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Maple Run Unified School District

The Maple Run Unified School District is where inquiring minds, compassionate hearts, creative expression, healthy lives and service to the community develop so all can learn, achieve and succeed.

- Bellows Free Academy
 - Collins Perley Sports Center
 - Fairfield Center School
 - Northwest Technical Center
 - St. Albans City School
 - St. Albans Town Educational Center
- October 2018

Celebrating Successes Across Our District



Maple Run Unified School District's (MRUSD) first day of school was Wednesday August 29, and since that time amazing things have taken place. You'll read about school activities, classroom speakers, the Green & Gold Award Recipient and more. In the midst of all of this, the District has had a whole new phone system installed. Going from several outdated systems to one universal district-wide system will mean easier access to staff. Now transfers can be made from building to building. There is a directory of all MRUSD staff. It is a voice over internet protocol (VOIP) system meaning there are more "lines" available, so there should be far fewer busy signals. Everyone at Fairfield, City School, Early Childhood Programs Office and Central Office now have new "direct lines" and extensions. As customary, all of the positives are hampered by some problems getting everything in place. We are very close, so please bear with us. Be sure you have our new numbers, by listening to the new message, or looking up your contact's direct line or extension, on the website under staff, and bear with us while the entire system settles in and staff adjusts to it.

BFA's Green & Gold Recipient



Chris Mosca, BFA Principal, announced that McCarthy Kennedy is the recipient of the UVM Green and Gold scholarship. McCarthy and his family were invited to attend a President's Green and Gold Dinner Reception on Oct. 2, 2018 Student Center.

McCarthy Kennedy w/ Preston Randall, Guidance

McCarthy was selected based on achievement in course work completed in three years of high school. ###

Arts on Walkways at BFA



A project at Bellows Free Academy to apply art to the walkways around campus ended in beautiful results for all to share.

Thanks to Northern Vermont Aerial Photography and Armand Messier for these great shots of our newly decorated walkway. ###

Matt Tavares Visits SATEC



It is with great enthusiasm that SATEC welcomed Matt Tavares to the school. Matt is an author and illustrator who has published

nineteen books and won several awards including three Parents' Choice Gold Awards, an Orbis Pictus Honor, and two ALA Notable books. His artwork has been exhibited at the Museum of American Illustration, the Brandywine River Museum, and the Mazza Museum of Picture Book Art. He was hosted at SATEC Library on September 14. ###

Military Visit at SACS



Airforce Captain Michael Lamb, son of Family and Consumer Science teacher, Ms. Mary Ellen Lamb, visited Team USA students at SACS to talk about his career and deployment history. Captain Lamb went to St. Albans City School, BFA and Ithaca college. He is now the deputy chief of his squadron and an instructor for air battle management.



Students videoed and processed the content for those interested in hearing what Captain Lamb had to say. [LINK TO 40-Minute VIDEO](#) ###

Ellis Instrument Demos



It is the time of year for students to consider playing an instrument and signing up for music lessons and band practice. Ellis Music provided a demonstration of band musical instruments at the schools. The visitor was able to play all of the instruments shown in the photos. ###

Integrated Field Review (IFR) Training Workshop



Education Quality Reviews (EQR) help assess the degree to which the Education Quality Standards (EQS) are being addressed in Vermont schools, identify best practices and to support the continuous improvement of our schools. The Agency of Education assess implementation of EQS through two reviews: an *Annual Snapshot Review* and an *Integrated Field Review (IFR)*.

Roughly 55 administrators and educators from the northern region of Vermont assembled in the St. Albans City School library for specialized assessment training. Some of those present will fan out and visit schools all around our region to observe the best education practices being used. The purpose of these visits is to gather that useful information and share it with each other's supervisory unions. Our Districts IFR is scheduled for October.

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Market Garden at SACS



The garden space next to the boys' soccer field at SACS is divided into halves. One portion is allotted to the thriving community garden. The other portion is planted to serve as a school market garden. Produce is harvested from the garden and sold to the SACS Abbey cafeteria program. A portion of the market garden produce is used for

Farm to School instruction in the family and consumer science kitchen. You can learn more about the SACS Market Garden at this [Link](#). There are many pictures at this website. ###

Monarch Butterflies



For several years SACS has been focusing on planting and protecting milkweed and pollinator flowers to help monarch butterflies thrive. Indeed, they are now a certified monarch way station because of their efforts. They had seen a few butterflies each summer but nothing like this summer. Gardeners and people who spend time in the outdoors locally have noticed far more butterflies than in the last half dozen years. Well done! ###

BFA Community Service



Each year in September a group of 25 first-year students and 2-4 staff from BFA come to St. Albans City School to work in their gardens. Many are former St. Albans City School students. Their purpose is to provide a 2-hour source of donated labor in service to the greater St. Albans community. This year's group broke into five clusters. Two groups worked

in the market garden area harvesting potatoes and tomatoes. Another group worked in the outdoor classroom space weeding the pavers surrounding the raised beds. Some students tackled the butterfly garden also removing weeds around the brick paving. The fifth group worked on weeding the pollinator garden that separates the parking area from the school entrance. The service provided by BFA is greatly appreciated. ###



BFA Freshman Community Service



60 lbs of potatoes and 35 lbs of tomatoes picked by visiting BFA students.



