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WINOOSKI SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS!

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Celebrating Our Achievements!

Thrive Summer Youth Camp

By Danielle Magowan & Mike Weber

The Winooski Thrive Summer Youth Camp is up and running! Each day between 50 and 70 students come and enjoy THRIVE and all of the activities. The pictures show the gardening and nutrition club, just one of many in our program.

The summer has been filled with work in the garden, time at the pool, sports clubs, and lots of arts and crafts. And the chance to taste what they have grown!

The summer will only get greener as the program continues through August. In the coming weeks THRIVE students will enjoy a bicycle riding program with bikes from Local Motion. THRIVE students are very excited about having the Local Motion bikes on site!



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Building a Vision for Learning in Winooski

By Sean McMannon, Superintendent of Schools



In the July newsletter I described relationships as the foundation of learning. It is essential that trusting, compassionate and collaborative relationships support clear and meaningful systems within an organization to ultimately benefit the growth of our students. Our school board has begun to merge the theory and practice of a very important

system, policy governance. Our board has adopted policies that reflect the policy governance approach and engaged in professional development to deeply understand this concept. In my first board meeting on July 10th I was impressed with the board's understanding and practice of policy governance principles.

The policy governance "model enables the board to focus on the larger issues, to delegate with clarity, to control management's job without meddling, to rigorously evaluate the accomplishment of the organization; to truly lead its organization" according to Dr. John Carver known as the father of this governance model.

Policy governance requires that we have defined ENDS or OUTCOMES for our students' learning. Since the board represents the residents of our town it is absolutely imperative that students, parents and community members provide guidance on what they believe these ENDS/OUTCOMES should be. On Wednesday, August 14th, 5:30 pm at the O'Brien Community Center the board will host a community dinner. In addition to a delicious meal, there will be a facilitated forum for all Winooski residents to express their thoughts on a defined vision for learning in our schools. We have arranged for interpreters and childcare so please do your very best to attend and voice your thoughts.

Lastly, as I meet more members of the Winooski school and broader community it really begins to feel like a family. I greatly appreciate this sense of family and would like to introduce everyone to my family. From left to right, our oldest daughter Brenna is fourteen and will be entering Colchester High School this fall. She loves soccer, playing the violin with the Vermont Youth Orchestra and hanging with her friends. My wonderful and talented wife, Jennifer has the challenging, full-time job of managing all of our busy lives in addition to being a certified yoga instructor and middle school math teacher. Our youngest daughter Ani is twelve, plays the piano, loves soccer and really wants to go to Thailand! I hope to meet all of you soon and introduce you to my family as well.

You can reach me at (802) 383-6000 or at smcmannon@wdschools.org.

Save the Date!

The Winooski Board of School Trustees will be hosting a community dinner to help the board define a vision for learning in Winooski Schools.

• **Wednesday, August 14, 2013 – 5:30 p.m. at the O'Brien Community Center**

- A FREE dinner will be served for all Winooski residents attending
- Opportunity to work together to define a vision for learning in Winooski Schools

Stay tuned for additional details about the event. Visit our website or call 802-383-6000.

PROPERTY REPORT

Revitalizing our Buildings and Grounds

By Rebecca Goulet, Finance Manager

Beginning over April vacation, and continuing over the summer months, many of the unseen or forgotten areas of the district have been repaired, and proactively upgraded. Here are some of the highlights:

- New side rails have been installed on the bleachers in the gym.
- Several wall pads were replaced in the gym.
- A new dishwasher, hot water and water softener have been installed in the Kitchen.
- A new hot water tank was installed in the MS/HS boiler room. This will provide hot water without the boilers running.
- Two Taco Pumps have been replaced in the boiler room. These pumps were old and replacement parts were not readily available.
- New Unit Ventilators were installed throughout the Middle school. Next summer, we conclude our unit ventilator replacement in the High School.
- New cooling systems have been installed for the IT server room and the copy center.
- Replacement of garage doors
- Replacement of back door to JFK
- New benches and signage in the front lobby.
- The parking lot is currently undergoing repairs, paving, and line stripping. (Much thanks the Winooski Public Works Department for their assistance) We will also be installing new signs to help with traffic flow.

