple concept. And we can do that here because we are community.

10. My board colleagues. Mike, Mohammed, Jen and Tori are all a great bunch of folks who bring thoughtful consideration to everything they do in the name of the school. It's an honor to serve our children with them.

I could go on but I'll stop there. Our meetings are open to the public. Stop by and catch our mindfulness exercise, our focus on learning or the student report. Our work is stronger when people come to give us guidance. Come down and check it out! In the meantime, enjoy the summer!

Free Summer Food Service Program for Children

Winooski School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program for Children. Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, the program is designed to ensure that children who rely on free or reduced price meals during the school year continue to have adequate nutrition throughout the summer.

Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals are available to all children 18 years of age or younger at the:

Winooski School District, 60 Normand Street, Winooski, VT 05404

Dates of Operation Meal(s) & Service: June 13, 2016 to August 5, 2016

BREAKFAST: 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. • LUNCH: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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"Ensure student growth through continuous improvement"



Longtime Baseball Coach Dennis Filion Retires

By Dennis Barcomb

On Saturday, May 7 the 40 year coaching career of Dennis Filion was celebrated. Many former players and coaches came to join Coach Filion in a special pre-game celebration. The Winooski Athletic Department would like to thank Coach Filion for his dedication to the baseball program for the past 40 seasons. Thanks Coach Filion!

CITY AND SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date: Athletic Banquet is June 5th

By Lori Lambert

Winooski High School's 72nd Annual Athletic Banquet sponsored by the Winooski Boosters and the Athletic Department will be held this year on Sunday, June 5th at 6 pm. Dinner will take place in the cafeteria with the awards ceremony following in the Performing Arts Center. Freshman and Senior athletes' parents are asked to bring a cold dish to share. Sophomore and Junior athletes' parents are asked to bring a hot dish to share. Please be considerate and bring a dish so there is enough food to go around as there has been a shortage of food in the past.

Parents of athletes should have received an email or call about the banquet and what they will need to bring. If not they can call Lori Lambert at 802-324-2019 or lorill68@gmail.com.

Reminder: "Athletic attire is discouraged, but dress shorts and a collared shirt would be acceptable."

Coach Youth Football!

Are you interested in coaching your child's youth football team this year? Winooski Youth Football is looking for coaches. If interested contact Josh Safran at 999-9732 or Lori Lambert at 324-2019

Rice Memorial High School Honor Roll

Rev. Msgr. Bernard W. Bourgeois, principal at Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington, proudly announces the following Winooski residents achieved Honor Roll status for the third quarter:

First Honors:
Kayla Corrigan

Second Honors
Madison Gorrigan
Cole Thornton

French Heritage Festival

Last year the Winooski Historical Society stepped in at a late hour and produced a very successful first Winooski French Heritage Day celebration. Many businesses and nonprofits participated as exhibitors or vendors of crafts, ethnic products and traditional skills. The music program included Déjà Nous, Va et vient, Young Trad Vermont and Pete's Posse. The City of Winooski was very excited to add this event to their calendar of downtown programs, and to see it continue as a celebration of the city's history and heritage.

We plan to improve the event this year by moving it to **Sunday, June 26**, during Quebec's three-day weekend of St. Jean Baptist Day, their national holiday. We expect to promote the event more broadly north of the border as well as locally, and to combine it with Winooski's regular Sunday Farmers' Market in the same Winooski Falls Way location.

See you Sunday, June 26 for our second Winooski French Heritage Day celebration.

It's Not Too Late: Summer Camp Registration Still Open

By Doug Bishop, Director of Communications, Greater Burlington YMCA

The Greater Burlington YMCA has a summer camp options that work for Winooski families. Camps start the week of June 20th and campers can be enrolled for a single week or the entire summer.

The Y's Camp Koda, a day camp for boys and girls who have graduated kindergarten to age 12, will run at the Pomerleau Family Y in Burlington. With hours convenient for working families, 7:30 am to 6pm, and wonderful themes that change each week, Koda is a great choice.

If you are looking for your child (age 6 to 15) to have a waterfront camp experience, the Y's Camp Greylock is located at Kingsland Bay State Park in Ferrisburgh. Greylock is also a co-ed day camp and the Y runs a bus each day with the drop off and pick up located at the Y's Winooski location on Malletts Bay Avenue. In addition to free transportation to and from camp, lunch is included at Greylock.

Registration is open now and available at www.gbymca.org or call 862-9622 with questions. **State subsidy and Y financial assistance may be available for qualifying families attending either Camp Koda or Camp Greylock.**



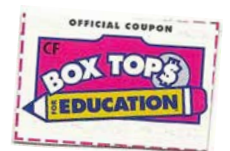
Remember 2015-2016 School Year with Yearbook!

JFK Yearbooks are now on sale for \$10.00. They can be purchased in the JFK office or in room 27.

You Can Help!

The PTO is continuing to collect Box Tops this year. Please save them over the summer and bring them to school.

Your child's teacher can send them to the office for collection. This year we earned \$1,795! Thank you!



June Update

by Sara Raabe, Principal

The school year is drawing to a close at JFK Elementary. We have a lot of activities happening during the last two weeks of school:

- **June 2nd** is the 5th grade BBQ
- **June 2nd** is also the Parent Appreciation Breakfast
- **June 6th** is the district wide wellness celebration
- **June 8th** is the JFK All School Celebration (rain date of June 9th)
- **June 9th** is Moving Up Day
- **June 10th** is
 - Kindergarten performance at 8:30 am
 - Last day of school. 11am dismissal

Note: we will not be having a Kindergarten open house on June 1st.

The students leave on June 10th. However, the school building and staff are busy all summer! This summer, almost all JFK teachers are taking a one week responsive classroom course. Responsive Classroom is an approach to teaching that emphasizes academic, social, and emotional growth in a strong school community.

The JFK leadership team will be attending a one week training the week of June 20th for the BEST institute. The team will work on a school wide system for PBIS implementation; develop 3-5 school wide behavior expectations; establish a system for acknowledging students at the individual, classroom, and school-wide levels; create lessons for teaching school-wide expectations; develop consistent practices and procedures for responding to minor and major behavior problems; and plan a system for collecting and reporting school-wide data for use in decision-making.

We have summer school for three weeks this summer. Summer school will run Monday-Thursday this year, from 8am until noon. For incoming Kindergarten students, the week of July 11th is open to all students, and the week of July 18th is a call back week. For all incoming 1st - 6th graders, the weeks of summer school will be the week of July 11th, the week of July 18th, and the week of July 25th.

As we wrap up the school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Winooski community. I have had an amazing first year as the principal at JFK. It is a wonderful school, with fantastic students, staff, and families. I hope that everyone has a wonderful, relaxing summer!

ELL Sponsors Students at PTO Fun Fair

The ELL department enjoyed sponsoring a group of first graders, and students who are new to the district at this year's Fun Fair. The children participated in various games and activities. They were excited about collecting a generous bounty of prizes, and of course getting some energy out in the bouncy castle!



Many students attended the Fun Fair for the first time with us, but all are sure to be back. A good time was had by all, and the sense of fun and community that makes our district so special, was everywhere. We are already looking forward to next year!

The PTO adds: The Fun Fair was a wonderful success thanks to the efforts of the AMAZING JFK staff who ran fun games and activities. The money raised from the Fun Fair will go towards our end - of - the - year field trips. We also want to thank all the families who were able to attend.

If organizing events like this sounds like fun to you, please know that the PTO is in need of new members to be a part of the group. If you are interested in being a part of this really fun committee, please e-mail Lisa Goetz at lgoetz@winooski.k12.vt.us.

