

Schools

Amherst PTA Starts Off with Welcome Back Social

The Amherst PTA has had a busy first month and we are so excited about our upcoming events! We started out with a wonderful "Welcome Back" Ice Cream Social on Friday, September 5th. We had about 200 children show up and we all loved the music provided by Mr. Allwarden, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Brunelle, all teachers in the Clark/Wilkins/AMS schools! The day was hot, but the ice cream was cold and community among our school was built.

We were honored to be able to help host the Hope for Gus Color Run 5K on September 20th. This has been their most successful run yet with over 175 people registered to run. Whether you were a runner, a walker, or a color thrower, it was a great day and a fun way to raise money for this worthwhile charity!

October and November promise to be just as busy and productive for the PTA! We are finishing up our major Fall Fundraiser, Meadow Farms Catalog sale. The money made from that sale is going to pay for our first Curriculum Enrichment Program of the year. The Wilkins Elementary School 2nd grade class is going to be treated to a live Birds of Prey demonstration and education program! This presentation has always been a big hit with the kids and we hope this

year's class enjoys it just as much! A special thank you our fantastic Curriculum Enrichment Coordinators: Gretchen Pyles, Kindergarten and 1st grade; Jillian Patrick, 2nd grade; Lori Mix, 4th grade; and Jamie Koch, AMS

Our membership drive is still ongoing! We are so excited to announce that classes with 100% family participation will receive a visit from Gracie, the Literacy Dog! Students will get a chance to sit with Gracie and read to her while she listens with her tail wagging! Membership for families is \$10 (teachers are \$5). This fee also includes the Members Directory. Go to www.amherstnhpta.org for the membership form and mail that with your check made out to Amherst PTA to: Amherst PTA, P.O. Box 70, Amherst NH 03031

On Friday, October 24th, we are providing the teachers of Clark/Wilkins with a soup/stew lunch. (AMS will have theirs in November). The Amherst Schools either have no school (SHS) or a half day (all others) to host Parent-Teacher Conference. So we are going to make life a little easier for the teachers and provide them with lunch that day. We are in need of crockpots of soup/chili/stew. If you are interested in donating, please contact the PTA at president@amherstnhpta.org. A special "Thank you very much!" to The Good Loaf for donating bread!



Samuel Enriquez, Elizabeth Bryson, Rowen Enriquez, Julia Daniel, Sarah Bryson, Patrick Bryson

On Wednesday, November 12th from 6-9, the PTA is hosting a Holiday Shopping Night at Wilkins Elementary School! Everyone is welcome to join us and get your gift buying started (or done) early by visiting one of our many vendors! We will have representatives from 31 bags, Premier Jewelry, Nail Art by Zoey Garvey, Pampered Chef, Lia

Sophia jewelry and many more. If you'd like to participate, vendor tables are \$20 and you need to supply one item for a raffle. Please contact the PTA if you are interested in being a vendor at president@amherstnhpta.org. This promises to be such a great night! Wonderful products, great raffle opportunities, and supporting your PTA—winning combination! Free entry to buyers, but look for our raffle ticket sellers.

Searching for Souhegan Alumni in the Military

Last year, Souhegan students in advisory sent holiday cards to graduates serving in the military. Cards and good wishes were sent to 28 alumni stationed around the globe. Please help us continue the tradition, send us the name and if possible the current address of the alumnus. Send to mpaul@sprise.com. Thank you!



Community Action For Safe Teens Holds 4th Annual Student Leadership Training

Students from Hollis/Brookline, Milford and Souhegan High School recently participated in the 4th Annual High School Student Leadership Training coordinated by Community Action for Safe Teens (CAST), a committee of the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley.

The training followed the Life of an Athlete model sponsored by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA). The Life of an Athlete program is a comprehensive substance abuse prevention program that trains high school students in the areas of connecting, understanding their roles as part of a team, practice real-life skills in communication and leadership, with a focus on the impact of lifestyle choices relative to sleep, nutrition and substance use;

substance abuse prevention. Teen Institute engaged the student leaders in learning skills to positively confront behaviors of concern and increasing positive school climate as well as encouraging their peers to make healthy choices. The students also learned about the impact of media and media marketing while creating a public service announcement under the direction of Media Power Youth. This program empowers students to encourage their peers to make healthy choices for themselves and their communities with respect to sleep, nutrition, technology and substance use. To learn more about CAST or how to get involved visit www.castnh.org or contact Monica Gallant at 769-0978.

Students in the News

URI student Dina Chouramanis of Mont Vernon completes summer 2014 internship

KINGSTON, RI - University of Rhode Island student Dina Chouramanis of Mont Vernon recently completed a summer 2014 internship with The Campus Special.

In an internship, URI students have the opportunity to apply theory to practice in the field, and then return to the classroom ready to apply practice to theory. URI's experiential learning coordinators partner with faculty to design internships with structured learning outcomes that will provide students with a competitive advantage when

they graduate.

Developed with faculty across campus, many internships may provide students with unique interdisciplinary experiences. In addition, the University's online element helps students continue to be engaged with their experiential coordinator and peers throughout the semester or year.

Local Student Receives National Honor

Alexander Glavin, a resident of Amherst and a junior at Souhegan High School, has been selected to become a member of The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), the esteemed organization which recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding

leadership, scholarship, and community commitment. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes. "On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Alexander has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Mr. Nobel. "Alexander is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future." "Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated NSHSS President James W. Lewis.

"We aim to help students like Alexander build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Peter Caulo of Amherst Studying Abroad Through St. Lawrence University

CANTON, NY - Peter G. Caulo, of Amherst is participating in St. Lawrence University's Study Abroad Program for the fall 2014 semester.

Caulo is a member of the Class of 2016 and is majoring in performance and communications arts and government. He attended Brooks School. Caulo will take part in the London study abroad program.

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