

JULY 2011

Congratulations Class of 2011!



Presenting... The Class of 2011!

- * † Murjan Kassim Amir
- * † ‡ Kailey Marie Antoniak
- Meaghan T. Audette
- April Austin
- * † Uyen Anh Bui
- Ljijana Burazerovic
- Maranda Lynn Butchino
- Etienne Joseph Carpenter
- Joshua Centerbar
- * † Stephen Gregory Eddy
- August Vander Els
- John Gordon
- Jennifer Guay
- Abdirahman Khalid Haji
- * † Jasmin Halkic
- * † Fardowsa Hassan
- * † Zachary Aaron Isham
- * † Alexander Lee Isham
- Donald R. Johnson
- Scott Johnston
- Amina Kapo
- Brandon Lee Katon
- * † Jessica Marie LaMothe
- * Steven Louis Lawrence, Jr.
- Chris Ledoux
- Kemwatti Leonard
- Adam Christopher Lind
- Robert Lee Luten, Jr.
- * Abdirahman Abdullahi Maalim
- * † Brianna Elizabeth Magowan
- Katimo M. Matan
- Abdullahi Matan
- Jalen J. Miller
- * † Fardoos Abdulahi Mohamed
- * † Abdikarim Hussein Mohamed
- * † Kassy Rae Montgomery
- * Rachel Amanda Morse
- * † Emilie Mbuya Mukuluwa
- Kimberly Hoang Nguyen
- * † Hollie Anne Patnaude
- Garrick Pecor
- Phong Ngoc Hong Pham
- Mariah Poss
- Carissa May Poss
- Joey Provost
- Allen Michael Robertson
- * † Okephief K'jean Robinson
- Justin Russell
- Kathryn Marie Sleeman
- Nihad Talic
- * † Kyle Ryan Wells
- ‡ Adisun Wheelock
- * Abass Mohamed Yussuf
- * Honor Student
- † National Honor Society Member
- ‡ National Technical Honor Society

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HONORING SCHOLARSHIP

Before awarding the Graduation Scholarships and Awards on Saturday June 18th, Winooski High School Principal Justin Brown announced the following: "It is appropriate for us to recognize members of the Class of 2011 who have been honored with financial awards this spring in other settings. Please congratulate these students as their names are read and they stand."

GREEN AND GOLD SCHOLARSHIP

The University of Vermont awards this full-tuition scholarship for eight semesters provided that full-time enrollment and at least a 3.0 GPA are maintained. The student who has attained the highest academic distinction at the end of the junior year shall be the recipient. The Green and Gold Scholar for Winooski High School is **Jessica LaMothe**.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT "VERMONT SCHOLAR" AWARD

The Vermont Scholars Program recognizes the most academically talented Vermont students enrolling at the University. This full-tuition scholarship is offered for eight semesters provided that full-time enrollment and at least a 3.0 GPA are maintained. This year's recipient is **Jasmin Halkic**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Winooski Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization, supports WHS graduates who aspire to continue his/her education at a Catholic College or University. This year's recipient is **Alex Isham**.

THE STATE AUDITOR'S TRANSPARENCY AWARD

Given to those students with business and entrepreneurial interests that have shown high dedication to business studies and have worked on high school projects that increase transparency and improve financial communication. This year's recipients are **April Austin** and **Jessica LaMothe**.

VERMONT BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION AWARD

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has participated in high school basketball and has academic excellence. This year's recipient is **Okephief Robinson**.

1. SAMUEL SAMUELSON MEMORIAL AWARD – Samuel Samuelson Memorial Award is presented to the student who has shown the greatest desire for learning during the four years of high school. The recipient of the Samuel Samuelson Memorial Award for 2011 is **Katimo Matan**.

2. CLASS OF 2003 SCHOLARSHIP – The class of 2003 scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a senior who has demonstrated dedication to his/her class, and exhibited genuine care and respect for Winooski High School. The 2011 recipient of the Class of 2003 Scholarship is **Okephief Robinson**.

3. WINOOSKI EAGLES SCHOLARSHIP - The Winooski Eagles Scholarship is presented to a deserving student continuing his/her education. The 2011 recipient of the Winooski Eagles Scholarship is **Fardoos Mohamed**.

4. SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP - The Service Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is awarded to a student who volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance within the school and/or within the community. The 2011 recipient of the Service Scholarship is **Brianna Magowan**.

5. MAIDA F. TOWNSEND SCHOLARSHIP - The Maida F. Townsend Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is given to a student who has demonstrated a love of learning, an openness to the richness of differences among people, and a willingness to use his/her time and talent in service to others. The 2011 recipient of the Maida F. Townsend scholarship is **Okephief Robinson**.

6. VFW COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – The VFW Community Service Award is presented to two graduates in recognition of outstanding community service. The 2011 recipients of the VFW Community Service Award are **Kathryn Sleeman** and **Kailey Antoniak**.

7. ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP - The Academic Scholarships, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, are presented to two students who excel academically. The 2011 recipients of the Academic Scholarships are **Jessica LaMothe** and **Jasmin Halkic**.

8. STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP - The Student Council Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a student who has made notable contributions to bettering WHS, who has served his/her community, who is active in school activities, and who handles responsibilities willingly and efficiently. The 2011 recipients of the Student Council Scholarship are **Jessica LaMothe** and **Kassy Montgomery**.

9. BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AWARDS - These awards, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, are presented to two graduates who have shown the most improvement during their four years of high school. The 2011 recipients of the Board of School Directors Award are **Adam Lind** and **Abdirahman Maalim**.

10. WOODY AND SUSAN MARTEL SCHOLARSHIP - The Woody and Susan Martel Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a student with financial need who is pursuing higher education and who has participated in athletics, attained good grades, and been a good school and community citizen. The 2011 recipient of the Woody and Susan Martel Scholarship is **Kassy Montgomery**.

11. WINOOSKI EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP - The Winooski Education Association Scholarship is presented to an individual entering the field of education in recognition of exceptional contributions to school activities and all around excellence in academics. The 2011 recipient of the Winooski Education Association Scholarship is **Rachel Morse**.