A Final Farewell

By Deb LaForce

Dear Winooski friends, parents, children and colleagues, it is with a very heavy heart that I bid my final farewell to the place I will always call home. Fifty-six years ago a little girl had a dream to become a teacher and teach in her hometown. My dream became a reality and forty years later I still feel blessed and extremely proud to be a small part of a GREAT school and community!

To the citizens of Winooski I say thank you. Those words although said about one hundred times a day do not even begin to express how fortunate I feel to of been a part of your child's life. Some of my dearest friends and fondest memories were derived from teaching your child.

To ALL my students past and present you will always hold a special place and memory in my heart. I have learned many lessons over the course of my years but the ones that are always at the top of the list are teach with your heart, your whole heart and always listen to a child with both ears because when a child asks you to listen it's because they trust you want to hear what they have to say.

To Mr. McMannon, the office staff and the Winooski School Board I applaud all your efforts on behalf of the children, teachers and community at large. Your insight into what our district needs and the means to making it possible is remarkable.

To my JFK family, I want you to know how proud I am to be a part of a school we strive to make better and better with each passing day. You are committed devoted folks who stop at nothing to help make a child's educational life one step above the rest. I will miss you and will never ever forget the love, respect and sense of family I feel every time I open the door.

In closing I will leave you with a couple of quotes that best represent my last forty years at JFK: "Every child is GIFTED, they just unwrap their packages at different times" (so true). The other quote is "teachers who love teaching teach children to love learning!" Thank you for all the awesome memories I will treasure my years at JFK for the rest of my life.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Celebrating Afterschool Programs and Thank You!

By Suzanne Skaflestad, 21C Director

Over the past 9 years of managing 21C programs, I have heard various stories about why students enjoy coming to programs afterschool and during the summer. Whether it is making new friendships, learning a new skill, improving their academics or enjoying a meal afterschool, it is the “personalized” learning experience that drives student engagement. When students are engaged they are motivated to learn and are committed to the process.

Throughout this school year, we are so fortunate to have had many committed staff and community partners supporting afterschool enrichment and academic programs. In our 4-page January edition we highlighted our 21c Partners and the 21C Advisory Board. In this edition, we would like to highlight the following groups whose behind the scenes work helps afterschool and summer programming run smoothly:

- **The Abbey**...especially Bonnie Granger...who makes hundreds of meals everyday and still has a smile on her face when she greets us in the cafeteria at the end of the day!
- **The Academic Coaches, Mag Thomas and JFK and MS/HS Attendance Coordinators Petie Gamache and Nancy Keller**...for all their hard work this year providing valuable support in preparation for and during afterschool programming.
- **The Administrative Assistants**...who help facilitate important information to our students and parents. Their resourcefulness is appreciated very much. Thank you Cathy Bray for all your support especially the photocopying you provide throughout the year.
- **The Central Office staff**...for processing room request, payroll, purchase orders and more!
- **The Liaisons**...for helping us communicate with families.

- **The Maintenance and Custodial staff**...who get all the rooms ready for the next day and are always willing to lend a hand when needed.
- **The nurses**...for being available during the program and any time we have a question.
- **The Parents**...for supporting your children’s interest in afterschool classes.
- **The Public Safety committee**...for making after school safety a priority. This year we practiced a Secure the Building and an Egress Drill after school.
- **The Students**...for taking responsibility for their learning. They inspire us every day!
- **The Teachers**...who share their classroom with us for enrichment activities at the end of the day. Some of the teachers may not be able to teach afterschool but their willingness to open up their classroom at 3 pm keeps the students in their natural environment and helps make an easy transition to afterschool activities.
- **The Teachers and I.A.’s**... that fill in at a moment’s notice when another teacher has to be out unexpectedly, and for the extra support they provide during afterschool classes.
- **The Technology Department and Sarah Martin**...for helping compile data needed for grant reporting.

Elementary Enrichment, Recreation and Fun

1. *Paper Maché fun for JFK students*
2. *Olivia shows her mom her woodworking project*
3. *Lennon uses his Loupe in the Private Eye class*

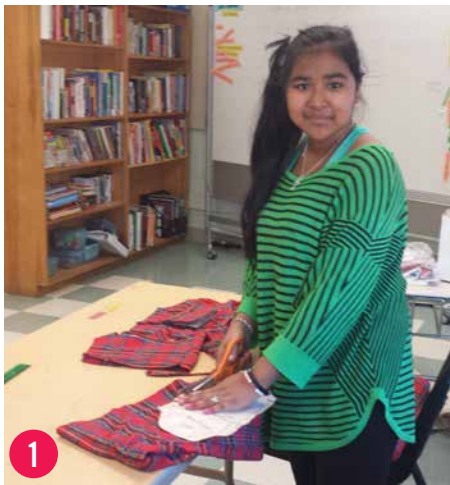


Poetry After School

Here is a poem written by Ayoob during the **Creative Writing Club** taught by Amy Sherrer:

Everlasting Cycle

It wasn't what I expected
It was lacking something
I just could not wrap my head around it
What just happened?
All I could do was wonder
Just stand there wondering about it
I stared into space
The summer heat making me sweat hard
My head starting to hurt
I searched for shade
What happened?
There was a lack of people, trees, grass
Anything, really
Except dizzying brown sand
Sand to get in my eyes
Sand to be my bed
I sweat more as I dozed off
Deserted in a new world
With an everlasting cycle



Middle School Happenings

1. *Ranjana measures and cuts in Fashion Design.*
2. *Programming Robots in STARBASE 2.0 for middle schoolers.*
3. *Mia Fritze from the VYOA teaches the Brass program.*
4. *Enjoying a Friday afternoon of Tennis at the Edge.*
5. *Enjoying a Wed afternoon in Ms. Crandall's art room.*
6. *Creative Writing Club with Ms. Sherrer.*

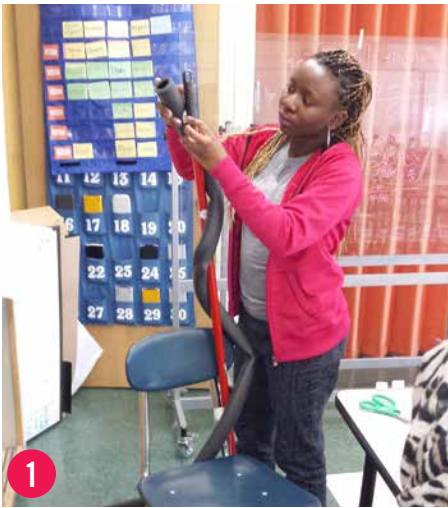
We are excited to build New Partnerships...Thank you to:

- **Laughing River Yoga.** Thank you Stacie Lesneski for sharing your energy and enthusiasm with us in our Adult and Child Yoga class for Session V. Thank you Emily Garrett, owner of Laughing River Yoga for helping us connect with Stacie.
- **Starbase 2.0** Thank you Paige Montgomery and Sarah McClellan for challenging our Winooski students each week and developing their programming skills.

What's ahead...

The 21C Director, Suzanne Skaflestad recently went to the Expanded Learning Summit at the Stowe/Flake Resort. The primary question that participants began to explore was how schools, communities, and those who provide Vermont's youth with personalized learning experiences build bridges to support flexible pathways to graduation.

Ultimately, what we want to accomplish is to develop a common language for thinking about expanded learning experiences both outside and inside the classroom and how we can support learning that is student-centered, flexible, personalized, and proficiency-based, through the lens of equity and access. This is very exciting. We look forward to sharing more information in the future.



