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## June Calendar

**May 31:** Spaghetti Dinner and Dance Benefit for Mrs. Bapp. 4:30 p.m. - Silent Auction; 5 and 6 p.m. - Dinner Seatings; 7 p.m. - Dance. Cost is \$5/kids 5 and under, \$10/adults.

**June 2:** Penny Wars begin! Donate your extra coins and bills to the team jars in the lunchroom.

**June 5:** CVS Parents' Club Meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in CVS Library

**June 12:** Mini Relay for Life at CVS, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. End-of-Year BBQ: 11 a.m. K-4, 11:20 a.m. 5-8. Adults \$3.25, Siblings \$2. (RSVP by June 2)

**June 16:** Last Day of School!



### THE POWER OF PENNIES

Save your spare cash and put it to good use for our Penny Wars, starting June 2nd! Money collected will benefit our Relay for Life & the American Cancer Society. See page 2 for details.

## CVS students keep Vermont green



Vermont's annual Green Up Day (always on the first Saturday in May) signals the real beginning of spring-- when the snow has melted enough that we can pick up trash that might have gathered on our roadsides and fields during the winter. CVS students gathered at the school to return their full bags and enjoy some snacks and drinks. Thanks, students, for doing your part to keep our state beautiful!

*Photo contributed by Frank Carbonneau*

*Logo from <http://www.greenupvermont.org>*



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**RESPECTFUL. RESPONSIBLE. READY TO LEARN.**

# News from the Library



We have winners for the state book awards! The Red Clover winner is *The World's Greatest Lion* by Ralph Helfer. This book received over 7600 votes from students around the state. It was definitely the favorite for students in grades K-4 here at CVS. The DCF winner is *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. This book received over 700 votes. Our students were lucky enough to be able to read *Wonder* thanks to a grant we received from the Vermont Humanities Council as part of their VT Reads program.

Students have been studying poetry when they come to the library. We learned about acrostic poems, haiku, concrete poems, and riddles. Students wrote their own poems and used various poem creation websites as well. We will be ending the year by reading traditional fairy tales and their fractured counterparts.

Now is the time of year that all missing and overdue library books need to be returned. Any students who are missing a library book will need to see me to pay for a replacement copy. Students will no longer be checking books out of the library after May 27. We do have an adult collection so feel free to come in and check out some books for summer reading!

*Contributed by Carol Rowell*

**Mini Relay for Life  
June 12, 2014 at CVS  
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

*Our Mini Relay for Life will be dedicated this year to Mrs Bapp. All money raised and luminaria bags will be made in her honor.*



### Schedule

- 8:00 – Opening Ceremony
- 8:30 to 11:00 – Stations
- 11:00 – Grades K-4 BBQ Lunch
- 11:25 – Grades 5-8 BBQ Lunch
- 12:10 to 2:10 – Stations
- 2:10 to 2:40 – Closing Ceremony

### How to Donate

- Donate a box of popsicles for the day by June 10, 2014
- Donate money here: [www.relay-forlife.org/northeastkingdomvt](http://www.relay-forlife.org/northeastkingdomvt). Donations made on this page will count towards positive points in our Penny Wars.

### Activities and Participating Organizations

- Yoga and dance (the Wellness Center)
- American Cancer Society
- Walking the Soccer Field
- Luminaria Bags
- Tooth Tutor
- Green Mountain Farm-to-School snacks
- Bike Safety and Rodeo

### Penny Wars

Each team will be given a jar. These jars will be available every morning from 7:45 to 8:00 in the lunchroom. Students can put pennies, silver coins, and bills in their team's jar to raise money for cancer.

# Fourth Grade Wonder Poems

After reading *Wonder*, fourth grade students wrote the following poems.