12. VERMONT HONOR SCHOLARSHIP - The Vermont Honor Scholarship, initiated by the Vermont Legislature, is presented to a student with outstanding academic achievement going on to

college. The 2011 recipient of the Vermont Honor Scholarship is **Jasmin Halkic**.

13. WINOOSKI BUSINESS DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Winooski Business Department Scholarship is awarded to students who have excelled in Business classes and are pursuing a degree in business or a related field. Recipients will have demonstrated a desire to learn about business, by challenging themselves to learn beyond the classroom and contributing their knowledge to class discussions. This scholarship is paid for by fundraisers done in the Winooski High School Business Department. The 2011 recipients for the Winooski Business Department Scholarship are **Jessica LaMothe, April Austin,** and **Jasmin Halkic**.

14. CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP - The Challenge Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a well-rounded, highly motivated student (in the top 25% of the graduating class) who has overcome obstacles in achieving his/her success. The 2011 recipient of the Challenge Scholarship is **Uyen Bui**.

15. PTO SCHOLARSHIP - The PTO Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a student who is pursuing a career in education and who has displayed community involvement through school or work experience. The 2011 recipient for the PTO Scholarship is **Rachel Morse**.

16. FRIENDS OF WINOOSKI SCHOLARSHIP - The Friends of WHS Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is given to two scholarships given to students who have shown an overall commitment to and involvement with the high school in multiple and varying ways. The 2011 recipients of the Friends of WHS Scholarship are **Alex Isham** and **Brianna Magowan**.

17. AL'S FRENCH FRY'S SCHOLARSHIP - The Al's French Frys Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a graduate with financial need, planning on a 4-year post-secondary program. The 2011 recipient of the Als French Frys Scholarship is **Kyle Wells**.

18. LINDA L. GELINAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - The Linda L. Gelinas Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Gelinas Family and co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is awarded to a student who is interested in pursuing a 4-year degree in nursing or education, who has been involved in the community, and who has demonstrated strong leadership skills. The 2011 recipient of the Linda L. Gelinas Scholarship is **Kathryn Sleeman**.

19. GERRY KRASNOW MEMORIAL AWARD - Given by the Krasnow family in memory of Gerald Krasnow, teacher and guidance counselor at Winooski High School from 1973 to 1998, the Gerry Krasnow Memorial Award is given this year to four graduates who plan to continue their education at any accredited post-secondary institution; have shown a commitment to community service; have demonstrated an ability to overcome personal challenges with an upbeat, optimistic attitude and/or sense of humor about life in general. The 2011 recipients of the Gerry Krasnow Memorial Award are **Murjan Amir, Okephief Robinson, Fardoos Mohamed,** and **Brianna Magowan**.

20 CAROL L. KESSLER, R.N. MEMORIAL AWARD - The Carol L. Kessler, R.N. Memorial Award is presented to a student or students who are in the upper 25% of the senior class and who have demonstrated a love of life, acted as role models or mentors to peers, and who, preferably, are intending to continue their education at any accredited post-secondary institution to pursue a career in healthcare or a related field. The 2011 recipient of the Carol L. Kessler, R.N. Memorial Award is **Kailey Antoniak**.

21. LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - The Leadership Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and exemplified positive attitudes. The 2011 recipient of the Leadership Scholarship is **Brianna Magowan**.

22. PART-TIME SCHOLARSHIP - The Part-Time Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is awarded to two students in the top 25% of the senior class, who have financial need, and a dedication to pursue a post-secondary degree on a part-time basis. The 2011 recipients for the Part-Time Scholarship is **Hollie Patnaude** and **Murjan Amir**.

23. ROUSSELLE/FLAHIVE SCHOLARSHIP - The Rousselle/Flahive Scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who is representative of the "Winooski Experience," having been a longtime member of the Winooski School Community. The 2011 recipient for the Rousselle/Flahive Scholarship is **Steve Lawrence**.

24. JOHN J. MALCOVSKY COMMUNITY SERVICE

SCHOLARSHIP - The John J. Malcovsky Community Service Scholarship is given to a deserving student who has participated actively in community service. The 2011 recipient of the John J. Malcovsky Community Service Scholarship is **Stephen Eddy**.

26. WINOOSKI BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP - The Winooski Booster Club Scholarship awards four athletes who participated in sports throughout high school, especially their senior year, and demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities on and off the playing field. The 2011 recipients of the Winooski Boosters Scholarship are **Kailey Antoniak, Kathryn Sleeman, Okephief Robinson,** and **Steven Lawrence**.

26. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP - The Mayor and City Council Scholarships, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, are presented to one male and one female student who have shown the most improvement over the four years of high school. The 2011 recipients of the Mayor and City Council Scholarships are **Phong Pham** and **Kassy Montgomery**.

27. ROD STONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - The Rod Stone Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Roderick L. Stone to a hard-working individual blessed with an inquisitive nature, a love for life, and a commitment to excellence and others. The 2011 recipients of the Rod Stone Memorial Scholarship is **Alex Isham**.

Superintendent's Message

By Mary Martineau, Superintendent of Schools

Another school year has been completed. Congratulations to the class of 2011! I wish each and every one of you success as you begin the next chapter of your lives.

With the end of the school year, we say good-bye to several teachers: Cindy Orfe and Ellen Goodrich are retiring. Noah Everitt, Jason Reichert, Julie Morton, Miguel Pires, Chris Colt, and Karla Kennedy will be moving on to other professional opportunities. On behalf of the Board, faculty and staff, and students, I wish them well and thank them for their many years of dedication to the students of Winooski.

Over the summer, work will begin on the front parking lot to improve the flow of traffic, while making it safer for pedestrians. Both the District and City have been working collaboratively on the project, and will continue to do so throughout the summer. The plan is for the project to be completed by August 27th.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

Wrapping Up the 2010-2011 School Year

By Jennifer Corrigan, Board of School Trustees

Hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close. We started the year strong and are ending the year stronger. Our goal of the year was "to ensure student growth through continuous improvement for all," and this can be seen in the hours of professional development teachers had, our administrators have gone to conferences and gathered resources to enable our district to be stronger. The Nellie Mae Grant, the completion and implementation of the SIG grant are just a couple of them. Last month the School Board had training with Win Goodrich from VSBA. He trained us on Roles and Responsibilities of the School Board. We all found this training to be a huge guiding tool to strengthen our school district. All of these ensure student growth.

