

Kenneth A. Brett School

“Growing a Community of Learners”



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Principal's Report to the Tamworth School Board January - 2010

Enrollment Update - See Enclosed Chart.

Education Views: There will be no formal "Education Views" this month. It is anticipated, however, that faculty, parents and members of the public may have comments regarding the proposed budget and the effect it will have on specific programs proposed for alteration or elimination.

Calendar of Events: The second page of my report outlines the significant events occurring at the Brett School this month and next month.

Immunization Issues: (Note: This is **not** about H1N1). One or more parents may contact a board member about this issue. Students attending public schools are required to be immunized against "vaccine-preventable diseases" pursuant to state law. Recently it was necessary for me to contact the families of 24 Brett School students indicating that their children were not in compliance and were in danger of being excluded from school. A copy of the letter sent to the parents is enclosed. You are advised that based on the fact that parents had been notified of their children's status several times previously, the letter was purposefully strongly-worded.

H1 N1 Immunization Clinics at the Brett School: (This **is** about H1N1) Our school nurse and administration are working in collaboration with the Carroll County Coalition for Public Health and the Tamworth Community Nurse's office. On Friday, December 18, 2009, we immunized about 75 Brett students and more than 50 staff and members of the public. This coming Thursday, January 14, 2010 from 9-11 am we will provide a clinic primarily for children 9 and under who require a second dose. However, anyone wanting to receive a regular single dose is also welcome.

Proposed 10-11 Budget – Table 4 Detail: To date, the detail of table 4, which outlines proposed staffing configurations for next year (please refer to your previous handout), has not been released to the public or to the Brett staff. I would ask for guidance from the Tamworth School Board on when and how that information should be released.

Weekly Newsletter: Most recent edition will be distributed at the school board meeting

Kenneth A. Brett School – Monthly Calendar of Events

January	6	W	PTA Meeting, 7pm
	6	W	Basketball, Berlin, 4pm
	8	F	Ski/Skate Program, 12:30-4:00pm
	9	Sat	Boys Basketball Tournament, Brett Gym
	12	Tu	Field Trip, Gr 4,
	13	W	School Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, library
	15	F	Ski/Skate Program, 12:30-4:00 PM
	18	M	HOLIDAY, NO SCHOOL
	19	Tu	Basketball, Wakefield, 4pm
	20	W	Title I Parent Night & Pizza Party, 5:30-6:30pm
	21	Th	Basketball, Berlin, 4 pm
	22	F	Ski/Skate Program, 12:30-4:00pm
	22-23	F-Sat	Girls Basketball Tournament, Bartlett Elementary School
	27	W	Early Release, 12:30pm, Teacher In-Service
	28	Th	Basketball, Kennett, 4pm
29	F	Ski/Skate Program, 12:30-4:00pm	
February	3	W	Fisher Cat Assembly, 2:45pm
	3	W	School Board Meeting, 5:30pm, Library
	3	W	PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM, Rm 207
	3	W	Budget Public Hearing, 7:00pm, Cafeteria
	5	F	Ski/Skate Program, 12:30-4:00pm
	10	W	Winter Concert, 6:30 pm, Gym (snow day, 2/11)
	12	F	Ski/Skate Program, 12:30-4:00pm
	15-19		February Vacation, NO SCHOOL
25	Th	Field Trip, Gr 7, Remick Museum, 9:00am-12:30pm	
26	F	Ski/Skate Program, 12:30-4:00 pm	

Kenneth A. Brett School - Student Enrollment Data – 2009-2010

Grade	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
K	19	18	19	21	21					
1	23	24	24	24	23					
2	24	24	25	25	25					
3	24	25	25	25	24					
4	17	17	17	16	16					
5	27	27	26	26	26					
6	24	24	23	25	25					
7	24	24	24	24	22					
8	25	24	24	24	23					
Total	207	207	207	210	205					