Wonderful book  
Orc is what they called him  
No one looks like Auggie  
Deformed as a baby  
Everyone looks at him  
Read the book  
*by Robbie Bowman*

Wonderful Daisy the Dog  
Orc is what Eddie called him  
New kid at Beecher Prep  
Daisy is a dog  
Enchanting Story  
Running away from seventh graders  
*by Isabelle Brown*

Wonder book  
Often Julian is a jerk  
New kid Auggie  
Daisy the dog  
Excellent kid  
Read the book  
*by Savannah Shaw*



The "Wordle" above was created by Averi Morse (Grade 4) in response to the book *Wonder*.

# What are you doing this **SUMMER?**

**Free meals for kids every Thursday in Gardner Park...**



**EVERY Wednesday**      **BARTON - ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL**  
54 EASTERN AVENUE

**EVERY Thursday**      **NEWPORT - GARDNER PARK**  
155 GARDNER PARK ROAD

**EVERY Friday**      **ISLAND POND - PAVILION PARK**  
95 CROSS STREET

**JUNE 18 - AUGUST 22**

**11:30 - 1:30 PM**

*Kids 18 and under eat free!*

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**Kids' day camps through Newport Parks & Rec...**



[www.newportrecreation.org/](http://www.newportrecreation.org/)

**...or right here at CVS!**

**2014 ENCORE SUMMER ADVENTURES**

Contact NCSU: 802-334-5847 ext. 2033

**Academic camps for middle school students...**

**Center for Rural Entrepreneurship**

**Academic Summer Camps**

**Week-long Day Camps for Grades 6-9**

Lyndon State College,  
Lyndonville, Vermont

**(applications and scholarship forms available at CVS)**



## Phys. Ed. Update

We completed the Badminton tournament and the 2014 champions were:

- Timothy Prue
- Manisha Gratton
- Bret Butler
- Shawna Columbia

Every year the event becomes more competitive and exciting to watch! Good job to everyone who participated.

*Contributed by Marcelle Poulin*



### Other opportunities:

Siskin-Coutts Camps, ages 3+ <http://www.siskincoutts.org>

Art Classes at Atelier Art Studio, ages 5+ <http://atelierartstudio.com>

Dance Camps at Ballet Arts, ages 4+ 326-4430

Dance Camps at North Country School of Dance, ages 4+ 334-1989

Kindermusik with Medora, ages 3-5, [medorajensen79@gmail.com](mailto:medorajensen79@gmail.com), 895-4899

Vermont Family Theater Camps, ages 4+ <http://vermontfamilytheatre.weebly.com>

Northwoods Stewardship Center Camps, ages 6+, <http://www.northwoodscenter.org>

# School Board Notes: *Farewell to some great folks*

Staff are the backbone of any school.

Their task is clear, and administrators, parents, voters, kids and taxpayers alike expect them to carry it out consistently: Bring excellent credentials to bear upon the best education of young people possible. And do it with great Affection, Joy and Energy. And do it Everyday.

This is of course, oversimplified, but goes to the heart of what we all carry as our impression of an educator’s mission. With that in mind, the CVS Board wishes to thank our departing and retiring Staff for their personal talents and energies poured into our kids and community.

We are extremely grateful to Carinthia Grayson, Elise Hancock,

Phillis Mosher, Brenda Sattleberger, John White, and Mary Kay Amidon. Mary Kay is currently in her fourth decade of service to all of us!

So, the work must go on and faces may change, but those mentioned above will be missed by us.

Please take time to share your thanks as well.

**Contributed by Frank Carbonneau**

## CVS Eighth Graders visit Washington, D.C.



W I B Q T L Q H P H H A A N R  
 C H K D Y S O D O E O T R K E  
 Z O I Y S L C T S U L K L Z T  
 H R H T A K X Z I V O D I C A  
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 P O R E T A E H T R E N N I D  
 I V B I A D A W K C U X X F C  
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### Washington, D.C. Word Search

*The eighth graders visited many national monuments and memorials. Find several of them here!*

- Arlington
- Hard Rock
- Capitol
- Holocaust Museum
- Dinner Theater
- Mt. Vernon
- Ford Theater
- Smithsonian
- White House