

KENNETH A. BRETT SCHOOL

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Special points of interest!

- 9-23 - Soccer Game vs. Berlin at home 4PM
- 9-25 - Soccer Game vs. Kennett at home 4PM
- 9-30 - Soccer Game vs. Bartlett at home 4PM
- 9-30 - All School Assembly 2:30PM
- 10-1 - Student Portrait Day
- 10-2 - Early Release 12:30PM

Harvestman
Leiobunum vittatum

Drawn, from life
By Adam Wright

PTA News - The Auction is returning. Save the date of October 17th for our second annual auction. If you or your employer would like to donate to this worthwhile cause your help is greatly appreciated. We are looking for donations of new items, "gently" used items, handmade or crafted items, theme baskets and boxes, gift certificates, and services. You may contact the office for more information.

Health News - The start of the school year is a good opportunity to monitor your child for any signs of head lice following the various summer activities. It is recommended that you check your child's head periodically for any evidence of nits (eggs) that are light in color and the size of a poppy seed. It is best to check in natural light or under bright artificial light.

Student Portrait Day - Student photos will be taken on Thursday, October 1st. The order form packets are being sent home today and will need to be returned on photo day. Two parent volunteers are needed to assist the photographers. A gift certificate towards student photos will be given to volunteers. Please contact Kathi Brown in the school office at 323-7271 if interested.

Family Back to School Night - Open House - Thursday, October 8th 5:30-7pm. The staff of the K.A. Brett School would like to invite your family to enjoy dinner with family and friends, meet teachers, and find out what is happening at the K.A. Brett School. The PTA is sponsoring this free dinner which will be served from 5:30-6:30pm. Teachers will be available in classrooms to talk and schedule parent conferences. It will be a night of good food, meeting new faces, and getting to know the K.A. Brett School a little better.

Fall After School Program - Information and sign up forms went home today with the Wednesday newsletter. They should be returned a.s.a.p. as classes fill up quickly.

Community Events

Cook Memorial Library - On Tuesday, September 29th at 4:00 there will be a children's matinee of the movie *The Call of the Wild*.

Babysitter's Training Class - The American Red Cross will be holding this class for kids ages 11-15 at the Cook Memorial Library on Saturday, October 24th from 9:00am to 5:00pm. There is a fee of \$45.00 per child and scholarships are available. You must register for this class. Call the library at 323-8510 or the Red Cross at 1-800-464-6692.

Arts Council of Tamworth - Saturday, September 26th ACT presents the dazzling new roots string band Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem. Amazing vocals, harmonies, and musicianship. 7:30pm at the Barnstormers Theatre. Saturday, October 3rd is the Sketch and Poem Crawl at the Tamworth Town House from 1-4:30pm. For more information visit www.artstamworth.org or call 323-8104.

Tin Mountain Conservation Center - Sat, Oct 3 "North Country Barn" slide presentation with Tom Hubka 10 AM, courtesy of the NH Humanities Council. Sat, Oct 3 TMCC "Historic Barn Tour Event" 11:30 AM through 4 PM starting at TMCC-featuring a tour of 8 local barns and the Eastman Lord House. For more information contact Donna Dolan at 447-6991 or email ddolan@tinmountain.org.

The Artery Cultural Art Center - An Italian Street Painting Festival will be held on October 10th & 11th. From 8am to 7pm. Call Nancy Russo for more information at 356-7725.

Winnepesaukee Driving School - Will be holding a fall Driver's Education class at the Brett School. The class will begin in November and end in early February. For more information, please call Kerry or Kim Dubuque at 476-8291.

3rd Annual Fire/EMS Safety Day - October 3rd from 10am-2pm at Home Depot in North Conway. Jaws of Life, North Conway Ambulance, Conway Police Dept., DARE, RAD, MWV Towing, Face Painting, Popcorn.

H1N1 Update: We thank parents for their continued cooperation in reporting their children's illnesses to the school. The Brett School continues to monitor student illnesses to determine whether or not students have contracted the flu or exhibit flu-like symptoms. To date, at the Brett School, we have not noticed any patterns that would cause alarm. However, other schools in the area have reported increased incidences of students with fever and respiratory illness.

Parents are reminded that our protocol requires us to send students home if they have a fever or flu like symptoms. If your child has a respiratory illness or a fever in excess of 100 degrees, you should keep your child at home. He/she should not be sent back to school until the fever has broken and remained stable for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing drugs (e.g. Tylenol, ibuprofen, aspirin is not recommended for children unless prescribed by your physician).

Prevention continues to require everyday common sense measures:

- Wash hands frequently – especially just before eating.
- Observe cough/sneeze etiquette by doing so into a tissue or sleeve.
- Use tissues once and immediately discard.
- Clean/disinfect kitchen and bathroom counters and sinks frequently.
- Keep your children away from others who do exhibit flu-like symptoms.

PTA Auction Update: The PTA's major fundraiser of the year is fast approaching. A reminder that the auction will be held on Saturday, October 17th - just a few short weeks away. Last year we were able to raise over \$6,000. The doors will open at noon for inspection of items and the actual auction will begin at 1 pm.

There are two main ways to secure items for the auction. Individuals may donate an item. We recommend that its value be \$30-\$50, however more valuable items have been donated. Items should be new or like new. Or, we ask that individuals contact an area business to ask for a donation. A list of businesses and sign-up sheet is located in the staff room. Parents are invited to stop by to look over the list and see if there is a business listed that they are willing to contact. Most staff have either contributed items or have agreed to solicit items from area businesses. But there is still a long way to go in securing auction items.

Please also attend the auction on the 17th. And bring your friends and relatives. Last year's event was quite an experience. It's an opportunity to have a fun afternoon and to purchase items at what are usually bargain prices.

Fraud Alert: The “**PARENT INCOME INFORMATION FORM for Elementary Students Only**” that has been mailed out to some residents of Tamworth and other neighboring towns **is not legitimate.** This form requests both personal and financial confidential information. Please do not fill out or return these forms. Contact School Administrative Unit #13 (school superintendent's office) at 539-2610 if you have received such a form. Thank you.