

June Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Fort Edward Elementary

Once again, the school year has flown by and summer vacation is almost upon us! It has been an eventful year and I am excited to look back on the many programs brought on to enhance the student experience here at Fort Edward Elementary. From the implementation of our Specialized Reading Program, Homework Club, Pick a Reading Partner Month and assemblies with author Michelle Nelson-Schmidt and singer-songwriter Jim McCarthy, to our wonderful teachers working hard to provide special events, such as the first grade Gingerbread Play, the third grade International Bazaar, and our upcoming fifth grade trip to "Poco."

Fort Edward Elementary has practiced a positive school environment through programs such as PBIS (Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions), Character Education, as well as fun events for our kids like our pep rally, dance show, and Halloween parade. Students have been active in the community, visiting the Fort Hudson Nursing Home, Old Fort Museum, Up Yonda Farms, and Adirondack Animal Land. The community has been active in our school as well, with programs such as the VSP Vision Program, the HHHN Dental Program, Backpack Program, and Operation Santa. Many students participate in community groups such as youth sports, Girl Scouts, Band and Chorus, and PTO sponsored events like the Christmas Shop and Book Fairs. It sure has been a busy year, and we are so proud of the progress our students have made.

As the school year comes to a close, please take a moment to mark your calendars for the many events happening this June. One of our favorite events is Field Day, scheduled for Friday, June 1, 2018. Field Day starts at 9:15 am, and ends at approximately 1:00 pm. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend! Parents who would like to take their children home at the end of Field Day may do so - please send a note in to your child's teacher that morning, and sign out with the teacher when you leave at 1:00 pm. Students not signed out will remain in school until regular dismissal at 2:34 pm, and will be dismissed according to their normal dismissal plan.

As always, on behalf of Fort Edward Elementary, I thank you for your support of our students and school. Placement letters for next year will be sent home in mid-late August. We look forward to seeing the boys and girls when they return to school in September. I hope everyone has a restful, wonderful summer!

Mrs. Jones

Important Dates

- Mon. 5/8 - Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
- Wed. 5/30 - NYS Science Exam - Performance, Grades 4 & 8
- Fri. 6/1 - Elementary Field Day at 9:15 am - 1:00 pm
- Fri. 6/1 - Pre-K Trip to Fun Spot
- Mon. 6/4 - NYS Science Exam - Written, Grades 4 & 8
- 6/4 & 6/5 - Pre-K Screening for '18-'19
- Wed. 6/6 - Regional Spelling Bee at 7:00 pm at Maple Avenue Middle School
- Wed. 6/6 - Third Grade Macaw Demonstration at 2:00 pm
- Thurs. 6/7 - Canal Street Marketplace Event, 4 - 7 pm
- 6/6 - 6/8/18 - Fifth Grade Poco Trip
- Mon. 6/11 - Fourth Grade Trip to Old Fort House (*please pack a lunch & wear sneakers)
- Mon. 6/11 - Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 pm
- Wed. 6/13 - Fourth Grade Bowling Trip (\$5.00 cost)
- Tues. 6/12 - First Grade Trip to Adirondack Animal Land
- Thurs. 6/14 - Third Grade "Wax Museum" - 12-1 pm in the small gym
- Thurs. 6/14 - PTO Meeting, 5:30 pm in the cafeteria
- Fri. 6/15 - Donuts with Dad, 8 - 8:30 am in the cafeteria
- Fri. 6/15 - Fourth Grade Walking Tour of Fort Edward (*please wear sneakers)
- Fri. 6/15 - Pre-K Last Day of Classes
- Fri. 6/15 - Kindergarten Trip to Magic Forest
- Fri. 6/15 - Third Grade Trip to Fun Spot
- Mon. 6/18 - Pre-K picnic at Moreau Lake State Park
- Tues. 6/19 - Budget Re-Vote
- Tues. 6/19 - Fourth Grade Walk to Union Cemetary
- Wed. 6/20 - Kindergarten Celebration, 9:00 am in the auditorium
- Thurs. 6/21 Awards Ceremony for Grades 3-5 in the main gym at 10:00 am (tentative time, detail to follow)
- Fri. 6/22 - Graduation at 7:00 pm in the auditorium

Last Week of School Schedule for Students

Monday 6/18 & Tuesday 6/19 - Regular, full day of school, normal dismissal
 Wednesday 6/20 & Thursday 6/21 - Half days for students, 12:00 pm dismissal



May Highlights



Mrs. Bump's third grade class was excited for Meghan Markle and Prince Harry's royal wedding! The class had a great learning opportunity to mix current events with a history lesson. Students learned about the royal family and celebrated this momentous occasion!



What a sweet treat to have our moms join us for the Fort Edward PTO "Muffins with Mom" breakfast. Thank you to our incredible FE cafeteria staff and our loving PTO members for putting this event together. A great way to start the day! ☺ We can't wait for "Donuts with Dad" on Friday, June 15th!



Fifth grade student, Emily Cutler, was honored for her academic achievement as well as her leadership as a member of student council at the School Administrators Association of New York State Leadership Breakfast on May 22nd.



On Friday, May 4th, students in grades 4-8 participated in an annual spelling bee. After a series of challenging rounds, the contest whittled down to the final two spellers: Catlin Emery and Lynelle Colvin. Congratulations, Emery and Lynelle!



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