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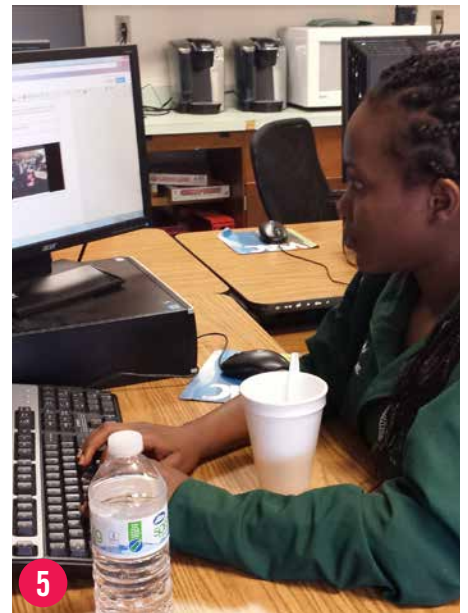
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High School Happenings

- 1./2./3. Math Core Support with Ms. Mason and Ms. Mellon.
- 4. Peace Jam with Ms. Houghton and Ms. Mason.
- 5. Technology Core Support with Ms. Poquette.
- 6. Science Core Support with Ms. Bundy.

Special Thank You's to:

- The Vermont Youth Orchestra Association, especially Rosina and Nic Cannizzaro, Mia Fritze and Holly Thistle for inspiring our students with their musical talents for multiple sessions. They learned so much from you.
- The City of Winooski...who regularly brought students to Tennis at the Edge every Friday beginning in January, and even cleared their schedule to provide transportation for a Tech Wizard field trip to UVM in March. Thank you Jonathan Borden, Nganda Gatei and Ethan Hausman for your flexibility and support!
- King Street Center especially Vicky Smith for helping to facilitate connections with Jake Agna, Tennis Pro at the Edge in South Burlington. There were students who regularly attended the Tennis program from January to June. Now that is engagement!
- University of Vermont Extension /4-H Tech Wizards, especially Rose Garritano and Mike Judkins for sharing your STEM expertise with Winooski students this school year. We would also like to thank UVM's Robotics Researcher Jeff Sprenger from Xemory for sharing his work with our Tech Wizards class. There was a lot of excitement the day they got back from their field trip to UVM.
- University of Vermont Extension/4-H EFNEP, especially Susan Edwards for bringing the Book-in-Bag program to Winooski for multiple sessions. The students enjoyed the surprise gift bag at the end of each class.



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Afterschool Facts from Vermont Afterschool Inc. 2014 Mapping Project

- Vermont currently has 458 out-of-school time programs, serving over 21,000 children and youth across the state
- 264 Licensed School Age Care Programs
- 149 21st Century Community Learning Centers program sites
- 21 Boys and Girls Club Sites
- 43 YMCA Program Sites
- 35 Teen Centers
- 71% of afterschool programs participating in the mapping project report that they also provide summer programming.
- An estimated 22,000 youth across Vermont not in enrolled currently in an afterschool program would be likely to participate if a program were available in their community. This represents a 33% unmet need for afterschool programs in Vermont.
- Vermont does not currently have a dedicated state funding stream to build and help sustain afterschool and expanded learning programs.

Did you know....

- A 2014 nationwide report America After 3PM ranked Vermont as 4th in the nation for afterschool programming.
- Providing quality expanded learning opportunities for children and youth pays off in the long run: Every \$1 invested in Vermont afterschool and summer learning programs leads to a return on investment (ROI) of \$2.18.



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Thanks, Everyone!

Take a look at who has made a commitment to provide high quality learning opportunities for our 3rd-5th sessions (January-June) Please thank them for all their hard work.

Colin Alfred
 Randy Argraves
 Oo Mai Be
 Katherine Blair
 Courtney Bryan
 Shannon Bundy
 Cathy Burbo
 Barb Crandall
 Steve Crowley
 Henry Davies
 Lisa Dold
 Petie Shea-Gamache
 Stephanie Hamble
 Lindi Hixon
 Kristen Holbert
 Libby Houghton
 Gabriella Kasongo
 Jeanne Knowlton
 Nancy Keller
 Jen LaPointe
 Caitlin Lovejoy
 Chris Magistrale
 Danielle Magowan
 Kari Maughan
 Melissa Mason
 Rebecca Mellen
 Anja Mosehauer
 Josh Neilson
 Claudine Nkurinziza
 Kirstie Paschall
 Courtney Poquette
 Amy Poulin
 Dave Quinlan
 Luke Ryder
 Ariel Salmon
 Amanda Santor
 Amy Sherrer
 Suzanne Skaflestad
 Tom Steele
 Mag Thomas

Elementary Enrichment, Recreation and Fun

1. *Beginner's Violin with Holly Thistle from the VYOA.*
2. *Learning about Life Cycles with Ms. Bryan.*
3. *Iris creating inventions from boxes.*
4. *Building a Lego house.*

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

College and Career Ready

By Leon Wheeler, Middle/High School Principal

We've done it. We've come to the final few days of another school year. Soon-to-be graduates have just completed their Senior Project presentations. Students in the middle and high school are intently preparing for their two presentations during June Expos. The days build to a crescendo in preparation for our closing event for the year, graduation!

The school board set the district expectation with our superintendent: "All students will graduate from the Winooski School District (WSD) college and career ready at a cost supported by a majority of the Winooski community. WSD students will lead healthy, productive and successful lives and engage with their local and global community." Achieving this is our responsibility as a school. We take the charge seriously, and are working hard to align all our efforts to achieving it.

Speaking of preparing to graduate college and career ready, one of our students, Rainbow Chen, was recently invited to be a "distinguished lecturer" at the three day Noble Impact Educator's Summit in Little Rock, Arkansas this summer! They were searching for students engaged in authentic educational leadership and discovered that Rainbow is a student member on the Vermont State Board of Education. It's one more illustration about how Winooski students are developing their voice, exploring their interests, and preparing to be the leaders of tomorrow!

I am very proud to be a part of this amazing school community! In so many ways, Winooski is actively working to ensure an engaging, personalized learning environment for each student.

Happy June!

"Take action. Every story you've ever connected with, every leader you've ever admired, every puny little thing that you've ever accomplished is the result of taking action. You have a choice. You can either be a passive victim of circumstance or you can be the active hero of your own life. Action is the antidote to apathy and cynicism and despair."

— Actor Bradley Whitford, graduation speech at University of Wisconsin, 2004

Please Join Us

For the 18th

Winooski Middle/High School

Senior Exposition

OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, MAY 27

The WMHS Class of 2016 shares their capstone projects from 3-4 p.m., followed by a brief awards ceremony.

Summer Math Support

Do you want to gain math credit over the summer? Mr. Payeur and Ms. Mellen will be offering math support two days a week over the course of four weeks from 9am - 3pm throughout the summer for any interested high school students. Look out for a flyer and official sign-up in the weeks to come!

- Week 1: July 19 and 20
- Week 2: July 26 and 27
- Week 3: August 2 and 3
- Week 4: August 9 and 10

Jiu Jitsu Summer Group

By Danielle Jatlow, LICSW, LADC, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Director, Centerpoint Adolescent Treatment Services



Are you looking for a cool activity that will keep you active and help you develop important life skills? The Jiu Jitsu Summer Group is for you!

Jiu Jitsu is a therapeutic and experiential martial arts group for teens. The group will help participants increase emotional regulation, learn healthy coping, and develop better communication skills while working toward becoming martial artists.