During the remaining days of summer, our staff will be busying putting the final touches on our building grounds for the upcoming school year. Enjoy August and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Summer Updates from the Partnership for Change

By Megan Behrend

The Partnership for Change is using the summer months to reflect on past progress and prepare for the exciting work ahead in our efforts to redesign Winooski and Burlington schools for the 21st century. Learn about a few ways in which the two districts are currently working to build a bright future for our communities below:

WMHS Learning Walks build bridges between families and schools

This past spring, Winooski Middle/High School launched Learning Walks, a new opportunity for families and schools to work together to prepare all students for the future. Supported by a Partnership mini-grant, WMHS held its first Learning Walk on May 21, 2013. During the three-hour event, families

toured the school with Principal Leon Wheeler, observed WMHS classrooms in action, and engaged in a discussion about how Winooski School District works. A broad group participated in the pilot Learning Walk, including parents, students, guidance counselors, teachers, administrators, family-school liaisons, school social workers, and community service providers. Through follow-up conversations with parents and staff, the organizers found the event to be a great first step toward strengthening family-school partnerships in Winooski. Feedback from the pilot Learning Walk also pointed toward a number of next steps to take as we look to deepen these relationships.

Students, teachers, and community partners learn about proficiency-based education in Colorado

Last month, a group of students, educators, and community partners from Winooski and Burlington traveled to Estes Park, Colo., to learn from Eagle Rock School's nationally recognized model of proficiency-based education. Organized by Partnership fellow Sarah Bertucci, the site visit was designed to support ongoing work to bring proficiency-based Graduate Expectations to Winooski and Burlington schools. Graduate Expectations are the habits, skills, and knowledge that our community decides are most important to the success of all students in college, career, and civic engagement. While at Eagle Rock, the group explored together what successful proficiency-based learning could look like in our own schools. This shared learning experience will be very valuable as both districts prepare to pilot Graduate Expectations in certain lessons, classes, and programs in the upcoming year.

Join us in making our schools and our community the very best

At the heart of the Partnership's philosophy is the belief that the talent and drive needed to move our schools forward lie within our communities. As a result, we want to involve as much of our community as possible in the



Winooski delegation to the Pfor Change retreat in Estes Park, Colorado: Mike Decarreau, Hannah Little, Steve Crowley, Indra Acharya, Hal Colston

school change process. For 2013-14, the Partnership's five public Implementation Teams (I-Teams) are adopting a new monthly meeting structure. In order to help students, teachers, parents, business leaders, and community partners learn about and collaborate on all of the work being done to remodel our schools, the five I-Teams will now meet as a combined group once a month on Thursday evenings. At these monthly meetings, I-Teams will be able to share their progress and learn from one another as well as break out into individual teams or subcommittees to work on specific projects. Whether you're a veteran I-Team member or just learning about the Partnership for Change, we invite you to join us for our first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 19 from 6 to 7:30 pm in the Winooski School Library. Mark your calendars today!

The Partnership Sponsors the Winooski Coalition Community Dinner

Join us on Wednesday, September 18 as we sponsor the Winooski Coalition's Community Dinner at the O'Brien Community Center starting at 5:30 pm. Bring your family, tell your neighbors, and come enjoy a free dinner and talk with us about the exciting work happening in Winooski.

To learn more about these topics or other parts of the school change process in Winooski and Burlington, visit partnershipvt.org.

School Board News

By Jay Lambert

Greetings fellow community members. It's that time of year again: Summer is almost over and the children will soon be headed back to school. In this month's *District News* I'd like to take a moment to welcome back all of the parent's, teacher's, support staff, administrator's, and especially the children, as we begin a new school year.

This is an exciting time here at the Winooski school district, and it is also a time filled with opportunities to serve our city's children. As the new school year takes off, I would like to encourage the parents, and community members of our fine city to get involved in some way with the school district.

The ways to become involved are as diverse as our student population. As for the time commitment, that also can be tailored to fit the needs of the volunteer as well. So whether you have a little time to give, or a lot.

And whatever your passion is, the children of Winooski need every one of us to participate as we face the challenges ahead.

August News from JFK

By Mary O'Rourke, John F. Kennedy Elementary School Principal

Summer is always a busy time at school getting rooms ready to re-enter. Our custodians are busy thoroughly cleaning classrooms. Some rooms have been painted and by opening day the building will be in great shape thanks to a lot of hard work.

Our two-week summer school session was very successful. It was a great professional development opportunity for our teachers and the students were happy to reacquaint themselves with classmates and teachers. They also had a chance for some great learning time with fun thrown in!!