In August, we will be starting our five-year strategic planning. We need community members to help with this important project. I encourage you to join us in planning or helping implement what people would like this plan to be. The last five-year plan has brought about a new roof on the elementary school, bringing our technology into the 21st century and many other improvements to benefit our facilities, including this summer's project: the new safer parking lot and entry way to our campus — all of which were great suggestions from our previous steering committee.

I encourage everyone to try to get involved somehow with the Winooski School District, whether it's on a committee, baking goods for a bake sale to raise money for a school trip or just patting a student on the back and telling them how proud you are of them.

Congratulations to our SENIOR CLASS and to all the ATHLETES, and STUDENTS for all of your accomplishments this year. We are very PROUD! Have a great summer!

Three Great Ways to Watch the Graduation!

Doug Dunbebin, RETN Community Relations Associate

Don't worry — if you were unable to attend graduation, you still have options!

1. **Watch the rebroadcast on RETN Channel 16 (Comcast)** — Tune in Wednesday, June 29 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, July 2 at 5 p.m.
2. **Watch online at retn.org** — Watch on demand using clickable chapters.
3. **Purchase a DVD** — Order a DVD copy before graduation and SAVE 25%. After graduation, DVDs can be purchased for \$20 each.

For more information, contact RETN at 802-654-7980, or info@retn.org.

Save the Date: Winooski Dollars for Scholars Calcutta

*By Morgan Kelner, Chair,
Winooski Dollars for Scholars*

Winooski Dollars for Scholars is in the process of selling tickets for our big annual event, our amazing and stupendous **Calcutta/Silent Auction** on July 15. Each ticket is \$65.00, which entitles you to a delicious dinner for two. This year we will have exciting items to commemorate the Boys Basketball State Championship game, including Flashbags, teeshirts, caps and framed pictures of the event. All of the money we raise from our fundraisers goes to providing scholarships to graduating seniors and also for enrichment programs such as educational camps, music or art classes, leadership conferences and other academic endeavors for middle and high school students. We are a small but dedicated group of community people and school staff who provide between \$15,000-\$18,000 in scholarships to Winooski students each year. Our Calcutta/Silent Auction is our biggest fundraiser and we can only continue to provide these scholarships with your support. To buy Calcutta tickets, please contact Katherine Helm at WHS 655-3530; Morgan Kelner 655-4184 or Jane Viens 655-1215.

For information about enrichment scholarships, please contact Marc McQuinn at 655-3530.

Hope to see you on the 15th. WE NEED YOU to help us.

Summer Workouts for Varsity Football Players

*By Josh Safran,
WHS Boy's Varsity Football Coach*

Please note the following schedule: on Tuesdays and Thursdays, (beginning June 21) we will meet from 7:00 to 8:00 am for Weightlifting and Conditioning, and from 5:30 to 7:00 pm for practice. We will also meet Sundays at 5:00 pm.

All workouts will be led by members of the coaching staff.

Honor Roll – Fourth Quarter: 2010-2011

HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors

First Honors

Stephen Eddy
Jasmin Halkic
Jessica LaMothe
Rachel Morse
Hollie Patnaude

Second Honors

Kailey Antoniak
Meaghan Audette
Fardowsa Hassan
Alexander Isham
Scott Johnston
Steven Lawrence
Brianna Magowan
Fardoos Mohamed
Kassy Montgomery
Phong Pham
Adisun Wheelock

Juniors

First Honors

Katelyn Decarreau
Travis Martin
Bethany Trainque

Second Honors

Heba Abdulkhaleiq
Yamuna Dahal
Farah Fidow
Omar Fidow
Christopher Fountain
Caleb Kimber
Myles Moran
Devon Rollins
Alicia Russell
Jennifer Sikorski
Rebecca Spittle
John Truong

Sophomores

First Honors

Yen Canary Ly
HalaT. Mohammed
Gwendolyn Mongeon

Brianna Robare

Second Honors

Anwar Abdinoor
Pabitra Devi
Bhattarai
Dino Dzinic
Maryan Hassan
Naina Mary Kala Kami
Moriah Leary
Chandra Luitel
Simon Pearce
Isho Sadik
Ars Sambou

Freshmen

First Honors

Serina Phuong

Second Honors

Abdullahi Abdinoor
Ahmad Ahmad
Cara Casier
Matthew Chamberlain
Andrew Decarreau
Thomas Elston

Luke Fountain
Fallon Perrault
Kevin Pham
Morgan Sleeman
Ku Say Wah

MIDDLE SCHOOL

High Honors

High Honors
Noah Alger
Edmund Do
RandallKnox
Hannah Little
Marie Ly
Mariah Metivier
Fartun Sharif
Mohamed
Amanda Nattress
Chanefer Nheb
Victoria White

Honors

Oo Mai Bi
Ra Mat Bi

Jocelyn Booher
Nathalie Bray
Uyen Bui
Kylee Burt
Rainbow Rui Chen
Riley Corrigan
Connor Drown
Hau Duong
Avah Eaton
Abdirizak Hussein
Semir Kostic
Taylor Langlais
Mon Maya Luitel
Eh Man
Michaela Metivier
Antoinette Mutume
Madhavi NePal
Nhung Nguyen
Domini Perrault
Ledania Taylor
Sierra Thompson
Alyssa Winegar
Ball Wit

Friends of WHS Golf Tournament to Take Place July 17

The Friends of Winooski High School 9th Annual Golf Tournament will take place at the Links at Lang Farm in Essex on Sunday, July 17, 2011. The action gets underway at 9:00 am with a shotgun start!

Registration opens at 8:00 am; and a practice facility is available then, too. A hearty barbeque lunch will follow the tournament. Registration forms and information are available on the school website. (Select the "Parents" tab, then select "Friends of WHS", and click on "Events.")

For more information, please contact Anne Elston at 655-0942 or via email at annelinton@mac.com.

Save Your Box Tops

Don't forget to keep saving your Box Tops all summer. We will begin collecting them in September.