The group will take place at the Winooski Educational Center over the summer. There will be two sections (a Tuesday group and a Thursday group). Time to be determined. Please contact us for more information!

To learn more information about the Jiu Jitsu Summer Group at Winooski School, please contact Eric Castonguay, Centerpoint Clinician at (802) 488-7726 or EricC@CenterpointServices.org

And to learn more about Centerpoint's range of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services, and how they may benefit you or a young person you know, contact: Centerpoint Admissions Coordinator Michael Hunter at 488-7714 or MichaelH@CenterpointServices.org



The Unheard Voices of the Youth Take Action

By Tiffany Phuong and Musa Mayange

On April 28, a coalition of schools and colleges from all around Vermont, including Winooski High School, participated and planned an event that could change the way things are now. A single student from Harwood Union High School initiated their school's *Youth Action Committee*. As they grew, they decided to focus on the issue of climate change. Instead of sticking to the typical school work, they wanted to do something big; something that would make an impact. They decided to take their cause to the Statehouse Lawn.



As they knew that they could not accomplish this alone, they recruited more schools - more students. A group of student from Winooski High School was an early partner. The committee grew larger with several colleges, high schools, and environmental organizations joining; they were then able to plan the event that would make this change. Since then, this *planning coalition*, met every other Sunday for months, to work together to organize the *Educational Youth Rally* that would soon take place on the Statehouse Lawn in Montpelier. The coalition developed this mission statement:

Mission Statement: As the youth of Vermont, we recognize the dangers of climate change, and we want to shape our environmental future in a positive way in our state and in our world. Now is the time to:

- Promote conservation and efficiency
- Put a price on carbon
- Enact regulatory measures and taxes to promote clean alternatives
- End the privileges given to the fossil fuel industry
- Increase awareness among youth and other Vermonters about climate change and related issues



We will do this by rallying together to work with our lawmakers and to educate our peers.

All their work culminated in Vermont's largest-ever gathering of youth voices for the environment. Over 600 young people arrived by the busload from as far as Manchester, VT. As the crowd grew at the Vermont College of Fine Arts, students created posters and banners, and the excitement grew. Once all the schools had arrived, they began their mile-long march to the Statehouse lawn. Participants proudly held up their banners and chanted. Students from North Ridge School in Ripton carried their huge puppet-sculptures, of a crying planet and a massive footprint.

As these youths marched down the road, passersby honked, supporting them and their cause showing that

even those who are not participating, have the same passion as these students. At the Statehouse, the attendees were warmly welcomed by the band from Harwood UHS, *Peace in the Valley*. There were various stations and displays, including a "trash on the lawn" sort by students from Mt. Abe HS. Speakers included Governor Peter Shumlin and several students from Vermont high schools.

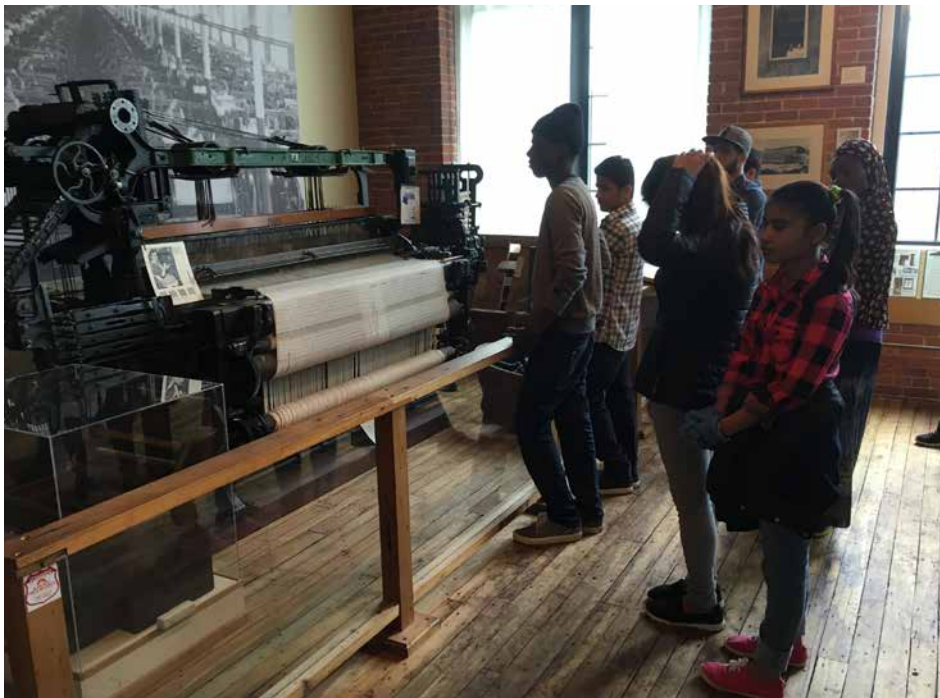
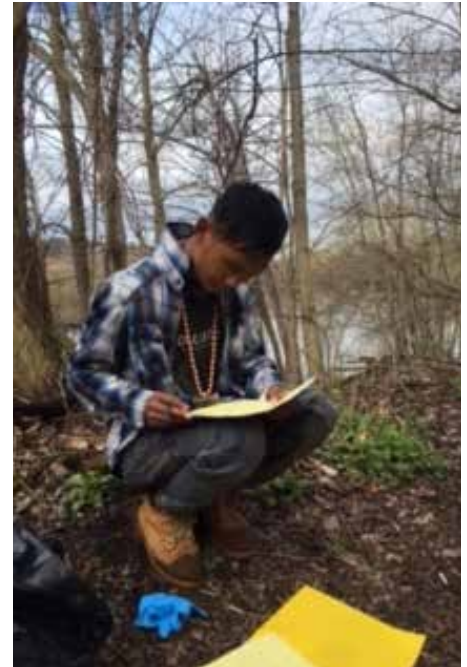
Among the highlights of the day was the crowd singing along with Winooski freshman Andy Siki, as he performed the song he had written for the occasion.

Musa Mayange, one of the WMHS students who helped organize the event, reflected on the day. "I learned a lot of things about climate change that I thought I would never know about. I felt like I was part of something big, it wasn't until then that I thought that we the youth can make a change in this world. We just have to work together and have a common goal. That's exactly what happened with this project I was part of. It took us months of planning it and it feels good to achieve what we were fighting hard to accomplish. It was a once in a lifetime experience that one that I'll never forget."

Green Up Day

By Dave McNally

On May 5th, Winooski High School students in the Newcomer program completed a community scavenger hunt as part of an integrated curriculum activity between the English, Social Studies, and Science classes for these students. Roughly 30 students participated in a four hour walk through Winooski to complete tasks related to topics covered in class while engaging them in community awareness. Three teams were established, and the students competed to collect as much trash as possible ahead of Green Up day (May 7th), visit the Winooski River and collect a water sample, navigate to the Heritage Mill Museum for a tour, mail a letter at the post office to a teacher inviting them to Green Up day, and make observations of the community and environment. Student engagement was high and the participation in all aspects of the scavenger hunt demonstrated that the students took advantage of this learning opportunity. The teachers were all impressed by the student clean-up and this positive experience resulted in many of these same students supporting the May 7th Green Up day. We are always searching for more ways to link student learning to Winooski and the scavenger hunt was a successful experiment which we hope to repeat in the future.



Winooski Middle *High School*
Artist of the Month

Elli Nahimana
May, 2016

The graphic features a black and white portrait of a young man wearing glasses. To the right is a colorful custom shoe design with a Spider-Man theme. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a green and white border.