We have new staff members joining us at JFK this year. We would like to welcome Hilary Sales, music teacher; Allison Smith, 4th grade teacher; and Lauren Muir, 2nd grade teacher. We are excited to have them join our staff.

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 21st. There will be a welcome back/open house barbeque! This is in the early planning stages and more information will be made available on Alert Now, Front Porch Forum, and by mail.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. In just a few short weeks we will be back. Our new school year starts on Wednesday, August 28th.

JFK Adventure Brain Camp—Learning and Fun!

By Barbara Russ, 21C Program Director

For two weeks in July 138 students in grades 1-6 participated in our JFK Adventure Brain Camp every day from 8am-12:30pm taught by 22 teachers and instructional assistants. Our students had a variety of learning opportunities in both literacy and math. First graders read fiction and nonfiction books about frogs. In second grade, students learned about the solar system and became experts on all the planets. Third and fourth graders focused their learning on force and motion that included several scientific experiments. In fifth and sixth grade, students learned about Mongolia, Far North, and Himalaya. All grade levels worked on their math skills, as well, throughout the two weeks.

Each morning children were served a healthy fruit or vegetable snack prepared by Mrs. Pitfido. Our students especially loved the blueberries and veggies with ranch dressing! Thank you, Mrs. Pitfido, for all of the brain facts you shared with every snack. Everyone learned a lot of new information about the foods they were eating.



Our Adventure Brain Camp recess teams were a huge success. Our students were in multi-age groups and each day participated in a different outdoor activity. While we had to make some adaptations due to the rain and the heat (a special thank you to Mr. Barcomb for keeping us organized!), our students were flexible and had a great time

working on common goals with their fellow team members. Lots of laughter could be heard in the gymnasium as well as outdoors over the two weeks! We were happy to have the Thrive staff join with the Brain Camp teachers to participate in these activities together everyday. We so appreciate partnering with the city of Winooski to provide these summer opportunities for the youth of our community!

Each afternoon, Adventure Brain Camp Teachers participated in professional development with literacy and ELL specialists Jane Mekkelsen and Linda Mosteiro Marshall. The focus of the professional development was on advancing students' reading abilities and engagement, and higher



ELL Summer School at JFK

By Kristin Van Fossen

This year we had a wonderful time at ELL summer school from June 24-June 28. We invited our newest students to join us as we took an in-depth look at fractions. Students focused on using the language of mathematics to talk about fractions and solve problems involving fractions in new ways. Everyone worked very hard and learned a lot.

Additionally, we took the students on daily field trips. This gave them the opportunity to see fractions in the real world, and a chance to experience some of the many wonderful things Vermont has to offer. We took a trip on the Ferry across Lake Champlain. We visited a local greenhouse. We went to Shelburne farms, to the movies and to Sugarbush resort. Overall, it was an enriching and educational experience for all. We had quite an adventure!

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level thinking, by increasing their oral language and discussion of non-fiction texts. The teaching strategy, Accountable Talk Read Aloud, was a key piece of this professional development. Some teachers are additionally taking a UVM Graduate Course on collaborative coaching.



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

The Diversity of the Seasons

By Leon Wheeler, Middle/High School Principal

Rainy, hot, and humid! I love summer in Vermont! Actually, I love the diversity of each of our seasons – evens in their extremes. I also appreciate the change-of-pace the summer brings, with the opportunity to reflect on the year now past and plan for the exciting year that is right around the corner.

There are very few staffing changes for the coming year, which is especially great as we have a dedicated team who has been working diligently together to build an excellent school system here in Winooski. I look forward to continuing our journey together throughout the year ahead.

As of July 1 the middle/high school has a new assistant principal, Kate Grodin. It is exciting to welcome her into our school and community. Here's Kate's introduction of herself:



*New Assistant Principal
Kate Grodin*

“Although I originally come from the New York City area, I have been living and working in Addison County for the past five years where I served as co-principal of Leicester Central School, a small rural elementary school. No one was more surprised than me when I realized how much I enjoyed working in a tiny school of less than 70 students set in the country. While on bus duty in the morning, I both welcomed each child into the building and watched the neighboring horses and pigs play. Leicester’s small

size was often viewed as a challenge (fewer resources, small peer groups), which it was, but I also saw it equally as a strength. We were able to know each student intimately and clearly see their PK-6 journey.

