Prekindergarten

April Zajko, our PK teacher, has received a $7000 Coronavirus Relief Act grant to develop the PK outdoor classroom. We’re very excited to see what April, with her background with many outdoor learning experiences including at the Fairbanks Museum, will do for PK.

SBAC

The Smarter Balanced Assessment for Grades 3-6 has been completed for most students including those learning remotely. Edith Fogarty managed to get all staff and students prepped and in practice, assisted with proctoring, and made arrangements for remote learners and make-ups in COVID-safe (not mixing grade levels) ways. English Language Arts has been on a steady upward trajectory. It will be interesting to look at this year’s results in comparison past years.

Facilities

We had two leaks in the roof this winter. Holes in the roof membrane have been patched but a portion of the roof is due for replacement in 2025, per our maintenance plan. The buried heating oil tank is also due for state mandated replacement in 2025. The two projects may cost upwards of $150,000. This is just a heads up to get these two large and expensive projects on the radar for planning budgets.

Poem Town Bradford

Our 3rd Graders in Mrs. Beaudin’s class joined over 100 other students and adults in the creation of Poem Town in downtown Bradford. BES student work was accompanied by art work in oil pastel taught by Art Teacher Al
Morrow. We appreciate the collaboration with Gail Trede at Bradford Public Library!

**Care for Kids**

“Care for Kids” is a curriculum that focuses on teaching children important life and safety skills that meet the requirements of Vermont Act 1. Act 1 specifies that all Vermont schools provide a comprehensive health curriculum that includes sexual violence prevention education for students at every grade level that is developmentally appropriate. BES will hold a family information meeting on April 28th. “Care for Kids” will be taught this spring to students in K-3.

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