The Winooski PTO Thanks You

By Tammy Cusson-Ducharme, PTO President

As school comes to an end and summer vacation for the children is in full swing, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the members of the PTO for all of their hard work this year. We are a small but mighty group and accomplish many things throughout the year including continuing to provide end of the year field trips to students in K – 8, organizing monthly dances for middle school students to enjoy, and sponsoring our teacher-run Fun Fair and Fun Nights for students. The PTO also provides teachers with a little additional grant money to purchase items for their classrooms and the list goes on.

I would also like to thank the many teachers, parents, community members and business, as well as former PTO members who continue come back and help out. We couldn't do what we do without all of you!

The JFK PTO serves students in grades K-8 and is always looking for new members. If you are interested, new to the community or just have questions, please check out our information at the school website (www.winooski.k12.vt.us) or call me at 923-6670. Happy Summer Everyone!

School Board Meeting

Please note: There will be a school board meeting on July 27, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Learning Media Center. This meeting will replace the July and August board meetings.

Got JFK Yearbooks?

If parents are interested in buying a JFK yearbook, they can purchase one in the office this summer.

K-8 News

By Mary O'Rourke, JFK Elementary and Middle School Principal

I cannot believe another school year has just ended. Many goals have been accomplished at both the elementary and middle schools.

Teachers in K-8 have continued to receive professional development in math. As a K-8 staff, we have formed a math committee and are in the process of writing an action plan, which will set future direction.

We have completed our curriculum documents in all core areas—Reading/Writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

At the elementary school, we will have a new report card next year. Teachers have spent this year working to develop this new tool.

The middle school held its May Town Meeting. Each team recognized students who were given the PRIDE awards. The acronym stands for:

- P Patience
- R Respect
- I Inquiry
- D Desire to learn
- E Excellence

Here is a list of students who received the PRIDE awards: Victoria White, Ball Wit, Rainbow Chen, Aeman Aref, Edmund Do, Willi Burns, Conner White, Matthew Guilmette, Robert Romprey, Francine Bahati, Kristine Vincent, Oliver Enwa, Austin Miller, Esther Nibitanga, Madhavi NePal, Colton Lavalette, Jarell Sinclair, Sabrina Schmidt, Mitchell Chadwick, Hussein Sadik

The following students received the Take a Stand-Lend a Hand award: Brandon Bigelow, Mariah Metivier

Congratulations, everyone, and have a wonderful summer!

Middle Schoolers Win VAMLE Awards

By Chris Magistrale

At the conclusion of every school year, the Vermont Association for Middle Level Education (VAMLE) hosts its annual Scholar Leader Dinner to recognize outstanding student leaders in grades five through eight.

Eighty-three students from surrounding Vermont middle schools were invited to Norwich University for the honorary dinner and ceremony. Among the eighty-three selected, two JFK middle school students, Amanda Nattress and Nghia Le, were presented with awards. This is an exciting event the Commissioner of Education, many teachers from around the state and two high school student speakers. The celebratory evening included dinner, speeches and finally an award ceremony where each student was announced and awarded a picture with the VAMLE board. Accompanied by family and middle school teachers Gina Kroll and Chris Magistrale, Amanda and Nghia represented the Winooski School District with great pride. We wish them both tremendous success as they matriculate into high school.



ELL Social Studies Class Visits Montpelier

By Jean Plasse and Lisa Basille

On Monday June 6, 29 students from the ELL Social Studies class visited our state's capital, Montpelier. Before going, we finished a unit on government.

We studied the three branches of government, important jobs in government, as well as how a bill becomes a law.

In Montpelier, we toured both the Supreme Court and the State House. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot!

8th Graders Receive “Moving Up” Awards June 15th

The following awards were given to 8th grade students “moving up” to high school next year. Congratulations to everyone!

Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) - Requirements for the award of a good citizenship medal are given to a boy and a girl are based upon the five qualities: honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism. Awarded to **Michaela Metivier** and **Arnold Vainqueur**.

Vermont Association for Middle Level Education - Scholar Leader Awards - Public recognition to students who have distinguished themselves in outstanding scholarship and leadership. Awarded to **Amanda Nattress** and **Nghia Le**.

Almedina Orucevic Award - Recipient demonstrates qualities of friendship, musical talent, helpfulness, thoughtfulness and loyalty. Named after a former 8th grade student who passed away. Awarded to **Domini Perrault**.

Little Spartan Award - Spartan stands for: **S** = sacrifice, **P** = perseverance, **A** = positive attitude, **R** = respect, **T** = tolerance, **A** = ability, **N** = never say die. Awarded to **Victoria White**.

Resiliency Award - Established by Lynn Granger, retired teacher, and given to individuals who have overcome adversity in their lives. Awarded to **Zahra Mohamed, Kristen Vincent, Uyen Bui, Aeman Aref, Madhavi NePal, Hasan Ko, Courtney Fuller, Adam Lawson** and **Chris Francis**.

Good Citizenship Award - Given to students who inspire enthusiastic school spirit, strengthen student self-esteem, promote appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and build responsible, knowledgeable citizens. Awarded to **Nhung Nguyen** and **Bobby Romprey**.

Walk Around Winooski with WMS Students

By *Chris Magistrale, Team Fusion*

Before school ended, students at the Winooski Middle School finished reading the novel *Counting on Grace* by Elizabeth Winthrop. The novel takes place in a small town in Southern Vermont, the year is 1910, and the protagonist is 14 year-old Grace Forcier, who because of financial constraints is forced to give up school in order to work in the textile mill. Teachers at Winooski Middle School sought to connect the factory life illustrated in *Counting on Grace* with Winooski’s historic past; the narrative provided the students with a first-hand look at what life was like in the early 20th century for child laborers. In light of their experience with this novel, middle school teachers made arrangements with the Historical Society of Winooski, and approximately 50 middle school students (grades 6, 7 and 8), embarked on a “Historical Walking Tour of Winooski” on May 26, 2011.

The tour began in the Champlain Mill where students observed factory equipment, topographic maps of Winooski, and pictures from the working Mill era. Leaving the museum, students split into two groups embarking on a walk around Winooski’s 1.2 square miles. Highlights of the tour included: St. Francis Xavier Church, St. Stephens Church, the Methodist Church, the Winooski Block, and, of course the infamous Champlain and Woolen Mills.