Student Enrollments

Summer Enrolled 20 kindergarten students at end of 08-09
 Sep-Oct Gr 1 & 3 moved to Tamworth from Mass
 Oct-Nov Gr K Family moved from Ossipee
 Gr 2 Family moved from Effingham
 Nov-Dec Gr K Family moved in from Ossipee
 Gr 5 Family moved from Bristol
 Gr 6 Family moved from Newfound
 Gr 6 Formerly attending private school
 Gr K Family moved from Ossipee
 Gr 3 Family moved from Farmington
 Dec-Jan None

Student Withdrawals

Summer: Promoted 26 - 8th grade students to Kennett HS
 Gr K & 4 – Attending private school
 Sep-Oct: Gr K Family moved to Ossipee
 Gr 8 Family moved to Conway
 Oct-Nov Gr 5 Family moved to Wolfeboro
 Gr 6 Family moved to Conway
 Nov-Dec Gr 3, 4 & 5 Family moved to Hampton
 Dec-Jan Gr 1 & 3, Family moved to Massachusetts
 Gr 7, Family moved to Conway
 Gr 7, Student enrolled in private school
 Gr 8, Student home-schooled

Brett School Student Enrollments - Historical

Enrollment	207	211	231	237	251	249	262	269	274	270	323	297	281
Year	09-10	08-09	07-08	06-07	05-06	04-05	03-04	02-03	01-02	00-01	99-00	98-99	97-98

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December 18, 2009

Sent Registered Mail-Return Receipt

Inside address

RE: Student's Name, Grade, DOB,

Dear

In order to comply with state immunization policies, all students must be properly immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases in order to attend New Hampshire's public schools. We have not yet received complete immunization dates for your child. **You received four previous written notices and were recently contacted by phone regarding this issue.**

In order to remain in compliance with state law, children who are not properly immunized must be excluded from school until the necessary immunizations have been received. And, accordingly, while your children are not attending school, they would be considered truant due to parental negligence.

Therefore, effective January 15, 2010, your child will not be permitted to attend school until the necessary immunization requirements have been fulfilled, or we have received notice from your physician that an appointment has been made for your child to receive these immunizations.

The following immunizations need to be administered to your child:

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Upon completion of these requirements, please forward the appropriate documentation to the school. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the school at 323-7271.

Sincerely,

Noel J DeSousa, Principal

C: Jennifer Forsythe, K. A Brett School Nurse
Jay McIntire, SAU #13 Superintendent of Schools

Legal Reference: RSA 141-C-20 (a) (b) (c) (enclosed)

**TITLE X
PUBLIC HEALTH
CHAPTER 141-C
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
Section 141-C:20-a**

141-C:20-a Immunization. –

I. All parents or legal guardians shall have their children who are residing in this state immunized against certain diseases. These diseases shall include, but not be limited to, diphtheria, mumps, pertussis, poliomyelitis, rubella, rubeola, and tetanus. The commissioner shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A relative to other diseases which require immunization.

II. No child shall be admitted or enrolled in any school or child care agency, public or private, unless the following is demonstrated:

(a) Immunization under paragraph I;

(b) Partial immunization relative to the age of the child as specified in rules adopted by the commissioner; or

(c) Exemption under RSA 141-C:20-c.

Source: 1987, 193:7. 1995, 310:183, eff. Nov. 1, 1995.

Section 141-C:20-b

141-C:20-b Records. –

I. Any person who immunizes a child shall complete a form to be supplied by the commissioner and shall give the completed form to the parent or legal guardian.

II. Schools and child care agencies shall keep immunization records for all enrolled children. Such records shall be available for inspection during reasonable hours upon request by the commissioner or his designee.

Source. 1987, 193:7. 1995, 310:183, eff. Nov. 1, 1995

Section 141-C:20-c

141-C:20-c Exemptions. – A child shall be exempt from immunization if:

I. A physician licensed under RSA 329, or a physician exempted under RSA 329:21, III, certifies that immunization against a particular disease may be detrimental to the child's health. The exemption shall exist only for the length of time, in the opinion of the physician, such immunization would be detrimental to the child. An exemption from immunization for one disease shall not affect other required immunizations.

II. A parent or legal guardian objects to immunization because of religious beliefs. The parent or legal guardian shall sign a notarized form stating that the child has not been immunized because of religious beliefs.

Source. 1987, 193:7. 2001, 18:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2002.