“When I interviewed for my new position at Winooski, I felt the same cohesiveness and pride that I had grown to love at Leicester. After accepting the position, people asked about where I was going and I enthusiastically responded, “To Winooski! It’s like a bigger Leicester School!” I believe that Winooski and I are a great fit; I am back in a greater urban community, which I have missed, and I have joined a tight group that takes pride in its work and focuses on the students. My first goal is to introduce myself and meet the people who make this place happen: students and families, teachers and staff. Please consider stopping by the office, so we can begin to get to know each other!”

Together with all the office staff, Kate and I wish you health and happiness for the remaining weeks of summer, and look forward to the year ahead.

Fall Sports Starting Up in August!

Here are the practice start dates and contact information for fall sports and coaches:

Varsity Football: Practice starts: Monday, August 12th.
Coach: Josh Safran, jsafran@wsdschools.org

Varsity Boys Soccer: Practice starts: Thursday, August 15th
Coach: Steve Feiss, stephenfeiss@gmail.com

Varsity Girls Soccer: Practice starts: Thursday, August 15th
Coach: Roger Prescott, rprescott@drm.com

Varsity Cheerleading: Practice starts: Thursday, August 15th
Coach: Ashley Correia, coach_correia@yahoo.com

Middle School Boys Soccer: Practice starts: Wed., August 28
Coach: Roger Desautels, roger@htyler.com

Middle School Girls Soccer: Practice starts: Wed., August 28
Coaches: Chris Magistrale and Emmy Charron,
cmagistrale@wsdschools.org or echarron@wsdschools.org.

WHS Senior Project Update

by Steve Crowley, Senior Project Coordinator

As we say to our WHS students in the spring of their junior year, Congratulations. You guys have successfully navigated 12 years of school. You now have the maturity, creativity, initiative, and persistence to handle the last major hurdle of your high school career, your Senior Project.

In early May, just before the Class of 2013 Senior Exposition, the Class of 2014 is given the full run-down on their own Senior Project. By the end of the school year, a student who is on track should have selected a project, started to identify a Community Mentor, and submitted their proposal with its learning goals. (That’s all on-line at <http://www.winooski.k12.vt.us/Page/872>.)

Some students already have a great start on their projects. Summer time is by far the best time to do the experiential part of the Project. This is especially critical for anyone playing a fall sport. Any seniors on a fall team should be pretty familiar with how scarce time can be. By postponing the project experience, an athlete can easily put themselves in a painful bind. But for everyone, summer may offer the greatest control over their time.

The proposal is submitted by sharing the document online with Mr. Crowley at scrowley@wsdschools.org.

Seniors: Even if you just want to toss around an idea or two, please email. There are lots of great projects to do, with the best project something that means a lot to the person doing it. For almost all graduating seniors, the Senior Project counts as the greatest thing they’ve ever accomplished. While the task is a big one, it will be something you’ll be proud of for the rest of your life.

Winooski Summer Students Remain Active in the Community

By Bill Clark, WHS ELL Teacher

The Summer Transitions Program for English Language Learners (ELL) began its third summer on July 1st. In the first two weeks of the program, over 30 students received assessments to place them in math and English classes; investigated informational texts and wrote about life in America; engaged in participatory literacy arts exercises; discussed patriotic songs; learned techniques to help deepen mathematical conversations; created slideshows and presented their solutions to math problems; and enjoyed various outdoor activities.

In addition to their math and English classroom work, students participated in several activities to familiarize them with the community.



Weeding at the Intervale

Nine students spent the July 5th holiday weeding six rows of kale, cabbage, and peppers at the Pitchfork Farm in the Intervale.

“Their level of effort was

extraordinary,” said one adult worker. “Those Winooski students came to work and it was amazing to watch them. They did a full day’s work in three hours!”

The continual rain this summer has prevented regular access to the fields and encouraged the growth of weeds. This work allowed the farm to protect this year’s crop. City Market donated refreshments, which the students appreciated very much.

The Farm at VYCC

During Week Two, the entire class visited The Farm at Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) in Richmond. Most of the students spent the day weeding and selecting produce for the Health Care Share, a program that brings organic produce to families in the area.

The students picked enough produce to feed 235 families! The next day, VYCC staff members delivered fresh produce to sites at Fletcher Allen, Winooski, Richmond, Waterbury, and other Central Vermont Medical Center clinics.

“The VYCC Health Care Share makes sure vegetables are accessible to all in the area,” said Caelan Keenan, the Food Security Coordinator and AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer for the The Farm at VYCC.

A smaller group of students worked with VYCC coordinator John Woodward and Mark from Gardener’s Supply to plant maple trees on Wes White Hill in Richmond.