May's Artist of the Month:

Elli Nahimana

Elli is participating in the Vans® Custom Culture Shoe Design competition and his initial sketch received the most votes among his fellow students and teachers. In addition to Elli's awesome drawing skills, he is also always very open to trying new techniques, is helpful with others, and we can always count on Elli for a good laugh or a dance or song in class!

Congrats again Elli! (Elli received the Middle School Artist of the Year Award as an 8th Grader as well)

Reading Plus Program Transforms Reading

By Jenny Teal

The middle school students have been working diligently in *Reading Plus* this year. *Reading Plus* is a web-based silent reading program that transforms how, what, and why students read while broadening interests and building knowledge. It is the tool the Winooski Middle School has adopted as a way for all students to engage in scaffolded silent reading practice every day. Winooski Middle School students have read 7,334,839 words with 80% or higher comprehension since the beginning of the school year. This translates to an average rate gain of 73 words per minute and an average of 2.0 grade level gains. Students have achieved 225 total *SeeReader* level awards. Based on the benchmark assessment students just completed, the middle school had 91% of students make gains in reading this year.

Way to Go, Danielle!



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“My experience with Winooski High School was a positive one. It was nice to attend a smaller high school than some of my peers because you really got a chance to know everyone. The teachers had more time to spend individually with students to really help them learn and grow throughout the years. My education at WHS helped me prepare for college and the future. I attended Castleton University from 2007-2011. Now, I work for the Department of Homeland Security, more specifically with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), as an Immigration Services Officer. I plan on going back to school part-time in the spring (on top of working) to get my Master’s Degree.”

This piece was written by Danielle Roy, Class of 2007, a previous scholarship recipient who wanted to share how her life has been in school, college, and her future.



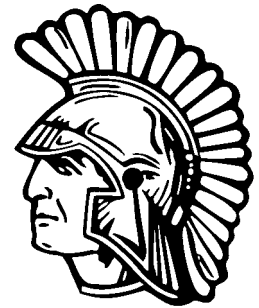
Twelve WHS Students Inducted to National Honor Society

On Monday evening, May 9, the candles of Scholarship, Character, Service, and Leadership were lit. Family and friends were gathered in the Performing Arts Center. Juniors and seniors who had attained the high standards of the National Honor Society were inducted. These students, who are now expected to maintain these high standards, join the senior members who were inducted last spring as juniors. Congratulations to all of these fine young people and their families.

The inductees were Jocelyn Booher, Rainbow Chen, Riley Corrigan, Ennis Horozovic, Colton Lavalette, Marie Ly, Tatum MacBride, Mariah Metivier, Thong Nguyen, Julia Poipo, Pascal Siki, and Holly Turner.

Graduation Calendar

- **June 7: Honors Dinner** will take place from 5-7 pm at the Windjammer Restaurant in South Burlington.
- **June 10: Rehearsal for Graduation** will take place from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, or later if needed, in the gymnasium. We will go over the lineup and seating, practice marching, and answer questions about the ceremony. Please be prompt and ready to pay attention. The smoother the rehearsal goes, the fewer times we need to run through the exercise.
- **June 10: Caps and Gowns** will be distributed at WHS in the gym lobby. Students need to bring their payment of \$20 and pick up their cap and gown from the Balfour representative starting at 12:30 pm. Please make checks payable to Balfour.
- **June 11: Graduation** is at 1:00 pm in the gymnasium, but we expect all seniors to be at school by 12:00 pm. We will line up in the cafeteria and go over any last minute questions. The graduation ceremony usually lasts about 90 minutes. We ask people to observe the celebration by dressing formally (shirts and ties for the gentlemen, dresses or slacks for the ladies).
- **June 11: Project Graduation** is a chaperoned, substance-free, all night party that is designed to keep our students safe as they celebrate their high school graduation. The celebration is being held at St. Michael's College from 8pm to 6 am. If any student leaves for any reason, they will not be allowed back in and their parents will be called. This celebration is absolutely FREE! For more information, contact Gina Callahan at 802-338-6099 or gjbc9199@hotmail.com.



Memorial Day: History Class Visits Lakeview Cemetery to Honor Veterans

By Bill Clark

On a sunny but cool spring day, twelve Winooski students from Mr. McQuinn's and Mr. Clark's U.S. History class journeyed to Lakeview Cemetery in Burlington to plant flags at veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

After instructions from Ms. Annie D'Alton, the cemetery assistant, the students fanned out through the headstones with maps and names of the veterans they planned to honor. Each team had to find a veteran's gravesite, decided whether the flag was torn and tattered, and then replace it as necessary with a fresh new flag. Ms. D'Alton instructed the students that even damaged flags would be treated respectfully. Used and tattered flags are collected and disposed of in a special ceremony conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The students saw gravestones that commemorated veterans who served in the Civil War, the Spanish American

War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. They made a special trip to the Islamic section of the cemetery to honor those dead as well and to the grave of General Stannard, a Civil War hero at Gettysburg, which the students had studied, and several Medal of Honor winners.

After a few strenuous hours climbing through the cemetery, the students adjourned to the caretaker's cottage for homemade treats and juice, and a discussion of their afternoon. This was the first time several students had visited a cemetery, so the learning spanned personal growth as well as the subject matter.

"I was quite impressed by how the students treated the graves. They showed a great deal of respect. Both my parents are buried here, and I appreciate the students' careful attention to these graves," said volunteer Deb Light.

"Over 17,000 people are buried at

Lakeview," said Ms. D'Alton. "And around 1,500 of them are veterans. Both my father and grandfather were in Europe in two different wars. This work gives me a greater respect for what they did and how they felt about this country."

"This visit challenged students to bring their classroom experience into the community and make their learning real," said Mr. McQuinn. "History is not something we read about in a book. Hopefully, these students will go home with a better idea of what history is."





City Council Update

by Nicole Mace

With warmer weather and longer days comes the time of year when Winooski is hopping with events. From Green Up Day to Waking Windows, the Memorial Day Parade, the Farmer’s Market and Spring into the Arts, these events provide our residents with an opportunity to explore our City, connect with each other, and build a true sense of community. We owe a big thanks to all city staff, who work tirelessly with every event to ensure its success.

City Council has been busy laying the foundation for the next phase of growth in our little City. In May, we approved a complete update to our City ordinances, which represented over two years of work on the part of City staff. One significant ordinance change was banning the use of tobacco products in three City parks: Landry Park, West Allen Park, and the Meyers Memorial Pool. You can find the updated ordinances on the City’s website.

Speaking of the pool, most of you have probably heard that, based on the recommendation of an engineer, the City has decided to close the Meyers Memorial Pool due to significant structural issues that pose safety concerns. This possibility was made clear during budget discussions this year, and funds that would have gone to support pool operations will fund activities for youth and families this summer. For more information about those activities, contact Ethan Hausman at 655-6410.

Finally, Council will be finalizing updated zoning regulations this month. Winooski’s current zoning rules are from 1981, with few updates between then and today, which does not serve potential new development or our existing neighborhoods very well.

The new regulations will have a significant impact on the main access corridors to Winooski (Main St., Allen St./Rte 15, and Mallets Bay Ave.). In these areas, after substantial community feedback and design workshops, the Planning Commission recommended adopting Form Based Code. This style of zoning focuses on how the form, design, and structure of development interacts with the community. Less emphasis is placed on the type of use, and more emphasis is placed on defining clear criteria and check list that builders need to meet in order to get a project approved. Form Based Code encourages mixed use and denser redevelopment along the gateway corridors.

Thanks to the members of the Winooski Planning Commission and the folks at the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission for all of the hard work they did to bring our regulations up to date.

