

May 5, 2010



### Special points of interest!

- 5/5 PTA Meeting 7pm
- 5/6 Early Release at 12:30pm
- 5/10 Jr. High Baseball/Softball Game at home 4pm
- 5/12-14 8th Grade class trip to Washington, DC
- 5/15 PTA Sponsored Golf Tournament

### Yearbooks

Don't be left without one. Forms are available in the office and the cost is \$10.00.

### NECAP Science Testing

Starting next week, students in grades 4 and 8 will be taking these tests. Please be sure that students are well rested, arrive on time, and come to school having had a healthy breakfast so they can focus better.

Thanks for your help.

# KENNETH A. BRETT SCHOOL

**School Board News** - The Tamworth School Board meeting, originally scheduled for Wednesday, May 12th has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 27th at 5:30 at the K. A. Brett library. After many years of dedicated service, school board member Brenda Robinson resigned in April. Brenda has been a dynamic force on the board the past years, serving in a variety of positions including co-chair of the board, SAU joint board chairperson, and as chair of the SAU personnel committee. Brenda's experience and insight will be greatly missed. As a result, the Tamworth School Board is actively seeking interested candidates to serve, by appointment of the board, for the remainder of Brenda's current term (expires March 2011). Interested Tamworth residents should contact the SAU office at 539-2610 no later than 5/21/10. The board will then contact all interested candidates to arrange a time for further discussion about the vacant seat, its responsibilities, and the candidates qualifications. The board hopes to vote at the upcoming June meeting on the best qualified candidate, who'll then be appointed to the vacant seat. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Laura Pike at [llpike@yahoo.com](mailto:llpike@yahoo.com), or contact Superintendent Jay McIntire at [jmcintire@sau13.k12.nh.us](mailto:jmcintire@sau13.k12.nh.us).

**PTA News** - Do you want to be a winner??? Help support the K.A. Brett School After School Program and Enrichment Activities by purchasing raffle tickets for a chance to win some great prizes. The raffle tickets are part of the Golf Tournament that will be held at the Indian Mound Golf Course on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Golfers are still needed...call the school for details or check out the website at [www.brettschool.net](http://www.brettschool.net).

**Items include gift certificates, homemade items, and products from the following sponsors:**

*Indian Mound Hardware, Holland Hill Studio, Portland Sea Dogs, Home Depot, Chequers Restaurant, Brooks Brothers, Barnstormers Theater, Zeb's, White Birch Books, Pizza Barn, Ossipee Auto Parts, The Met, The Blueberry Muffin, Northway Bank, The Common Man, Storyland, Hairitage House, Linda's Flowers, Northern Tire, Pirates Cove, White Lake Pizza, Flatbread Pizza, May Kelly's, Jenn Mashiak Massage Therapy, Newall Interiors, Wal-Mart, Swift River Wood Products, Sammy's Fitness Ctr., The Crunchy Western Boys CD, Valuland Food Stores, Funspot, and the list goes on.....*

**Ticket Prices: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Thank you for your support. Stop by the school office to purchase your tickets, or come to the golf course on May 15<sup>th</sup> to bid on some wonderful silent auction items.**

**Fostering Good Sportsmanship** - During the next couple of months we will be focusing on Good Sportsmanship and Cooperation at the K.A. Brett School. See the back of the newsletter for tips that we all need to remember.

### Nurse Information Recent Drug Recall

There have been a number of concerns regarding the drug recall of over the counter children's' medications. Products such as Children's Motrin, Benadryl, Zyrtec and Tylenol were recalled due to a higher concentration of the medication than indicated on the bottle. The FDA has said that the potential for serious medical problems is "remote", but advises families to dispose of these meds as a precaution. All medications kept at school **are not** part of the current drug recall. Thank you for your concern. If you are worried that some medications you carry at home may be part of this recall you can check at [www.mcneilproductrecall.com](http://www.mcneilproductrecall.com) and plug in the number starting with NDC that's found on the front of all OTC medications.

**Helmet Orders**—Due Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Pick up an order form in the main office at school and call the school nurse with any questions, or sizing concerns.

See the back page for Community Events

## Fostering Good Sportsmanship

**During the next couple of months we will be focusing on Good Sportsmanship and Cooperation at the K.A. Brett School. Here are some tips for all of us to remember:**

Remember the saying "Actions speak louder than words"? That's especially true when it comes to teaching your kids the basics of good sportsmanship. Your behavior during practices and games will influence them more than any pep talk or lecture you give them.

Here are some suggestions on how to build sportsmanship in your kids:

Unless you're coaching your child's team, you need to remember that you're the parent. Shout words of encouragement, not directions, from the sidelines (there is a difference!).

If you are your kid's coach, don't expect too much out of your own child. Don't be harder on him or her than on anyone else on the team, but don't play favorites either.

Keep your comments positive. Don't bad-mouth coaches, players, or game officials. If you have a serious concern about the way that games or practices are being conducted, or if you're upset about other parents' behavior, discuss it privately with the coach or with a league official.

After a competition, it's important not to dwell on who won or lost. Instead, try asking, "How did you feel you did during the game?" If your child feels weak at a particular skill, like throwing or catching, offer to work on it together before the next game.

Applaud good plays no matter who makes them.

Set a good example with your courteous behavior toward the parents of kids on the other team. Congratulate them when their kids win.

Remember that it's your kids, not you, who are playing. Don't push them into a sport because it's what you enjoyed. As kids get older, let them choose what sports they want to play and decide the level of commitment they want to make.

Keep your perspective. It's just a game. Even if the team loses every game of the season, it's unlikely to ruin your child's life or chances of success.

Look for examples of good sportsmanship in professional athletes and point them out to your kids. Talk about the bad examples, too, and why they upset you.

Finally, don't forget to have fun. Even if your child isn't the star, enjoy the game while you're thinking of all the benefits your child is gaining — new skills, new friends, and attitudes that can help all through life.

## Community Events

**Summertime is Fresh Air time** for thousands of New York City children growing up in disadvantaged communities. Through The Fund's Friendly Town program, close to 5,000 children visit volunteer host families each summer in rural and suburban communities. Fresh Air children stay for two weeks or more in 300 Friendly Towns across 13 Northeastern states from Virginia to Maine and Canada. Since 1877, more than 1.7 million inner-city children, living in New York City's toughest neighborhoods, have experienced the joys of Fresh Air experiences. The Fresh Air Fund is primarily supported by the generosity of thousands of contributors. **Registration for host families is now open for summer 2010!**

For more information contact [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org) or Mr. Krug at the school.

**Arts Council of Tamworth** is excited to present—all the way from Texas—the Austin Lounge Lizards on Saturday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at The Barnstormers Theatre in Tamworth, NH. "Like Zappa meeting bluegrass," says Vintage Guitar Magazine. "Hilarious, endearing and literary," raves Billboard. The Lizards have delighted audiences from Texas to Trafalgar Square with their inventive, irreverent style of satirical folk, country and bluegrass. Combined with superb musicianship that features precise four- and five-part vocal harmonies and instrumental mastery, the band's songs are as melodically infectious as they are lyrically prescient. For tickets and information visit [www.artstamworth.org](http://www.artstamworth.org) or call 603-323-8104.

**Remick Country Doctor Museum and Farm** - The Annual Children's Fishing Derby will be held on Sunday, May 16th from 10am to 12pm. The derby is for children up to ages 16 with an adult! Bring your own bait, tackle and pail to carry your fish home. Sponsored by: The Bearcamp Valley Sportsmen's Club & The NH Division of Fish and Game.