

Schools

SAU 39 Teachers Participate in Summer Literacy Institute



Assessment Coach, Christina Brown in a discussion group

Dozens of teachers from the Amherst, Mont Vernon and Souhegan School Districts participated in an intensive four-day summer Literacy Institute hosted by SAU 39's Office of Curriculum and Instruction. Charged with updating the K-12 English Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum, teachers worked with an eye toward aligning assessments to learning goals

and outcomes. Collaborating with in grade and course-level groups as well as across subject areas, grades and schools, teachers created a coherent SAU-wide curriculum. Assessment Coach, Christina Brown from the Center for Collaborative Education in Boston, MA assisted teachers in developing rigorous and engaging assessments.



Jocelyn Labombarde with part of the city of Phnom Penh in the background.

Local Student to Share Summer Experience in Cambodia

Jocelyn Labombarde, a student at Rhodes College in Tennessee and member of the Congregational Church of Amherst, spent the past three months in Cambodia working with the Harpswell Foundation and Mercy Medical Center. She will be sharing her experiences

there on Wednesday, August 26, at 7:00pm, in the Community Room at the Congregational Church of Amherst, 11 Church Street. The public is invited, and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to info@ccamherst.org or call Andrea in the church office at 673-3231.

Call for Souhegan High School Robotics Team Support

"For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology" (FIRST) was founded by entrepreneur & inventor Dean Kamen in 1989 to inspire students to pursue engineering and science careers. "If we expect to remain the world leader, we must put more emphasis into mathematics and science at the high school level." The FIRST robotics program enables high school students to work hand-in-hand with professional engineers to solve a complex game challenge. The program uses the excitement of a sporting competition to engage students in engineering, mathematics, and physics principals.

The Souhegan High School FIRST Robotics team is in urgent need of mechanical and software engineers. The team requires mechanical designers and "handy" volunteers to transform a FIRST provided kit of parts into a 120 lb. robot. The software team uses the Java programming language to integrate a vast array of functional ele-

ments provided by the WPI robotics library. Team meetings begin on Wednesday, October 7th. The robotics team meets once a week through the rest of 2015. The FIRST Robotics Competition challenge is released in January and changes every year. The team designs, assembles, and tests a competition robot in six weeks and competes in two district competitions in the New England area.

The Souhegan High School robotics team has a proud history of very competitive robots. The Souhegan High School FIRST Robotics team won the 2014 Granite State District championship and qualified for the 2015 World Championship! FIRST is the most enriching extracurricular activity that high schools can offer their students. Interested individuals willing to support this noble activity are encouraged to contact Brian Walters (bfwalters@comcast.net or 424-8360) for more information.

SportsFolio

Historic Triple Play for Souhegan Valley Storm at World Series Tournament

SUBMITTED BY KATHLEEN BAGLIO HUMPHREYS

NEWBERRY, FL – One, two, three outs! A historic triple play by the Souhegan Valley Storm quickly ended the first inning for Winter Park during a 14U Babe Ruth World Series game July 30 at Champions Park in Newberry, Florida as the Storm executed a perfect play sequence stunning their opponents.

Winter Park's Jordan Brielmeier hit a drive to Abby Sites, of Milford, who threw to first baseman Kylie Dimond, from Bedford, picking off Lauren Staudt who had a big lead off first base then seeing Winter Park's Katie Richardson left second base early, threw to Abby LeBlanc, from Lyndeborough, who snatched the ball well ahead of Richardson who tried to unsuccessfully slide on her belly back to second base. The Storm erupted in celebration on a rare but well executed play.

"I got a line shot to the glove about 2 inches from the ground and caught it and threw it to Kylie," said Abby Sites.

"I threw it to Abby LeBlanc at second and the girls had no idea what was coming," said Kylie Dimond.

"It was a close play. She dove back but it didn't work," said Abby LeBlanc.

lanc. "World Series Triple Play!" said Abby Sites proudly.

"It will be hard to come by another play like that," said Dimond.

Their triple play was the first entry of a triple play in Babe Ruth World Series 14U history book, as this is the inaugural season for a 14U World Series Tournament. The rare play ironically came on the first day of the series.

Later in the game, the Storm fielded a double play on a short bunt by Winter Park's Ally Mosner fielded by Storm catcher Ashley Humphreys, from Lyndeborough, to throw Mosner out at first. Then first baseman Kyle Dimond rocketed the ball to Abby LeBlanc to tag out Madelyn Cable at third base, ending the inning.

The final score was 6-4. Earlier in the day, the Storm beat Florida's Creek Crushers 6-3. The team has a 2-0 record. All games were postponed on Aug. 1 due to heavy downpours and the tournament will resume on Sunday.

The Storm players are from Amherst, Bedford, Brookline, Lyndeborough, Milford and Mont Vernon, New Hampshire.



