



# NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF June 4, 2018 LAST WEEK

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*Have a great summer!*

## News and Notes

### This Week

**Tuesday Field day** in the morning. Dress to get wet. Possibly barefoot.

#### Wednesday

6:15 p.m. **4th-6th art show**, parents can bring refreshments

7:00 p.m. **Graduation** Students share special memories of their Village School experience.

#### Thursday The Last Day of School

11:00 The Preschool sings for parents in the classroom.

11:30 All parents and children gather on the front lawn for our closing circle, followed by an All School Pot Luck. **Bring a simple dish or fruit.** We'll have a collection box for pizza too.

If you are around in the morning, please help set up the potluck. After the potluck, don't forget to clean out your child's cubby and take everything home, including bags of papers, lunchboxes, and spare clothes. Cubbies should be empty when you are done. Double check the Lost and Found. There is no Lunch or After School Program.

### Staff Next Fall

Elizabeth won't be teaching art at the school next year. Thank you, Elizabeth for a terrific job of teaching this year. Don't worry, Elizabeth's children are staying at the school., so we we'll still enjoy Elizabeth's good humor. We are already interviewing for the art position.

### Thank You Parents

Thank you parents for attending all the Theme Shares and classroom events and being awesome listeners, for driving for field trips, for taking care of loose ends, making snacks and bringing in food, sharing your talents and time and caring for the school in general. We make a terrific team!

### Save the Date: Moving Weekend: July 28 & 29th

Help the school move! Bring trucks, muscles and let's have fun. All the classrooms will be packed up and ready to go. Rise will confirm the date in mid-July.

#### ALL PARENTS:

**DON'T FORGET TO CLEAN OUT YOUR CHILD'S CUBBY BY THIS THURSDAY AFTERNOON. CUBBIES SHOULD BE COMPLETELY EMPTY.**

*Thank you everyone for pitching in, and/or attending this past Saturday morning's event—we manifested Village School spirit for the larger community to enjoy. And we raised money for finishing the new school building.*

## Preschool

Last week the children made cards to thank our specialists for their efforts this year. They presented cards to Liz (art) and Loren (yoga) and will give Isaac a card this week to thank him for the music classes. The preschoolers are also working on bookmarks to present to their Reading Buddies this week.


Tomorrow (Tuesday) is Field Day and the class will be outside for different activities such as: face painting, bubbles, rope climbing and bottle rockets. Children should wear sun screen, bug spray and sneakers to run and climb on Tuesday.

Wednesday we will celebrate the summer birthdays of Eva, Anna and Romaine. The class will be helping to clean and pack up the class-

room this week for our move to the new school.

Thursday is our last day of school, and parents and grandparents are invited to come to the preschool room at 11:00 to hear the preschool sing some of their favorite songs. This will be followed by an All School Sing and pot luck lunch on our playground.

Kim, Leanne and Sofie want to thank all of the parents and grandparents who have been so helpful and supportive this year. It was our first year with sixteen children and three teachers and we had so much fun with your children. Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing all of you at the new school in September.

June 2017 Last Week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>4</b> 8:45 All School Sing  <b>THE PERILS OF POWER</b> The play DVD is available in the hallway for \$10.	<b>5 FIELD DAY (morning)</b> Dress to get wet  2nd-3rd & K-1 at Camp Caravan in p.m.  <b>CHECK LOST AND FOUND IN HALLWAY</b>	<b>6 GRADUATION</b> 6:15 4th-6th portfolio showing 7:00 graduation  	<b>7 LAST DAY</b> 11:00 Preschool & parents 11:30 Whole school, parents and kids, on front lawn, followed by potluck and pizza. Bring a simple dish or pitch in for pizza.  Clean out cubbies	<b>8 SCHOOL VACATION BEGINS</b>  Help move into the new building in late July. We'll confirm the date soon.

## Kindergarten—1st Grade

Our Local Animals theme finished last week with a Theme Share. The children shared their books and learning with their parents. Last Thursday afternoon we hiked up Tully Mountain in Orange. Everyone appreciated the panoramic views from the top. We saw the white spire of the church on Royalston Common and far to the north we saw Mt. Monadnock.

Weather permitting, tomorrow, Tuesday, we join up with the rest of the school for our annual Field Day. This year's activities include face painting, rope climbing, water relay, the bubble table, and 'beat the goalie.'