As City Council is asked to consider new development in our growing City, we will be focused on our vision statement, which states: “Winooski will be an affordable, livable, diverse community...that has long-term vibrancy and a small-town feel...and a mix of quality, affordable housing stock that maintains the character and aesthetics of our neighborhoods.” Please stay engaged and informed as new development projects come to the Council so you have a voice in shaping the future of our City. Happy Summer!

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Councilor Robert Millar	rmillar@winooskivt.org	802-238-0089
Councilor Brian Sweeney	bsweeney@winooskivt.org	802-734-6902
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Keep up to date with announcements and news:

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Pokemon Fun

Come join us at the O’Brien Community Center for some afternoon fun playing



Starting May 11th, we will meet on Wednesdays from 4:30 until 6pm at 32 Malletts Bay Ave Winooski.

- Casual card trading and playing.
- Come late or leave early.
- Learn how to play the game.

Note: this is a community activity and not an afterschool program.

Call or text Josh Neilson at 881-2160 for more information.

Gardeners: Plant an extra row for the Food Shelf!

We would be most grateful if you could plant an extra row of veggies or think of us when you have a surplus. Favorite veggies include tomatoes, green beans, summer squash, zucchini, corn, potatoes, onions, carrots and beets. If you have fruit trees that provide more than you can use, please think of us. To arrange a drop off time at the Winooski Methodist Church please phone 310-8240. Thank you and happy gardening!

Community Center Coffee Hour

Please join us from 9:00-11:00 am on Fridays! Come have coffee, tea, sometimes juice, and a bite-size pastry, courtesy of Starbucks on Williston Road. Contact 655-1392, ext. 10 for more information.

Stay in Touch: Join Front Porch Forum!

Front Porch Forum’s mission is to help neighbors connect and foster community within the neighborhood.

Go to www.frontporchforum.com to sign up for this free community resource.

Thrive Program Ready for Summer

By Kirstie Paschall, Children and Family Programs Manager (Thrive Program Director)

We hope everyone enjoyed our unusual winter, and is looking forward to spring!

The Thrive After School and Summer Program is a state licensed program for children who have just completed Kindergarten-5th grade and are entering 1st-6th grade in the fall. Our summer program is a day-long program full of opportunities for children to explore personal interests and the community, while practicing important academic and social skills. In our classrooms we

dance, play with science, reading, math, art and problem solving, play team building games and sports, and build connections with friends that carry into the school year. We take trips throughout the community including walks to the Winooski Memorial Library, the Intervale, the Riverwalk and Gilbrook Nature Area, to emphasize outside time and all of the great things happening in Winooski!

This year, we are also launching our new online registration and payment.

Find us at www.WinooskiRec.com, click activities, and click on “Thrive Summer Program”. You can register for camp and pay online all from home! We will be continuing enrollment through the last week of School. Be on the lookout for us in the JFK lobby at pick up time! In the meantime, feel free to reach out to Kirstie Paschall, Thrive Program Director, at thrive@winooski.org for more information!

We’re looking forward to another exciting year! Hope to see you there!

Legislative Report: Planned Siting of Renewable Energy Projects

By Representative Clem Bissonnette

In recent years, Vermont has adopted commonsense strategies to combat climate change. Importantly, we have implemented clean energy solutions that are reducing our dependence on fossil fuel. Our shift to distributed sources of renewable energy has evoked a statewide conversation about how to balance our interests in a healthier, cleaner, and more sustainable energy supply with our use of the working landscape.

This year, the legislature passed a bill to enhance energy planning at the municipal and regional levels and align those plans with the location of large renewable energy projects. This work is consistent with reaching the state’s energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

The regional planning commission (RPC) may now add an enhanced energy planning section to their regional plan, so long as it is consistent with the state’s renewable energy and climate change goals. The RPC will submit a completed plan to the Department of Public Service (DPS) to ensure it complies with the state’s goals and policies on energy and greenhouse gas reductions. Once the DPS has determined that the plan is aligned, individual towns can create their own enhanced energy plans that align with the regional one. If RPC’s have not completed their planning, the municipalities can submit their plans directly to the DPS for a determination until July 1, 2018.

Going forward, the Public Service Board the board must give substantial

deference to the enhanced plans when new energy projects are put forth for approval. Unless an applicant can demonstrate “clear and convincing” evidence that other factors affecting the general good of the state outweigh the application of the measure or policy, towns with enhanced plans will be able to determine where projected as sited.

In addition, the bill states that if the FAA requires obstruction lights on an applicant’s wind project, radar-controlled lighting technology must be used. Vermont will be the first “lights out at night” state, requiring that lighting only turn on when a plane is passing. The bill also confirms that if a farmer’s ground-mounted solar project is approved and is sited on prime agricultural soils, that the land will remain classified as prime agricultural soil after the project is removed. Putting a solar project on that land will not remove the classification.

As soon as the bill is signed, wind turbine approvals will be halted for 45 days while the Public Service Board drafts provisional sound standards that will apply through July 2017, when the board is required to adopt permanent rules. The rules will set sound standards for the turbines at levels no greater than the most restrictive permit the PSB has yet granted.

Managing our Forests

Recognizing the value that healthy forests have in Vermont’s working landscape – and their contribution to a

healthy ecosystem – the legislature passed a series of bills to protect and maintain this precious resource.

Along with many other things, these bills encourage the collection of harvesting information - in concert with landowners and loggers, protects the right of landowners to conduct forestry operations in compliance with Accepted Management Practices, encourages succession planning by forestland owners to keep forestland intact from one generation to the next, creates a right of a person to bring a civil action for damages due to the unlawful cutting of trees, repeals the requirement that a timber harvester mark the boundaries of a harvest unit prior to harvest, and upgrade the crime of “timber trespass” from a civil misdemeanor to a prosecutable crime.

Miscellaneous Updates:

Legislature relaxed requirement on how often municipal plans need to be updated. Currently they must be updated every 5 years; now they must update every eight years.

The legislature ensured that conservation easements that were always meant to be perpetual are in fact perpetual. These easements do not have to be rerecorded every 40 years and if a tax sale occurs on the property this legislation ensures the easement remains with the property.

Winooski Food Shelf Schedule for June

By Linda Howe

A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT! I would like to give a big THANK YOU to the community for all your generous donations of food for the Postal Carrier food drive in May. The Postal Carriers got a real workout lugging in all that wonderful food! Also, a big thanks to St. Francis Xavier Church who on a weekly basis donates food and helps the Food Shelf with our photo copying needs. June pick up schedule (please note we have slightly shortened Saturday closing time to accommodate another use of the room).

Wednesday, June 8th	2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Pantry staples, meat, and eggs
Saturday, June 11th	9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Fresh fruit, veggies, bread, pastry and deli items
Wednesday, June 22nd	2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Pantry staples, meat, and eggs
Saturday, June 25th	9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Fresh fruit, veggies, bread, pastry and deli items

Food Shelf policy: Winooski residents may access the pantry staples one Wednesday each month. Folks can come both Saturdays to stock up on bread, pastry and some fresh fruit and veggies. Hannaford's provides Saturday's food. New clients should bring proof of Winooski residency such as a utility bill.

Any Winooski resident in need is welcome. You might have just lost a job, become ill or injured and can't work, had a new baby or have large medical bills. We all have experienced sudden life changes. The Food Shelf is here to help support you. For questions call 318-0460.

Where to find us: The Winooski Food Shelf is located in the United Methodist Church at the corner of West Allen and Follett Streets. There is a bus stop on that corner. We do not provide rides so please bring a wheeled cart or suitcase and some reusable bags to lug your food home.