Cucumbers for Snack

Sweethearts and Heroes

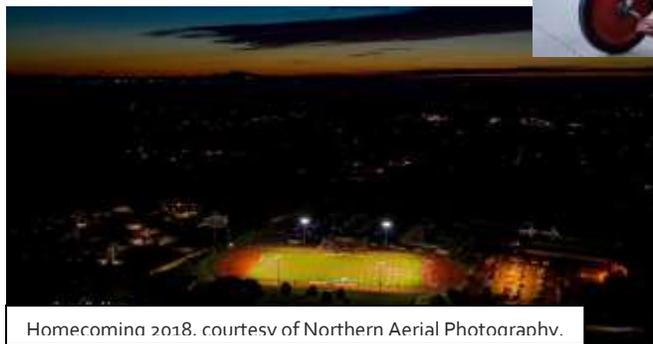
Handy Chevrolet, a member of the Northern Chevrolet Dealers, provided SATEC with a generous sponsorship of the Sweethearts and Heroes program. This program provides a message of Sweethearts and Heroes to educate society about the impact bullying has on all of our schools, our neighborhoods, and individuals. Get more information about this program at this [link](#). ###

BFA vs MVU Powder Puff



What a beautiful night and fantastic crowd for the culminating event of Homecoming week... BFA/MVU Powder Puff!! The game raises money for Camp Ta Kum Ta and the Jim Bashaw Cancer and Catastrophic Illness Fund at NMC. The score was MVU 21 and BFA 20. It was the tenth year of the event with the first MVU win. Previously we have had two ties and seven BFA victories.

[Homecoming Fireworks courtesy BFA Boosters](#) ###



Homecoming 2018. courtesy of Northern Aerial Photography.

NWTC at Food & Wine Festival

If you look closely, you'll see Chef Adam Monette and his students at the 11th Annual Taylor Park Food and Wine Festival. This was a sold out event! They served the infamous arpege egg created by the world-renowned master chef Alain Passard.



ECP Shares Blog Post



From "Preschool is Not Magic. Here's What Is" by Robert Slavin, August 2, 2018, <https://bit.ly/2KkBlI3>.

"rather than considering preschool magic-or-nothing, we should think of it the same way we think about any other grade in school. That is, a successful school experience

should not be one terrific year, but fourteen years (pre-k to 12) of great instruction using proven programs and practices.

First comes the preschool year itself, or the two year period including pre-k and kindergarten. There are many programs that have been shown in randomized studies to be successful over that time span, in comparison to control groups of children who are also in school (see Chambers, Cheung, & Slavin, 2016). Then comes reading instruction in grades K-1, where randomized studies have also validated many whole-class, small group, and one-to-one tutoring methods (Inns et al., 2018). And so on. There are programs proven to be effective in randomized experiments, at least for reading and math, for every grade level, pre-k to 12.

The time has long passed since all we had in our magic hat was preschool. We now have quite a lot. If we improve our schools one grade at a time and one subject at a time, we can see accumulating gains, ones that do not require waiting for miracles. And then we can work steadily toward improving what we can offer children every year, in every subject, in every type of school.

No one ever built a cathedral by waving a wand. Instead, magnificent cathedrals are built one stone at a time. In the same way, we can build a solid structure of learning using proven programs every year." ###

Fairfield Cross-Country Team



Fairfield students and staff are excited that Cross Country has been resurrected. Thanks goes to the athletes and coaches! ###

Hallway Transportation



Ms. Nikel on the SACS taxi trike was seen making the rounds of the hallways with her fearless driver on Tuesday, September 4th. ###

Chromebook Message



At SACS, Chromebooks are essential to completing school work. Last year quite a few Chromebooks showed up at the makerspace damaged or broken. To help explain how to treat Chromebooks in a way that will make them last a long time, team Imagination created a video explaining how Chromebooks should be carried and used. [LINK TO 1.75 MINUTE VIDEO](#) ###

SATEC Four Winds Program

The SATEC Four Winds Nature Program is a great way to share a love of science and nature with your child in their classroom.

A SATEC Four Winds Nature Program volunteer does not require a science degree or a teaching certification; just an interest in learning, sharing, and being involved in your child's classroom. Volunteers are supplied with all the materials and training (both live and online) for each lesson.

During the 2018-2019 school year, the SATEC Four Winds Nature Program will be studying the theme of Patterns in Nature with 5 units: Disguises

Cones, Snowflakes, Tracks, and Nests.

To find out more about Four Winds Nature Program at SATEC, the school. It really is a very fun group to be a part of and it only takes a few hours a month to make a huge difference! ###

SATEC Student Work

SATEC's students Madison Gagner, Rebekah Dalmer, Olivia Polak and SATEC alumni and BFA's recent graduate, Julia Remillard has had some of their work being highlighted and submitted in our local paper.

These three students participated in SATEC Open Doors' Summer Camp "Unwritten" this past July. This article reviews all three local coffee shops in St. Albans. The camp was lead by Open Doors' instructor, Julia Remillard. Here's the [Link](#). ###

USA Present Computers

SACS Team USA students presented 25 Samsung Chromebooks to be used at City School. The students are part of a team that were state winners of the Samsung For Tomorrow contest last spring. The contest is designed to boost interest and proficiency in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). This nationwide contest challenges public school teachers and students in grades 6-12 to show how STEM can be applied to help improve their local community. The students researched and designed an app that would help people find and review local family-friendly attractions and businesses.



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