On Tuesday afternoon we're visiting Camp Caravan to visit the new school building and to plant potatoes to harvest in the fall. We'll leave school at 1:30 and returning by 3:00 for pick up at the regular time. Please sign and return the permission slips.

Last week in science we used play dough to make prints from clay animal tracks. This week we'll be outside experimenting with

'goop,' a mixture of corn starch and water and making animal magnets. In art last week the class worked on printing techniques using paint and strings. We're packing up the classroom for the school vacation. Look out for bags in cubbies with children's work and check all cubbies are cleared by Thursday.

The kindergarten math class is playing *Roll and Record - Teen Numbers* this week. First grade is completing work on 3-D geometry. We're continuing making 3D boxes out of paper and putting them together to make buildings, and looking at maps and the compass directions, North, South, East, and West.

We finish the school year in our traditional manner on Thursday morning with a whole school closing circle and songs on the front lawn followed by a Pot Luck lunch. Parents are invited to join the circle at 11:30. It's been a wonderful year of learning for the K-1 class. We appreciate the positive, committed support from all the parents. We all learn better together.

## 2nd - 3rd Grade

Last week, we enjoyed a lovely End of Year Theme Celebration. The children did a great job and had fun sharing their writing, singing and memories. All of their hard work paid off.

In art, the children did string pulling. It was a fun, experimental art technique that was full of surprises. The class also came together to do a group painting. The results were varied and fun. They also did some printing. They worked with bright colors and created their own designs to print. In Theme, we finished our last full moon project. The children did sand paintings for the month of July.

On Friday, we had a class wedding—surprise! The children created a veil that could rival Meghan Markle's veil. They whipped out the planning and ceremony all within a half hour. It was very sweet and they really enjoyed collaborating on it.

Field Day is tomorrow (weather permitting) with a rain date Wednesday. Children will get wet and can go barefoot. They'll be out all morning so sunscreen and a hat are a good idea.

Cubbies need to be cleaned out by Thursday. Anything left behind will be donated or thrown away. Also, take a look in the Lost and Found—you might find a valuable piece of clothing that belongs to your child.

Please take a look around your house and see if you have any books from the classroom. We'd love to have those books returned so other children can read them.

Please send in a large bag with your children tomorrow so that we can collect their work and belongings. Thank you parents and everyone else who help get children here, go on field trips and support learning. We appreciate it. It's been a productive, wonderful year.

### For All Families

A packet will be mailed home in late July, with papers to return for the start of school. We look forward to starting school this September. in our new home down the road!

**Tuesday September 4** is Preschool and K-1 Orientation

**Wednesday September 5** is the **First Day of School**, a 1/2 day until 12:30 (11:30 for Preschool).

## 4th - 6th Grade

Last week, the class finishing up loose ends while enjoying a little more free time outside in the beautiful spring weather. This time of year, when the excitement of summer mixes with the bittersweet emotions of graduation, it can be hard to focus on lessons. The Pancake Breakfast was a great reprieve from the work we have left to do. Thank you to all the children who were able to come and pitch in with clearing tables, washing dishes or face painting.

Last week the three math groups reviewed problem solving strategies for multiplication and division. The 5th and 6th grade spent time discussing and practicing the standard algorithm for division while the 4th graders worked on strategies for two-digit by two-digit multiplication.

The class continued working on their speeches for the graduation ceremony on Wednesday. Choosing specific memories from the year, or from their whole time at the Village School, whether it's been nine years or two, can be challenging. In order to help get their creative juices flowing, we read through examples of past speeches and students had peer conferences to share moments that stood out for each other.

For painting of the week last week, we continued with our tradition of having the 6th graders, and any other leaving students, choose their favorite painting. Choices included three landscapes: an Edward Hopper, a Japanese woodcut and a Pissarro. Having a group of paintings on the wall gives the class the opportunity to compare the painting styles and subject matter, as well as the composition of the images themselves. After a year of discussing works of art, these are rich conversations that show the students' overall depth of understanding of two-dimensional art.

This week we are celebrating the end of the year and our four graduating 6th graders, as well as bidding farewell to another student. Please join us on Wednesday evening, beginning at 6:15 with a display of the children's art in the 2nd and 3rd classroom, followed by graduation at 7:00. You are welcome to bring refreshments (fruit or baked goods) for the art viewing. And we finish this Thursday morning at 11:30 with all parents and students gathered on the front lawn, followed by the potluck. Don't forget to empty cubbies completely.