Police Department Outreach

By Scott D. McGivern, Lieutenant,
Winooski Police Department

In the May 2016 article I mentioned activities the police department will be participating in throughout the summer. As we all know there are plenty of other activities for people to experience within the city.

Remember the **Art's Riot food trucks** will return to Winooski beginning Saturday, June 18th. The trucks will be on Winooski Falls Way every Saturday through July. Also the **Farmers' Market** will return to Winooski Falls Way on Sundays. I believe the Market returns Memorial Day Weekend and runs into the fall. If you can, check out the **Memorial Day parade**.

Summer activities around Chittenden County will also be happening to include **Lake Monsters Baseball**. If your children are looking for things to do, check out local park and recreation departments for scheduled events.

June is an exciting time for the kids in the school district as school lets out for the summer. The children will be out enjoying the time off from their studies. We ask that people are alert as the children will be moving around the city on foot, skateboards, bicycles and other modes of transportation.

As you may have noticed, construction on the roundabout has begun. The construction will be going on day and night. Especially during the morning and evening commute, traffic will be slowed. To avoid some aggravation plan alternate routes into and out of Burlington. The drive time will increase due to the increased distance traveled, but you may find it will still be faster than contending with the construction traffic. The construction is scheduled to last throughout the summer.

National Drug Take Back Day

by Sarah Petrokonis

The WCSPC celebrated National Drug Take Back Day this year as an opportunity to help educate the community about preventing prescription drug abuse and safe disposal of unused medications. Students and staff from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences volunteered their time to help us count and track medications that were disposed of in the Winooski drug drop-box during the event. Thanks to the Winooski Police Department, the Vermont Department of Health, Chittenden Prevention Network, and volunteers for your support and hard work!



We would also like to thank Cheryl Brosnan for her wonderful work with students during her time as a guidance counselor with the Winooski School District. During her time with Winooski Middle School, Cheryl organized anti-tobacco student groups and reduced the rates of youth smoking by 37% in just a few years. Cheryl also facilitated student tobacco cessation groups and helped dozens of students quit smoking. Thank you, Cheryl for all your hard work and dedication!

Please join us for our next community dinner on Wednesday, June 15 at 6 pm. Our dinner will be co-hosted by Outright Vermont and will be held at the O'Brien Community Center (32 Malletts Bay Avenue, Winooski). For more information please contact Kate Nugent at (802) 655-4565 or katenugent@wcspc.org.

Myers Memorial Pool Update

By Ray Coffey

Over the past few months staff from the City's Community Services and Public Works Department have been working (with strong support from a group of volunteer residents, as well as with the Greater Burlington YMCA) to assess the existing conditions of the Myers Memorial Pool, and to make a determination as to whether to open the facility for the summer of 2016. The City contracted with an engineering firm with significant experience in aquatics to assess the Pool and provide recommendations for what it would take to safely open for this summer. "Based on the findings from that visit, and after weighing all our options, we've made the very difficult decision that we will not be opening the Myers Memorial Pool for this summer, and instead will be moving ahead with temporary alternative plans for swimming and recreational opportunities for the Winooski community," said Ray Coffey, Community Services Director with the City of Winooski. The City is working closely with the YMCA to finalize the details of what these alternatives will

look like (including both swimming and non-swimming options for youth and families), and will begin advertising these in the coming weeks.

"There was a laundry list of concerns highlighted during the engineer's site visit, and while some would be pretty easy to address, many of the bigger items had serious safety ramifications for both staff and swimmers," said Coffey. "In our estimation, the resources needed to address them did not make sense for a facility that we know we would be closing after this year anyway. This feels like a decision that we must make in order to uphold our job of keeping people safe, and also being responsible stewards of public funds."

There will be a full report on the engineer's findings that will be made publicly available via the City's website (www.winooski.org) in early June.

Work is underway on a replacement plan for the Myers Pool Facility, and there is a volunteer Pool Feasibility and Design Team meeting regularly to discuss next steps and move the City towards a

draft plan for pool replacement. These meetings, which are open to the public, will be advertised on the City's website as they are scheduled. There will also be a significant public engagement process over the summer months in an effort to create a replacement plan that meets the community's needs and interests, both current and future. "This is not a decision we came to lightly, and we want to acknowledge that this has real impact on our residents," said Coffey. "The public turned out en masse back in January when this was discussed as part of the City's budget process, and we really hope that passion and energy will be part of our efforts to plan what's next, both short and long term." Questions or concerns can be directed to Community Services Director Ray Coffey at rscoffey@winooski.org.

The Myers Memorial Pool, which is named after former Winooski resident Kenneth Myers, was originally built in 1972.

Girl Scout Troop 30187

By Amy Snow Lothrop

April was an awesome month for Scouts! The Juniors wrapped up their aMuse journey by learning how to inspire themselves and others to bust stereotypes that hold all of us back from our potential. The Daisies continued learning how to live the Girl Scout Promise and Law. We went to the Jay Peak Pump House and attended Girl Expo. We slept overnight, road mountain bikes, made Bristle bots, learned how to do zombie make up, archery, air rifles, and were in the fashion show. We also spent time with our CEO Patricia Mellor and Miss VT Alayna Westcom. Special thank yous to our guests: Mrs. Crandall came to teach pottery and helped us make bowls to donate to the Empty Bowls dinner. Jan Ellis-Clements of Lucy's House for the Prevention of Homeless pets came to discuss ways the Juniors could help pets for their Bronze Award project.



It is never too late to volunteer or join Girl Scouts! Contact Amy Snow Lothrop at amylothrop@comcast.net or 802-373-7288.

Senior Center News

By Barb Pitfido, Winooski Senior Programs Manager

There are times when I am overwhelmed by the generosity of others. At the Senior Center we calculate the hours spent by volunteers doing our various activities (Meals on Wheels, hospitality, BINGO!, program hosting, office work, etc), and I sometimes becoming teary at the hundreds of hours that folks spend every month making our little universe a much better place. Then I think of the other generous people who do their part in volunteering for the City as well - Friends of the Library, Operation Bloom, Season's Greetings, Parks & Rec coaches, Foster Grandparents, to name a few, who are all touching our community in positive ways and investing in a healthier future.

As one person, I say a heartfelt "Thank You" to those who give so selflessly. As one City we say "Thank You" by creating a atmosphere of praise and acknowledgement for collective contributions, and continue to develop a culture of appreciation.

Our Volunteer Appreciation dinner on June 29th marks the day when we say "Thank You" to the generosity of all the local groups and individuals who have strengthened our community and made our square mile city a much greater universe.

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"Giving of any kind begins the process of change, and moves us to remember that we are part of a much greater universe."

— Mbali Creazzo

COMING UP:

- June 7 - Senior Lunch & Meeting
- June 21 & 28 - Technology Workshops
- June 23 - National Pink Day BINGO!
- June 28 - Last Tuesdays Lunch & Learn
- July 5 - Senior Lunch & Meeting
- July 5, 12 & 19 - Technology Workshops
- July 14 - Bastille Day BINGO!
- July 26 - Last Tuesdays Lunch & Learn
- July 29 - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



EVERY MONTH

- **Do Drop In** - (Mon 9-11am) Join us for coffee, treats and great conversation! FREE!
- **Tai Chi** - Mondays 10-11am advanced class, 11-12pm for arthritis, 5:30-6:30pm for wellness FREE!
- **NEW! Fiber Arts Studio** - (Tues 9-12am June 14 & 21) Join us for knitting, crochet, sewing & more! Bring your projects and share your love of fiber arts with others. Snacks provided, FREE!
- **Open Art Studio** - (Wed 9-12pm) Try a new skill and be creative with fellow art & craft lovers. Snacks provided. FREE!
- **Community Lunch** - (Thurs 11:30am) Join us for a great lunch and great company! \$4.00 RSVP
- **BINGO!** - (Thurs 12:30pm) Always a blast! Free Popcorn! \$10.00
- **NEW! Last Tuesdays** - 11:30 lunch, 12:30 programs \$4.00 RSVP
- **NEW! Walking w/ Megan** - Thurs 9:30am meet at 83 Barlow Patio. Weather permitting. FREE!
- **Van rides** to The Winooski Food Shelf, Shaws, Hannaford's & the Mall and the Winooski Memorial Library. Call for times. FREE!