“All the students were very focused and hard workers, in spite of the difficult digging conditions,” said Mark from Gardener’s Supply.

The students helped plant eight red maple trees along the road, which will create shade and improve the view for many years to come.

“Everything turned out beautifully and I know the neighbors will be pleased!” said Geoffrey Urbanik, the Richmond Town Manager. “This was great work, and I’m really excited about the job you did!”

Many of these students had worked on The Farm at VYCC during the spring. The tree planting gave them another chance to work together and demonstrate their abilities with shovels, wheelbarrows, and other tools.

“It was very satisfying work,” said John Woodward, the VYCC coordinator, as he reviewed the work done by the students. “They took responsibility and showed amazing results. This job was a home run all around.”



Vermont Lake Monsters vs. Hudson Valley Renegades

The summer students saw other home runs when the group walked to Centennial Field in Burlington for the Lake Monsters vs. Hudson Valley Renegades game. Everyone enjoyed the new bleacher seats as well as the french fries, cotton candy, and sno-cones offered at the ballpark. Students had a chance to take pictures with Champ, the team mascot, and learn more about the game. A series of morning meetings prepared the students for what they would see at the park and they wrote about their experiences in class when they returned.

The Summer Transitions Program uses funds from a Title III grant managed through the efforts of Robin Hood, the Winooski School District ELL Coordinator, and Jim McCobb, Coordinator of the Title III (English Language Acquisition) Program at the Vermont Department of Education, with additional support from Leon Wheeler, the middle and high school principal, and the City of Winooski.

The Summer Transitions Program includes teachers Bill Clark (Language Arts) and Tom Payeur (math); administrator and math assistant, Karen Greene; and aides Dalib Bulle, Whitney Dubie, Puspa Luitel, Aftaba Mezetovic, and Tabatha Soliz.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Update from your City Council

By Seth Leonard

Hello Winooski Residents!

Summer certainly seems to be floating by one rain storm at a time! While we certainly had a few incidents that impacted residents and business owners, we are grateful that we missed the overwhelming private and public infrastructure damage we have seen in other Vermont communities. City employees have done a terrific job of keeping our streets open and water systems running; while also responding quickly when emergencies have taken place. A reminder to everyone to monitor city's website at www.winooskivt.org for up to date information on any weather related emergencies. You can also receive updates on the city's Facebook and Twitter page! Leading up to the last round of heavy rain and wind storms, city staff maintained updates and safety preparedness tips/reminders via all of these outlets.

Besides the rain storms, there are a number of amazing things taking place in Winooski and it is exciting! Events like the Farmers Market continue to grow (750 attendees at the first week!), and one of the things that never ceases to amaze me is the number of volunteers that so willingly give their time and energy to make great things happen in our community. Volunteering not only helps the community, it helps you learn more about what is going on in our city. On the municipal level, we have opportunities for new members for our Development Review Board, Planning Commission, Environmental Board, and Transportation Advisory Board. Additionally, City Council is putting together project teams this summer to tackle Municipal Design Review, Liquor Control Board Policies, and City Vending Policies. If you are interested in getting involved and making a difference, please send a note to deac@winooski.org or call 802-655-6410.

Winooski Community Partnership News

Downtown Winooski is thriving, especially this time of year. Restaurants have outdoor seating, people are spending time in green spaces and by the river, and the Farmer's Market is in full force. We at the Winooski Community Partnership (WCP) are proud to be committed to the long-term growth and revitalization efforts of the designated downtown to make it a better place to live, visit, work, shop, do business, dine, and be entertained.

If you are as passionate about Winooski as we are, then please consider joining one of our committees: Organization, Economic Development, Promotion, or Design. These four committees are fundamental for any designated downtown organization and critical to the success of the board.

For more information, contact Lisa Condon, Executive Director at director@downtownwinooski.org or 802.338.512. You can also visit our website at www.downtownwinooski.org.



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Councilor John Little	jlittle@winooskivt.org	802-655-0106
Councilor Seth Leonard	sethinwinooski@gmail.com	919-616-0276
Councilor Sarah Robinson	sarah.kunz.robinson@gmail.com	802-734-6422
City Manager Deac Decarreau	deac@winooskivt.org	802-655-6410

Visit the city website at winooskivt.org or call 802-655-6410.

Volunteer Opportunities!

