

# Schools

## Souhegan Students Celebrate Fang Fest!



Souhegan eased the winter doldrums of staff and students by holding its annual Fang Fest celebration in the week before school vacation. Classes showcased their colors and themes in costumes and in hallway decorations as well as competed in trivia, art, computer and athletic contests. Farmers, Disney characters, tropical visitors and Boot Camp dwellers were all part of the festivities. Classes also challenged each other to collect the most clothing and household items to be distributed by community organizations to those in need. All came together for school colors day and in a final assembly.

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## SHS Hosts Local Entrepreneurs in Panel Discussion

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students at Souhegan High School celebrated FBLA Week February 9-14th by hosting an Entrepreneurship Panel. Four New Hampshire entrepreneurs shared their experiences and advised students to work hard, take risks and listen for opportunities. Panel members included: Ric Pratte, CEO of AlignRevenue, a B2B company providing cloud-based solutions; Jeffrey Kibbie, President of Stryka Technologies, developer of a power intervening and management panel system and method for a power control panel; Jim Rubens, a small business owner and two term State Senator; and Tom "TK" Kuegler, founder of Wasabi Ventures, a venture capital incubator and consulting firm.

The FBLA students from Souhegan's marketing and entrepreneurship classes were excited to welcome these business leaders. FBLA member, Kara Bossi, felt the best advice from the panel was that "failure is a part of being successful and don't be afraid of it." Students appreciated the panel members' candor and the realistic expectations they shared about the world of business and entrepreneurship.



Souhegan students and FBLA members Dan Tiso and James Kibbie share a light moment with the Entrepreneurship Panel as panel members discuss their business experiences: Tom "TK" Kuegler, Jeffrey Kibbie, Jim Reubens and Ric Pratte.

Photo by Jeff Hall

### Amherst Middle School Spring Coaching Positions Available.

Baseball Coach, experience as a coach preferred.  
Assistant Track & Field Coach, looking for a person experienced as a distance coach and/or runner.  
If interested please contact Athletic Director Jeff Wing at jwing@sprise.com.

## Important Information About Kindergarten Registration in Amherst For 2015-2016

AMHERST – Kindergarten registration packets for the 2015-2016 school year in the Amherst School District can be downloaded from The Clark-Wilkins School and the SAU39 websites. In order to enter Kindergarten for the upcoming year, students must turn five by September 30, 2015. Registration packets must be completed in their entirety before any student can be placed.

Although the Amherst School District has put together a warrant article on the March 10th ballot for the implementation of full-day Kindergarten for all incoming students, we are still asking families to complete the registration form for a half-day program in the event that the warrant article for full-day Kin-

ergarten does not pass. Completed Kindergarten registration packets can be dropped off at the main office at Clark School between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. during any school day or packets may be emailed to Terry April, Clark School office manager, at: tApril@sprise.com.

We look forward to meeting all of our incoming students and their families as we prepare for the upcoming school year. In addition to communicating with Mrs. April about registrations, please feel free to communicate directly with me, Gerard St. Amand—Principal of Clark-Wilkins School, via phone at 673-4411, x4202, or via email: gstamand@sprise.com.

## Amherst PTA News

Wednesday March 11th at 7 p.m. Wilkins Elementary School Library PTA meeting with guests Officer Knox, AMS Resource Officer giving a presentation on Internet Safety along with Peter Warburton, SAU 39 Superintendent, there to discuss the SAU's strategic plan.

The next general membership meeting is Wednesday, March 11th at 7 pm in the Wilkins Elementary School Library. Please join us as we listen to Officer Knox (AMS resource officer) teach us about internet safety and our children. Also, Peter Warburton (SAU 39 Superintendent) will be there to share with us the SAU's strategic planning for the school districts. Loads of information and education at this one!

## College Scholarships Available

The Souhegan Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce that its scholarship applications are posted for the 2015 scholarship year. In addition to our Memorial Scholarships, we have posted scholarships for Arts & Humanities, Business, Career & Technical, and STEM categories.

The SSF college scholarships are available to any high school senior who is a resident of Amherst

or Mont Vernon, NH, regardless of school attended, including public, private, and home school students. To date, the SSF has given more than \$105,000 in scholarships.

Please visit our website, www.souheganscholarshipfoundation.org, for more information and to download the applications.

All applications are due by March 16, 2015. Scholarships will be announced in mid May.

## Amherst Garden Club Offers Annual Scholarship

The Amherst Garden Club is offering scholarship awards to qualified students this spring. \$4000.00 is available to Amherst or Mont Vernon residents who will be attending an institute of higher learning to study horticulture, botany, plant science, landscape design, or environmental science as it relates directly to horticulture. The Garden Club believes it has the opportunity to impact our planet in a beneficial way by supporting the education of students who have an interest in a field closely allied in some way with horticulture.

Applications are available from student services or guidance offices at Souhegan High School, Bishop Guertin High School, and the Der-

ryfield School. Other Amherst or Mont Vernon students or graduates can get the application from Sue Alger at 673-5664 or on the Amherst Garden Club website, www.amherstgardenclub.org. There are two applications forms available, one for high school seniors and one for high school graduates who are presently college age or older.

Souhegan High School students need to return their applications to the high school student services offices. All other applicants should mail their applications to the Amherst Garden Club, Attn: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 694, Amherst, NH 03031. Deadline for all applications is March 16th.



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### 2015 Summer Season Auditions

Saturday, March 21st

All Saints' Episcopal Church in Peterborough, NH

Saturday, March 28th

Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative School in Wilton, NH

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