The Winooski Senior Center.... the most exciting place in Winooski! We are located at 123 Barlow Street. Office hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 12:00pm, Thursdays until 2:30pm. You can reach us by phone at 802-655-6425 or by email at seniorcenter@winooskivt.org

HEALTH CORNER

Health Office News

By Liz Parris, RN BSN, Health Office Coordinator

What a busy year it has been! On average our health office has seen about 100-150 students per day, 30-40 prescription medications daily administered, numerous students sent to the dentist via SSTA transport and triaged hundreds of phone calls. The health office wishes to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to the following people and businesses: Dr. Andrea Green, our medical liaison, Christina Rohne, substitute nursing assistant, Arlene Mathewson, substitute nurse, Judy George, substitute nurse, Sharonlee Trefry, State School Nurse Consultant, UVMMC-Pediatrics, VT Dental, SSTA, CHC, VDH, TLC nursing, UVMMC Diabetes Education team, St. Mike's Rescue, the district's medical emergency response team(MERT) and other local pediatric offices. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for helping me service the needs of the Winooski students throughout the year. I appreciate each one of you.

We will be hiring a new school nurse to work along side of me for the next school year. I am confident that we will find the perfect match for this health office and I am excited to introduce them to you next fall.

On another note...

While you are soaking up the summer rays(with your sunscreen on of course) by the poolside or lake over the next couple of months please take a minute to think about what your child will need before they return to school in the fall.

If your child is going to be a kindergartner then he/she will need an updated copy of immunization records. Please make sure they have had 5 doses of DTP/Dtap, 4 doses of IPV, 3 doses of Hepatitis B, 2 doses of MMR and 2 doses of Varicella. If they don't then please call your child's primary doctor to schedule an appointment for them.

If your child is entering the 7th grade then please make sure they have had their 2nd dose of Varicella and a tdap booster.

Do you exempt your child from immunizations? If so then please make

sure to stop by the health office before June 10th to fill out a form for next school year. Otherwise, they will be available with your school's administrative assistant over the summer.

Remember without updated immunizations, a renewed exemption form or a doctors note stating their next appointment they can't start school in the fall!

Does your child have asthma? If so, then please get those asthma action plans completed over the summer and have an inhaler and/or spacer ready to bring in the first day of school.

Does your child have an epi-pen? If so, then please get updated doctor's orders for them and have the new orders and

epi-pen ready to bring in on the first day of school.

I have enjoyed serving the health needs of your kids this school year and wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy summer vacation.

See you in the fall!!

Tooth Tutor Update

By Diane Polson, RDH, Tooth Tutor

Summer is coming and the warm weather is here. Get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Just remember: FLOSS, Brush and keep those summer Dental Appointments!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU — JUNE

DAILY BREAKFAST OPTIONS: NEW: Abbey Breakfast Sandwich: Sausage & Cheese on English Muffin – offered daily!!
 MONDAY: Whole Grain French Toast Sticks • TUESDAY: Whole Grain Cinnamon Bun w/Cheese Stick • WEDNESDAY: Scrambled Egg & Cheese Wrap • THURSDAY: Healthy Breakfast Round • FRIDAY: Egg & Ham in a Basket OR Cereals w/English Muffin OR Bagels
 ** Fresh Fruit & Milk With all Meals**

PLEASE NOTE:

Lunch is available for all students on early dismissal days! Pick up yours at either door on your way out.



Local Products Used on when available

Items in bold and italicized are Local Products

Items in Bold and Underlined are Harvest of the Month & Feed Items

All items in Bold are Recipes from the New School Cuisine Cookbook created by Vermont FEED

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

DAILY BREAKFAST OPTIONS

MONDAY
Whole Grain Breakfast Bun

TUESDAY
Whole Grain Bagel w/Cream Cheese

WEDNESDAY
Assorted Cold Cereal

THURSDAY
Healthy Breakfast Round

FRIDAY
Fruit Filled Muffin

Each Meal is served with:
100% Juice, Fresh Fruit & Hood Milk: Skim, 1% white or Fat-Free Chocolate

	Wed., June 1	Thurs., June 2	Fri., June 3
 	Taste Test Event Three Herb Potato Salad Chef's Choice Pizzas Pepperoni, Cheese Or Veggie Pizza Chopped Green Salad	Beef Nachos Seasoned Taco Meat, Cheese Sauce, Salsa, <i>Cabot Sour Cream</i> , Lettuce, & Corn Tortilla Chips Rice Pilaf Warm Black Beans	Sweet & White Home Fries Pancakes w/ Warm Syrup Sausage Links Celery Sticks
	Mon., June 6	Tues., June 7	Wed., June 8
	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets w/Dipping Sauce Oven Baked French Fries Cucumber Sticks Dinner Roll	Chef's Choice Pizzas Pepperoni, Cheese Or Veggie Pizza Broccoli Salad Fresh Carrot Sticks	End of Year BBQ Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Veggie Burgers w/all the fixins Garden Pasta Salad Baked Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie Chilled Watermelon Fresh Milk
	Thurs., June 9	Fri., June 10	
	Taco Bar w/ Soft Shell Seasoned Taco Meat, Mozz. Cheese, Lettuce, Salsa, <i>Cabot Sour Cream</i> , & Soft Flour Tortilla Rice Pilaf Black Bean & Corn Salad	Last Day of School Deli Day Turkey, Ham or Veggie Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Veggie Sticks Animal Crackers Fresh Fruit Fresh Milk	

DAILY LUNCH OPTIONS

Entrée Options

Main Meal or **Cabot** Yogurt Parfait or Deli Sandwich or Chef Salad

Offered with all Meals

Fresh Fruit
Hood Milk: Skim, 1% white or Fat-Free Chocolate

Community Eligibility Provision

Meals to all Students are Free

Adult Breakfast \$1.75 Lunch \$3.50 Milk \$0.50

Pay for meals on-line
For free on-line service go to <http://www.abbeygroup.net>
Search for Your School and Click the \$12 Payment Center Link

PLEASE NOTE: Middle and High school menu information is available at www.abbeygroup.net/schoolmenus. You can also learn about options for managing your child's account at the website.

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WSD ENDS STATEMENT

All students will graduate from the Winooski School District (WSD) college and career ready at a cost supported by a majority of the Winooski community. WSD students will lead healthy, productive and successful lives and engage with their local and global community.

ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

The Winooski School District is a PreK through 12 system that is housed in one educational center. At press time, there were 410 students attending JFK Elementary (grades PreK-5), 161 attending Winooski Middle School (grades 6-8), and 234 attending Winooski High School (grades 9-12).

One of the most diverse school districts in the state of Vermont, Winooski's teachers and staff are highly involved in professional development programs that help increase student achievement, address the needs of a diverse student population, and allow students to thrive in an engaging environment with high expectations.

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