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Special points of interest!

- 11/19 - Picture re-takes
- 11/19 - 7th Grade to Remick Museum
- 11-26/11-27 - No School, Holiday Break

Lost and Found -

We have accumulated quite a bit of clothing so far. Please be sure to have your child check the box if they are missing something.

8th Grade Fundraiser

Tickets may be purchased in the school office for the upcoming Country Bluegrass Christmas Festival being held on Saturday, December 12th from 7 to 10 pm at The Brass Heart Inn.

KENNETH A. BRETT SCHOOL

Talent Show - Applications are being taken now for any student in grades 3 - 8 who would like to be in the Talent Show on Friday, December 4th. Pick up an entry form from Mrs. Ferguson or the office. This show is also open to community members and families.

Nurse Information - IMPORTANT Immunization Requirement

As many of you may know the New Hampshire Immunization Program has adopted some changes to the immunization requirements for the 2009-2010 school year. Three notices have been sent home with students that have not yet met these new requirements. A fourth notice will be going home with your child today. Please address this issue immediately and forward the appropriate paperwork to the school. The state of New Hampshire requires that all children attending school be up to date on immunizations, if your child does not meet the requirements actions may be taken in order to exempt your child from school. Please feel free to call the school nurse with any questions. Thank You!

Picture Retakes - Students wishing to have photos retaken, or for those who missed photo day, can have their pictures taken on Thursday, November 19th. Photos need to be returned for pictures to be re-taken.

GUIDANCE NEWS - Recently the entire school celebrated "Red Ribbon Week" and students participated in drug awareness lessons. A parent information night was held with a presentation by DEA Agent Lisa Remick. The entire presentation is available on PowerPoint for anyone that may not have been able to attend. The following is some information that you may find helpful.

Family Dinners - Teens who have dinner with their families fewer than three nights in a typical week are 1.5 times at greater risk for substance abuse than a teen having dinner as a family five or more times per week.

12 Tips for Helping Your Children Stay Drug Free -

- ~ Accept the role of parent as your responsibility. Let others be their friends.
- ~ Make parenting a priority.
- ~ Educate yourself about the problems facing today's children. They are different from the problems you faced.
- ~ Give clear messages about expectations.
- ~ Enforce stated consequences when family rules are broken. Children who don't follow family rules today, may break society's law tomorrow.
- ~ Clearly state consequences of failure to follow family rules. Consequences are not negotiable.
- ~ Be aware that many in the community put children's buying power above children's well-being. Don't expect the community to reinforce family values.
- ~ Don't assume that the parents of all your children's friends have the same rules you do. Some have different rules, some have none.
- ~ Believe that children want rules to guide them. Allow them to paint you as the "bad guy".
- ~ Remember that teenagers need parental supervision as much as toddlers. It's just a different kind.
- ~ If necessary, love your children enough to let them hate you (for a while).
- ~ Know that children are never too big for a hug!! Even when they are grown.

Remember, you make a difference. Keep up the good work!!!

Community Events

Arts Council of Tamworth - Saturday, November 21st ACT presents the dapper Two Man Gentlemen Band at The Brass Heart Inn in Chocorua, NH. Blending comedy, hot jazz, vintage rhythm & blues, old-time country and Tin Pan Alley, the charismatic Two Man Gentlemen Band entertains audiences across the US and Europe like proper old vaudevillians. The local bluegrass band Sweet Life Review will open. For more information visit www.artstamworth.org or call 603-323-8104.

Tamworth Farmers Market - The Tamworth Farmers' Market will be holding a Thanksgiving Craft Fair and Farmers' Market in the Brett School cafeteria on Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 until 2:00. Please come and support local artisans, farmers, and bakers, and enjoy some soup and bread, or other treat, for lunch.

Conway Contra Dance and Family Dance - Saturday, November 21st at Tin Mt. Conservation Center in Albany. 6:30 to 7:30 Family Dance with Lucy Gatchell and Dexter Harding \$2 child/\$3 adult/\$10 family max ,and from 7:30 to 10:30 Contra Dance with Byron Ricker \$7 adult/ \$3 under 12 years.

MWV Children's Museum - "Something Fun Everyday at the MWV Children's Museum This Week...Saturday November 21-Friday November 27.

Saturday	3pm	Earth Stewardship Activities
Sunday	11am	Family Fun Day-Nature's Art
Wednesday	11am	Art from Around the World-Ukrainian Painting
Friday	10:30am	The official opening of our Scholastic Book Fair-Grandparents Day (kids come play at the museum with your Grandparents while Mom and Dad go shopping)

Please call 356-2992 for more information.

Cook Memorial Library - Join Amy Carter and Marion Posner for Night time story time at the library, tonight, November 18th from 6:30-7:30. Appropriate for ages 4 and up. For more information contact the library at 323-8510.