Upon conclusion of the tour, the Historical Society generously offered \$150 to sponsor a contest (\$50 per grade) for students to write reflective essays on the experience. We spent a couple class periods in June producing these essays. To help encourage written expression, students were asked to reflect on Winooski’s history in the hypothetical persona of historical reporter. Many of the students focused their theses on the injustices of child labor during the late 19th - early 20th century. Essays were due on the last day of school (June 15th), which allowed students a little over two weeks to complete final drafts.

After collecting and reviewing all essays, three winners were selected and awarded \$50 prizes. The winners were: **Rainbow Chen** (6th grade), **Hannah Little** (7th grade), and **Arnold Vainqueur** (8th grade). All three of the selected essays will be on display in the Champlain Mill starting in July. Special thanks need to be given to the Winooski Historical Society for recognizing the value of student experience and expression, and the importance of uniting as a means for building community. Specific thanks to Rita Martel for her kindness and willingness to work with students and teachers from the Winooski Middle School. Also to Linda Howe who treated students to energy bars and a drink of water on a brutally, hot summer day. Please stop by the Champlain Mill, where all the student essays will be on display, to enjoy the quality work of our students from the Winooski Community.

Summer Writing Suggestions for Students

By *Jenni Baldwin, Language Arts Teacher, Golden Hills School, El Dorado Hills, CA*

Hooray! School is out and you get to relax! Sometimes when you have down time, inspiration strikes! If you are looking for a way to practice the fabulous writing skills you have learned over this past year, below are several prompts to get your creative juices flowing. The best way to get writing practice without stress is to keep a journal—someday you will enjoy looking back on your beliefs and thoughts as a middle schooler. Happy writing!

Creative Writing Prompts

1. Go outside. Write a free-verse poem about the first thing you see that inspires you.
2. Pick one item or thing and explain how it describes/reflects who you are as a person.
3. If you had to go a day without using technology, what would that be like? Write a short story about someone who does this.
4. Imagine you are a fly on the wall of your house. What would the fly’s opinions of your family be? Write a story from the fly’s perspective.
5. Write a review of the last video game you played or movie you saw.

(to be continued in later issues of the District News!)

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Looking Ahead

By Justin Brown, Principal

*I know of no more encouraging fact than
the unquestionable ability of man to
elevate his life by conscious endeavor.*

—HENRY DAVID THOREAU

To be conscious is to have an awareness of one's surroundings and one's own existence, sensations, and thoughts. Thoreau's statement tells us that beyond mere work, through thoughtful toiling we can better ourselves. As our graduates are moving into this next, new chapter in their lives, I hope that they take this to heart. And, to be honest, I am heartened to know that many do. Winooski has more going for it than many will give it credit for.

There is much to celebrate. First, is the graduation of 52 students this year. These students come from an incredibly tight, supportive and diverse community, unlike any other in Vermont. Our students live and collaborate with diverse viewpoints. This is a gift that we give our students each day. I count myself fortunate for having participated in my first Winooski Senior Exposition this year: I was able to experience the rich, self-directed learning and professional quality presentations that seniors put together to demonstrate their readiness for their next chapter in life. Projects included explorations of cultural traditions; deepening their knowledge and practice of crafts including welding and teddy bear construction; exploring career options in fields ranging from health to finance and firefighting; all culminating in a final research paper and submitting to a community panel review of their presentation.

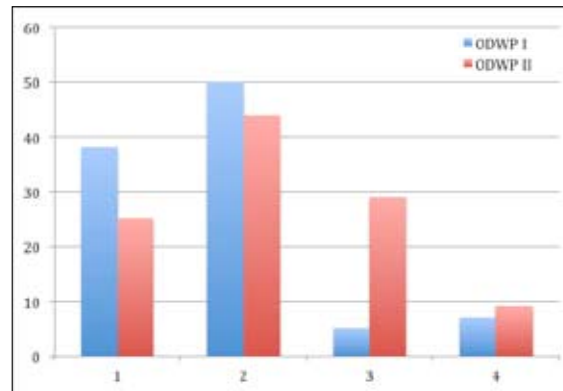
Looking forward into our continuing work with our students in the coming year, I hope to take Thoreau's advice to heart in Winooski High School's ongoing work. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the four essential questions to guide our work are:

- What is it we want our students to learn?
- How will we know if each student has learned it?
- How will we respond when some students do not learn it?
- How can we extend and enrich the learning for students who have demonstrated competency.

One of our primary goals this year was to improve our students' writing. Our assumption has been that writing is demonstrable thinking. I have also written about our assessment of our work in writing this spring. I am happy to share that we now have scored two rounds of writing with our students.

At the top of the next column is a first snapshot of the work that we have done in writing. The horizontal axis shows a scale of 1-4 (1 is "substantially below proficient" and 4 is "exceeds the standard"). The vertical bar pairs in each score level in two rounds of assessment. The left column in each pair represents an early assessment of writing. The right column in each pair represents a second assessment of writing after targeted instruction.

Percentages of Student Proficiency Before and After Targeted Writing Instruction



Comparing the percentages of students at each of four performance levels on two different writing assessment sessions this spring (February-on left, May-on right), we see improvement over time. NOTE: total scores of all the left column numbers add up to 100%, as do those in the right column.

In February, we conducted an On Demand Writing Prompt (ODWP) of all of our 9th and 10th graders to establish a baseline and look at how our students were writing after all of the work in writing we had done during the 2010-11 school year. We then provided training in targeted instruction, and trained all staff in how to properly assess writing pieces.

The majority of our students in the first On Demand Writing Prompt scored at a 1 or 2 (substantially below proficient, and below proficient).

We then provided specific, targeted instruction on how to write more vividly, and worked to improve strategies for developing and organizing writing pieces. In a second writing assessment in May, many students had improved their skills and moved from scores of 1 or 2 up to proficient. Most importantly, there was a drastic uptick in the number of students who scored at 3 (proficient). The best part of all of this is the caliber of writing that our students generated in the second round. Students focused and worked incredibly hard on preparing, organizing and writing in great detail to generate meaningful, moving and vivid narratives. Teachers worked diligently, efficiently, and thoughtfully to assess both rounds of the ODWP to a common standard (our Common Analytic Writing Rubric).

