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**SARAH SMILEY**  
Tue, Sept 16, 5:30 p.m.  
Come to a community supper at the Masonic Temple in Milford and listen to the author present and sign her memoir - now in paperback, "DINNER WITH THE SMILEYS". When her husband is deployed overseas for a year, the family invites a different person to sit at the head of the table one night each week. Discover how reaching out can lead to ordinary acts of grace.

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## New Principal Takes Over Helm at MVVS

BY CLIFF ANN WALES

MONT VERNON – The new principal at the Mont Vernon Village School, Mr. John Schuttinger met with community members at a Meet and Greet held in his honor on August 18. John commented on how much he appreciated meeting the residents in town, the General Store owners and town department chiefs. "Working in a small town is a different pace and I appreciate that," he said.

This New Jersey native who has made his way to New Hampshire brings years of experience as an elementary school teacher at all grade levels to his new position as principal of MVVS. Most recently he was the assistant principal of the Ross A. Lurgio Middle School for seven years and before that he was an elementary teacher in the Concord School District for eleven years. Mr. Schuttinger was very familiar with New Hampshire after spending summer vacations in the state.

John describes his leadership style as a "listener and problem solver." "My communication style is

to understand where people are coming from and work together as a team."

"This age group exhibits an excitement about learning and the learning experience," said Mr. Schuttinger.

SAU 29 Superintendent of Schools, Peter Warburton said that Ed Joyce, principal of the Bedford Middle School said that in a crisis, there's no one better than John."

MVVS will have a new 6th grade teacher, Jill Camitta who was a former art teacher and taught in Peterborough. Amy Knag will be joining the staff as a special education teacher.

The school is all spiffed up awaiting the arrival of the students with new windows and cabinets, renovations throughout and washed and painted to shine. Principal John Schuttinger is eager to meet the students. Patience and understanding are the hallmarks of his style. Welcome, Principal Schuttinger.

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