Souhegan Valley Storm shortstop Abby LeBlanc still with a look of determination on her face after the ball is in her glove for out #3 of a rare triple play by getting Winter Park's Katie Richardson out at second base as second baseman Abby Sites heads to back her up. Sites caught a line drive for out #1 while first baseman Kyle Dimond earned out #2. The play happened in game two of the Storm's Babe Ruth World Series tournament in Newberry, Florida and was the first triple play recorded in 14U World Series history.



Alex Bedard, of Amherst, competes in the Junior Nationals in San Antonio, Texas



Miles Lim is awarded for a top finish in his 400 meter Freestyle.

Local Swimmers Compete at Junior Nationals

Executive Swim Club swimmers recently competed in end of season Championship meets. Matt Grauslys, Trent Leveseur, Grant Leveseur, Alex Bedard set a New England Record for the 400 meter Medley Relay while swimming in the New England Senior Championships at Brown University over the weekend of July 16-19.

In the process, they qualified, and competed, for the Junior National meet held in San Antonio, Texas from July 31-August 3. Swimming a 3:56.77, they were the only New England team to compete. Miles Lim, 10, of Amherst, competed in seven events in the Eastern Zone Championship meet, held in Richmond, Virginia over the weekend of August 5-8.

Matthew Grauslys competed at the Senior Nationals the following week, breaking his New England Record from March in the 100 meter Butterfly with a 54.49. At the Brown meet, Molly Fitzpatrick set a New England Record in the Open division of the 200 meter Breaststroke with a time of 2:35.92.

Executive, with 35 qualified swimmers, sent its largest team. Area swimmers competing were: Bedard, qualifying in Championship finals in the 100 meter Breaststroke (1:06.68), 200 Breaststroke, 200 Ind. Medley. Margaret Dean (100 Butterfly), Isabella Geskos (100 Breaststroke), Tyler Howard (50 and 100 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 100 Breaststroke, Mary Rego (100 Breaststroke). Area swimmers competing at the New England Age Group Championships at Harvard (July 20-23) for Executive were Kylie Donoghue (50 and 100 Breaststroke), Ethan Lim, Katelyn Rakiey, and Tess White. Lindsey Wagner attended the Speedo Futures Championships in Greenboro, NC. She swam the 50 Freestyle (27.37), 100 Freestyle (1:00.96), and 100 Backstroke (1:07.10).

The team trains at the Executive Health and Sports Center in Manchester, NH. The team is gearing up for the fall season starting in September.

Girls Soccer Team Helps Make Wishes Come True



For the last six years, the Souhegan Girls Soccer Program has helped Make-A-Wish New Hampshire with one of its largest annual events, the Timberman Triathlon. The girls' team assembled swag bags for Wish Racers who would compete in the triathlon while raising money for this worthy foundation. The bags that the soccer team assembled were just one of the many perks given to the Timberman Wish Racers. The girls also wrote thank-you cards to the Wish Racers, and created signs with each racers name.

This year, forty-eight Wish Racers raised money for Make-A-Wish

* New Hampshire, and their efforts totaled over \$40,000. The Make-A-Wish Foundation * grants the wishes of children with life-threatening diseases and they aspire to "enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy." On average, Make-A-Wish New Hampshire grants a wish every four days.

The money raised through Timberman will grant approximately four wishes to children with life-threatening diseases in New Hampshire. If you wish to donate to this foundation, please visit https://nh.wish.org/ways-to-help/giving/donate or call the Make-A-Wish * New Hampshire office at 623-9474.

NH Twin State Girls Basketball Defeats VT 83-37



The 32nd Annual Twin State Girls Basketball Game was played on July 18th at Essex Junction HS in Vermont, featuring the top seniors from each state. New Hampshire defeated their hosts 83-37 behind the 22 points of Val Martin from Pinkerton HS, the game's MVP. Milford HS players Jess Ryan and Adelle Pitsas were members of this year's team which was coached by Head Coach Mike Heaney from Souhegan HS and Assistant Coach Jeff Greely of Laconia HS.

Soccer Players from ALL towns welcome

- EDP Program includes:
- 8 full weeks of curriculum run by our Director of Coaching, Marc Hubbard, Head Men's Soccer Coach at UNH as well as coaches from SNHU. Starts 9-9
 - Jamboree style games on Saturday mornings
 - 3 optional practices Mon., Wed. and Fri. 5:30-6:30 at Fields TBD
 - U10 participates in the NH Soccer League
 - All players welcome, this is a development program

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Tots Soccer: Amherst Soccer Club/Hampshire FC in conjunction with the Souhegan High School Varsity Soccer Teams are excited to offer the Fall TOTs soccer program. TOTs soccer is open to any player age 3-6 from any town. If your tot is 6, they are also eligible for the EDP program. Go to www.amherstsoccerclub.com to register or for more information.

Day of Week: Monday's
 Dates: 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5 and 10/12 – Make up date 10/19 Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
 Location: Souhegan High School (Bean Field #3)
 Half time Show: 10/16 halftime of SHS Girl game
 Cost: \$50

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