The plan is to continue assessing writing, but also to use this as a building block for additional common local assessments. With common local assessments, we will be able to regularly and accurately know what our students have learned and how to support those who are struggling, which will help us to improve the work we do. If we are to give credence to Thoreau, these are the practices (tracking the results of our work through real, measurable data) that we will use to elevate our students' lives (and our professional practice) through conscious endeavor. This is what ensuring student growth through continual improvement looks like.

Senior Presentations Recap

By John McKelvy

Friday, May 20, was a day that many in our community will remember for many years to come. Winooski High School seniors presented the results of their Senior Projects to students, staff, and the public. On that Friday afternoon in May, the class of 2011 showed us all how much they learned. Students chose a broad variety of topics to investigate, ranging from volunteer firefighting, to massage therapy, to video editing. The presenters were unified, however, in that each put in a great deal of effort.

The day began at 10 a.m., when presenting seniors met with staff and students in a “gallery walk.” After a short lunch break, each senior gave a ten-minute speech to select panels of teachers, assistants, and students. This was, for a lot of students, the most important afternoon of their high school career. In order to graduate, each needed to demonstrate mastery of their chosen topic, as well as proficiency in public speaking. This was it - the make-or-break moment. As the results started trickling in at around 1:00 p.m., nerves turned to joy: The speeches, it turns out, were awesome! At 4:00 p.m., everyone gathered in the Performing Arts Center for the awards ceremony. Five students were recognized for exceptional achievement in the Senior Project:



Principal's Award for Best Senior Project:

Emilie Mukuluwa (Topic: Obstetrics)

Senior Class Advisors' Award:

Zach Isham (Firefighting)

Jessica LaMothe (Massage Therapy)

Kathryn Sleeman (Coaching Hockey)

Spirit of the Senior Project Award:

Kyle Wells (Construction)

Congratulations Canary Ly!

By Courtney Poquette

Students in Information Processing have been attempting to earn a spot on the “Keyboarding Wall of Fame: this year. The chart, located in Ms. Poquette’s room, tracks the fastest typists at Winooski High School. For four years the record was held by a former student who typed 78 Gross Words a Minute (GWAM).

As of final exams, Canary Ly broke that record with a speed of 92 GWAM! Canary, like all other students who have taken Information Processing, found that by the end of the school year their typing speeds double (or come close to doubling). Canary impressed us with her typing talents at the start of the year with a speed of 58 GWAM, but she worked hard to improve her typing skills and she now will be the score future students aim to beat.



PRESENTERS AND TOPICS

Meaghan Audette (Making a Teddy Bear)

April Austin (Accounting)

Uyen Bui (Vietnamese Holidays)

Maranda Butchino (Baking)

Stephen Eddy (Chiropractic)

Abdirahman Haji (Nurse Practitioner)

Fardowsa Hassan (Cake Decorating)

Alex Isham (Nutrition and Psychology)

Buddy Johnson (Teaching Martial Arts)

Scott Johnston (Making Pizza)

Jasmin Kalkic (Video Editing)

Brandon Katon (Excavating)

Steven Lawrence (Welding)

Adam Lind (Cooking)

Robbie Luten (Cerebral Palsy)

Abdirahman Maalim (Exercise and Fitness)

Brianna Magowan (Radio and Television)

Katimo Matan (Childcare)

Fardos Mohamed (Experience of Refugees)

Kassy Montgomery (Horseback riding)

Rachel Morse (Yoga)

Kim Nguyen (Massage)

Phong Pham (Vietnamese Cooking)

Okephief Robinson (Turntablism)

Eh Wet (Snowboarding)

Abass Yussuf (History of Somalia)



System 44 Training

By Robin Hood,
ELL Coordinator

ELL teachers at Winooski High School are being trained in System 44, a foundational reading and phonics

program designed for the most challenged, struggling readers. This program will be used with ELL students who need more support in learning to read in English. System 44 helps students understand that the English language is a finite system of 44 sounds and 26 letters that can be mastered. The program invites students to “crack the code” and join the community of readers. It provides teachers with a comprehensive set of tools to meet this challenge: valid assessment for screening and placement, researched based phonics instruction, and highly motivating and age-appropriate adaptive technology. We are looking forward to working with our students and increasing their reading achievement levels. This program is funded by a Title III Immigrant Grant.



Winooski Spartans

Athletic Banquet Held

By Dennis Barcomb, Athletic Director

A school-sponsored banquet is held each year to honor all athletes who participated in the high school program throughout the school year. The banquet, a potluck dinner, has been an annual event for 67 years. In addition to sharing a meal together, special athletic awards are presented. Coaches nominate athletes based on their performances during the year.

The athletic council made up of all the coaches, vote on the candidates.

Athletes who have been dismissed from a sport by a coach, have quit a team, or remained academically ineligible, are not eligible for nomination for any awards.

The awards are as follows:

Freshman Awards: Presented to a boy and a girl in the freshman class for achievement and contribution to the athletic program in their first year of eligibility. Winners: **Kyle Bigelow** and **Fallon Perrault**.

Sophomore Awards: Presented to a boy and a girl in the sophomore class for achievement and contribution to the athletic program in their second year of eligibility. Winners: **Vedad Cicak, Brianna Robare** and **Moriah Leary**.

Junior Awards: Presented to a boy and a girl in the Junior class for achievement and contribution to the athletic program in their third year of eligibility. Winners: **Devon Rollins, Alicia Russell** and **Rebecca Spittle**.

Senior Athlete Award: Presented to a boy and a girl voted as the top senior athlete in the class. Winners: **Steven Lawrence, Adisun Wheelock,** and **Brianna Magowan**.

Dino Dzinic Shines at Vermont Business Expo



By Courtney Poquette

After writing a business plan in Ms. Poquette's Introduction to Business course, sophomore Dino Dzinic, was selected to present to a panel of judges and a full room of business professionals at the Vermont Business Expo at the Sheraton Hotel.