Are you looking to volunteer this school year? The Winooski Community Services Department needs you! We are currently looking for community members to tutor Winooski youth at our homework club. The homework club meets in the evenings and we ask that tutors commit to one session per week. If you would like more information on this opportunity, please email Alaina Wermers at vista@winooskivt.org.

We will also have other volunteer opportunities available soon for adults and youth, so look out for them in the September newsletter!

Passionate about Healthy Nutrition?

You can help a senior maintain good nutrition, remain active



and independent in his or her own home. Eat Well Age Well, a program sponsored by Hunger Free VT, United Way of Chittenden County and CVAA is seeking volunteers who are age 55+ to fill "Nutrition Corp" positions. The Eat Well Age Well program connects seniors with peer volunteers to help them apply for 3 Squares VT, a federal nutrition assistance program. The goal of the innovative Eat Well, Age Well program is to grow a team of volunteers who will be given the tools and training to reach out to their peers and talk about the importance of nutrition.

Volunteers must be willing to commit 1-5 hours/week, enjoy working with others, feel comfortable speaking with strangers, and be ready to learn to provide application assistance.

Prior knowledge in senior issues or health and nutrition is helpful, but are not required. Training provided, Application, Interview (phone or in-person), References, Background Check (VCIC, DAD, SRS, FBI), Confidentiality Statement required.

For more information contact: Ruthann Hackett, RSVP Coordinator, 861-7831 or email Ruthann@unitedwaycc.org.



Neighbor Rides
OF CHITTENDEN COUNTY
We'll get there together.

Neighbor Rides

Want to make new friends and connect with your neighbors? Be a Volunteer Driver!

United Way of Chittenden County recently launched Neighbor Rides to help meet the transportation needs of seniors and people with disabilities.

Neighbor Rides is looking for volunteer drivers to help their neighbors get to medical appointments, grocery stores and other essential errands. Volunteers use their personal vehicle to transport seniors and persons with disabilities within Chittenden County. Passengers are ambulatory; no special experience required, only a desire to help your neighbors get where they need to go.

Rides are scheduled by SSTA; you choose when and how often to drive. Mileage reimbursement is available. Background check, clean driving record, insurance and registration are required.

Connect with Neighbor Rides: Contact Alyson Platzer at United Way of Chittenden County. Call: (802) 861-7833 or email: Alyson@unitedwaycc.org



Meet Winooski's New Youth Services Librarian!

My name is Jessica Summer, and I am the new Youth Services Librarian at the Winooski Memorial Library. I've worked as the Youth Services Librarian for the Jeudevine Memorial Library in Hardwick since June 2011, and before that worked as a dorm parent for a boarding school and in the children's department at Barnes and Noble. I earned my Master of Library Science degree in December, and love working kids of all ages. Before my time in Hardwick, I lived in Winooski and am very excited to be back in the area.

I look forward to seeing you at the library. Please stop in and say hello!

Arch Camp Comes To Winooski

The Winooski Y will host a camp for kids entering third, fourth and fifth grade on the Autism spectrum and those struggling to make social connections. Led by Tori Cleiland, a licensed special educator from Winooski, the group will meet at the Boys and Girls Club inside the O'Brien Center from 9-12pm August 12th -16th. A free lunch will be provided along with plenty of play and recreation. Social skills concepts are introduced in a small group setting through art, games and social exercises. Handouts provided for adult caregivers to help promote skills building at home. \$155 for Y Members. \$175 for the community. Scholarships are available. For more information visit gbymca.org or call Cal Workman at 652-8137.



Hoof the 'Hood

"Winooski on Foot" program returns for a second summer

Back by popular demand, "Winooski on Foot" returns to the area, stepping into a new season on Wednesday July 31st at 6PM outside the O'Brien Community Center. The group meets every Wednesday from 6-7pm for a brisk 2.9 mile walk around the neighborhoods of Winooski. All ages welcome, strollers and four legged friends too! By the last session on September 25th, participants earn bragging rights to say over the summer they walked an entire marathon! Organized and led by the Winooski Y. \$25 for a shirt, Y led routes, BBQ party on September 25th. For more information, contact the Y at 655-YMCA.

LIVESTRONG at the Y

The Y was recently awarded a special designation as a LIVESTRONG site. Beginning September 10th the Winooski Y will host physical activity and wellness programming for adult cancer patients and survivors at all fitness levels. The focus of the program is on the whole person, not just the disease. The Y and its community helps those living with cancer move beyond their diagnosis by nurturing the spirit, mind and body.