Dino spoke for three minutes about his dream business, Dino's Patisserie, a Pastry Shop with a European feel, located in Los Angeles, California. After Dino's power pitch, he received feedback from a panel of business professionals, a lender, a business advisor, and Vermont's Business Person of the Year. Dino did a fantastic job with his speech and his idea and was advised from the panel to continue to follow his dreams. Great work, Dino!



Scholar Athlete Award: Presented to a senior for excellence in academic and athletic achievement. Winner: **Jessica Lamothe**.

Ralph Lapointe Award: Presented in memory of Winooski High School's most notable graduate to an athlete for outstanding contribution and achievement in the athletic program and equal characteristics in all aspects of school life. Winner: **Okephief Robinson**.

Spartan Award: Presented to Winooski High School's most outstanding Male athlete for achievement in qualities as expressed by the words used to describe the Spartan spirit. **Sacrifice - Perseverance - Aggressiveness - Respect - Tolerance - Attitude - Never Say Die**. Winner: **Devon Rollins**.

Lady Spartan Award: See above criteria. Presented to most outstanding Female athlete. Winner: **Hollie Patnaude**.

Mona Williams Fan of the Year Award: Presented in memory of Mona Williams for continuous support and encouragement of school athletic activities. Winner: **Jamey Magowan**.

Business Students Partner with State Auditor's Office

By Courtney Poquette

Students in Ms. Poquette's business classes recently partnered with State Auditor Thomas Salmon's office. Students at Winooski High School completed the first phase of a situation report, in which they gathered information on course offerings at schools around the state, particularly focusing on business and technical education classes.

Winooski students partnered with other schools' business departments for help gathering information from 75 schools in Vermont. The second phase to the project will be completed over the summer and into the fall by producing a final report on the findings. To reward the students for the hard work that the students put in, the Auditor's Office and the Vermont Municipal Advisory Commission awarded two \$500 scholarships for students in the class of 2011.

More information is available at http://vtdigger.org/2011/06/13/salmon-cites-business-education-program-at-winooski/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=salmon-cites-business-education-program-at-winooski.

Bandana Brigade Completes Burlington City Marathon

Congratulations to the Winooski Bandana Brigade for a fantastic finish in the Burlington City Marathon Sunday, May 29th. Kassy Montgomery, Cody Hemingway, Ashley Antoniak, and Rebecca Spittle each ran a leg in the relay, pushing to be the fastest possible for the team after weeks of training this Spring and researching sports nutrition and distance running techniques. The team partnered up with another student relay team from CVU and the runners cheered one another on at each exchange. Ashley got the team off to a super start, beginning the race among thousands and running 3.1 miles around downtown Burlington, looping back through Church Street where spectators cheered runners on, passing off to Rebecca, who ran the second leg (5.8 miles). Cody Hemingway was the lucky chosen one for the longest leg, and he sped through 6.4 miles, finishing leg three by charging up Battery Hill to pass off to Miss Unger. She ran 5.5 miles, then Kassy Montgomery brought the team home, running 5.5 miles to cross the finish line for a spectacular race. Great job, everyone!



The Bandana Brigade was ably represented by (left to right) Cody Hemingway, Rebecca Spittle, Lauren Unger, Kassy Montgomery, and , (missing from the photograph), Ashley Antoniak.

Senior Blankets Awarded by the Winooski Spartan Booster Club

Senior Blanket Awards: Sponsored by the Winooski Spartan Boosters. A senior may be awarded an athletic blanket if he/she:

1. Accumulated 16 points in various sports (2 points for a JV sport, 4 points for a Varsity sport.)
2. Is enrolled and attending WHS at the time of the athletic banquet, or has graduated in January of his/her Senior year.
3. Lettered in a varsity sport in his/her senior year.
4. Should an athlete quit or be dismissed from no more than one sport during their career, that athlete is hereby warned that he or she is in jeopardy of not receiving the blanket.

This year's seniors receiving blankets included:

- Abdirizak Amir
- Kailey Antoniak
- Alex Isham
- Brandon Katon
- Jessica Lamothe
- Steven Lawrence
- Adam Lind
- Brianna Magowan
- Jalen Miller
- Abdikarim Mohamed
- Kassy Montgomery
- Rachel Morse
- Kim Nguyen
- Hollie Patnaude
- Allen Michael Robertson
- Kathryn Sleeman
- Okephief Robinson
- Adisun Wheelock
- Abass Yussuf



Business and Foods Students Collaborate on Vermont Field Trip

By Courtney Poquette

In May, students in Ms. Unger's Foods and Nutrition class and Ms. Poquette's business classes had the opportunity to visit four Vermont businesses that are famous for producing Vermont food products. Students began the day with a trip to Cabot, Vermont where they were able to tour the Cabot Cheese factory and witness the process of creating award-winning cheeses.

The students then ventured to Waterbury for samples of cider, jams and fudge at Cold Hollow Cider Mill. After that, they jetted down the road for a tour of Ben and Jerry's factory. After tasting delicious ice cream, students had one last stop to fill their sweet tooth by visiting the Lake Champlain Chocolates Factory in Burlington. The students ended the day not only with full stomachs from all the delicious samples, but with a new appreciation for the businesses that we have in Vermont. It was evident that the Vermont businesses we visited take great pride in producing high quality products, giving back to the community, and making sure the consumer is happy with their purchases.



HEALTH CORNER

Health Office News

By Liz Parris, RN BSN, Health Office Coordinator

Hope everyone is having a great start to their summer vacations. Please remember to send in updated immunizations records to the schools for your student(s). If you have a student entering 7th grade next year, please remember they are in need of a Tdap booster and a second Varicella vaccination. See you in September!

Tooth Tutor Update

By Diane Polson, RDH, Tooth Tutor

Summer is here! Temperatures are getting warmer, so get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Remember to Brush, FLOSS, and see your Favorite Dentist. Have a safe and happy summer. I will see you in September!