This program is free, supported by the Y and generous donors to the Y FOR ALL Annual Campaign. To sign up for alerts, contact LIVESTRONG@gbymca.org or visit gbymca.org.

Myer's Pool Open Through August 25!

2013 Hours of Operation:

Monday thru Friday: 12:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Saturday and Sunday: 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The Myers Pool direct phone number is (802) 655-2100. Residential rates for day passes are \$1 for children under 18, \$2 for adults or \$5 per family. Non-Residential rates for day passes are \$2 for children under 18, \$4 for adults or \$8 per family.

Winooski Senior Center August Calendar

Meagan Gilmore, Director



- **Every Monday** at 1:00 PM we have “Easy Does It Line Dancing.” This is line dancing done to big band music. This class is fun and great exercise and not what you would expect! So come check it out!
- **Every Thursday** we have a community meal at 11:30 am and we ask that you sign up in advance and there is a suggested donation of \$4. Anyone senior is encouraged to attend!
- After every Thursdays lunch we have a **bingo** game from 12:30-2:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to play!
- **Tuesday, September 10th** please come join us for our monthly meeting. We’ll be having a chicken B-B-Q, \$6 per person. We’ll be having a membership drive and so current Senior Center members are encouraged to bring a new friend to the Center. Please RSVP if you plan on attending.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer! For more info or to sign-up for any program please call us at 655-6425. We are located at 123 Barlow Street.

WCSPC Update for August

By Kate Nugent, WCSPC

Save the date!
September 18 will be our next community dinner, starting at 5:30pm, and it will be hosted by the Partnership for Change.



Would you like to be kept up to date with our news and announcements? Email kate.winooskicoalition@gmail.com to be added to our enews list. Hope you are having a wonderful summer.

For more information or to get involved, check out our website at WCSPC.org.



Community College of Vermont (CCV) Winooski News

Amy E. Stuart, LICSW, Coordinator of Academic Services Advisor,
 Johnson State College External Degree Program

Register now through Aug. 23, 2013
www.ccv.edu
(802) 654-0505

In May, CCV Winooski Academic Coordinators welcomed the opportunity to offer feedback to WHS seniors as they prepared to give their final oral presentations. We appreciated meeting students and learning about their senior research projects with topics ranging from sky-diving to pet care. Thanks to Brent Litterer for inviting us to participate. We look forward to helping out next spring.

Introduction to College Studies or ICS is a class offered free to high school students interested in learning the skills necessary to be successful college students. Did you know that students who complete ICS are 23% more likely to attend college after high school? Weekly classes begin in September. Register now to get the section you want! Class sections (DEV-0280) will be offered on:

- Tuesdays, 4 pm-6 pm or 6 pm-8 pm
- Wednesdays, 4 pm-6 pm
- Thursdays, 4 pm-6 pm
- Saturdays, 10 am-12:30 pm

Senior Citizens! Any senior (aged 65 years or older) has the opportunity to take CCV classes **tuition free**. Make

yourself a bowl working with clay in Ceramics I, or explore big life questions in Introduction to Philosophy or prepare for the stage in Acting I. There are many more courses to choose from. Just complete CCV’s online application or come into our center to complete a paper application; then, register for classes!

The Governor’s Career Ready Certificate (GCRC) is a class that helps participants:

- Improve their resume and interviewing skills
- Earn a recognized credential
- Understand the skills required for different jobs
- Build a solid career foundation

Free to participants, the Governor’s CRC is state funded and will be offered at CCV Winooski on:

- Fridays from 11:45 am – 2:30 pm
- September 6th through December 13th

For more information please come to an information session on either Wed, Aug 28, 12 - 1 pm or Fri, Aug 30, 1 - 2 pm. Please read more details on our website <http://www.ccv.edu/careerreadyvt> To register you may complete the easy online application or call Amy E. Stuart at 654-0542.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Winooski School District is to awaken in its diverse student body, a thirst for knowledge, a passion for learning, and a desire to become responsible members of the world community.

We offer a safe, supportive, educational environment. Our team of professionals recognizes individual strengths and needs and fosters academic excellence and personal growth.

Working together in partnership with families, and the community, we strive to instill shared core values – respect, responsibility, empathy – and a commitment to help every student reach his or her potential.

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 405 students attending JFK Elementary (grades PreK-5), 155 attending Winooski Middle School (grades 6-8), and 227 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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