JFK Wellness Week

By Barb Pitfido, Winooski CSHT Coordinator

The week of May 16-20th was Wellness Week at JFK. On Monday, a Free Lunch was offered to parents who would “Eat, Stay and Play!”. Over 45 parents came to have lunch and stay for recess and play with their children. Tuesday, a special FFVP event “There’s a Rainbow on my Plate!” had every classroom eating a tray full of fruit and vegetables in the colors of the rainbow. Wednesday, the “Walk & Roll” to School Parade had a huge turn out! Afterward, the Free Healthy breakfast in the cafeteria was a nice way for parents to share some time at school. On Thursday, Diane Polson, the “Tooth Tutor” made her way through the classes with advice and demonstrations on how to keep up good oral hygiene. She also provided every child with a “goodie bag” of oral products to take home. Friday afternoon, JFK classes worked out to “Classercise” on their TV’s.

Many thanks to all who participated and helped out with this week. The Winooski Coordinated School Health Team would also like to thank: The Abbey, The Tooth Tutor Program, FFVP, Consolidated Federal Programs, The Vermont Department of Health, Local Motion, the Winooski Facilities and IT Departments, and the Winooski School District administration for its support.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Mayor's Message

By Michael O'Brien

It's summertime!! Do you have big plans? Well, how about including some of the fun activities planned here in Winooski. We have a great **Farmer's Market** that will be held every Sunday from 10 until 2 in front of the Champlain Mill. How about a walk? Why don't you join your friends and neighbors and enter the **Winooski Marathon**? The marathon will run for 12 weeks this summer. The concept is to walk 3 miles a week for 9 of the 12 weeks. It's a great way to get some exercise and enjoy a fun social activity! For more information, call the YMCA at 655-6922 or email winooskionfoot@gmail.com. You can also enjoy the **Winooski Pop-Up Art Galleries!** Several of the storefronts in the downtown will play host to local and regional artists to showcase their works. And while you're there, enjoy a meal at one of our fine restaurants or a coffee at one of the shops.

Our downtown continues to evolve. **MyWebGrocer** just purchased the Champlain Mill and will be moving their corporate offices to Winooski. MyWebGrocer is an innovative and growing web based company with over 100 employees, which is growing each year. And a new Mexican restaurant, **Don Pedro's Taqueria** will soon open next to the post office.

This summer will also see construction as we work to improve our infrastructure. Work associated with the Safe Routes to Schools program will include new sidewalks on Bellevue, Franklin and George Streets and improvements to the school's parking lot and drop off area will begin the week of June 27 and wrapping up by early October. In March, you approved a \$2,000,000 bond to address our deteriorating infrastructure. We have begun repaving streets and installation of a new shared use path along East Allen Street. Streets that will be repaved this summer include Manseau, Weaver, St. Peter, West lane and Newell's Lane.

Winooski is on the move. We are living up to our new reputation as “one square mile of fun”!

All of us at City Hall hope you enjoy your summer!



Save the Date for the Culture Hop!

September 16 is the date of the 3rd Annual Culture Hop, to take place at the O'Brien Community Center at 32 Malletts Bay Ave. This event is a celebration of all the diverse cultures represented in Winooski. We would love your participation and help if you would like to volunteer a few hours. Please call Kate at 655-4565 for more information.

Free Summer Meal Service Schedule In Winooski

The City of Winooski will once again be providing free meals to children through the Vermont Department of Education's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Funded by the USDA, the program is designed to ensure that children who rely on low-cost meals during the school year continue to have access to nutritious food throughout the summer. Meals will be provided to all children without charge, and no child will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, gender, age, religion, national origin, or disability.

Children do not need to be enrolled in any recreational or childcare program in order to receive free meals. All children 18 years of age or younger will be served meals at the locations listed below, Monday-Friday, unless otherwise noted. Please contact Ethan Hausman in the City's Youth Programs Office (655-1392 x21) for more information.



Winooski School District 60 Normand Street Winooski, VT 05404	JUNE 20 - AUGUST 5 Breakfast 8:30am-9:30am Lunch 11:30pm-12:30pm
Winooski Family Center 87 Elm Street Winooski, VT 05404	JUNE 20 - AUGUST 12 Breakfast 9:00am-9:30am Lunch 12:00pm-12:30pm
O'Brien Community Center 32 Malletts Bay Avenue Winooski, VT 05404	JUNE 20 - AUGUST 12 Lunch 12:30pm-1:30pm Dinner (Served all summer through the Underground Teen Center on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) 5:30pm-6:30pm



Pictured above at the press conference announcing the purchase of the Champlain Mill by MyWebGrocer are (left to right) Brian Tarrant, City Manager Kathy "Deac" Decarreau, Governor Peter Shumlin, Mayor Mike O'Brien, Rich Tarrant and Jerry Tarrant.

July and August Happenings at the Winooski Senior Center

Keep an eye on the Senior Center this summer for some fun activities.

July will bring the dance and fitness sensation, Zumba Gold, to the center. This Latin-infused program is designed for the older adult, those starting out, or for people who may be limited physically. Come join the party! We'll also slow it down with yoga, both seated and standing, starting in July.

August will bring a bus trip to the Saratoga Race Track and Casino on August 10. Later in the month, (August 27), the center will have a big garage sale/ bake sale/bottle drop to raise funds for programming. Call 655-6425 for more information.

Myers Memorial Pool is Open!

Once again this summer, we're happy to offer our Members the opportunity to enjoy the Myers Pool in Winooski all summer long for FREE! This outdoor, 6-lane deep well pool is located at 40 Pine Street in Winooski across from Laundry Park. Call 802-655-2100 or email jlukas@gbymca.org for more information.

Open Swim Hours (June 19 - September 5): Mon./Wed./Fri.: noon-6pm; Tues./Thurs./Sat./Sun.: noon-7pm.

We are happy to host lots of camps this summer too. See www.gbymca.org for more information. Programs offered include **Camp Splash, Dynamo Summer Swim Camp, Water World Camp** and **Back Yard Swim**.

YMCA Summer Youth Sports Activities

The YMCA offers the following sports activities, too. Visit our website or call us at 655-9622 for more detailed information.

- **Youth Soccer** - (Grades K - 8).
- **Youth Kickball** - (Grades 5 - 7).
- **Youth Wiffle Ball** - (Grades 6 - 8)
- **Free Teen Midnight Basketball League** - (High school divisions for JV and Varsity, 12 team max in each division.)

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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 399 students attending JFK Elementary (grades PreK-5), 143 attending Winooski Middle School (grades 6-8), and 267 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 students 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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