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Principal Report

May/June 2021

May Dinner Dash was a joint effort between our Unified Arts teachers, Prekindergarten and Farm to School. It gave us a small opportunity to share with families and to celebrate the abundance of our local farms by providing each student with a healthy meal. Each meal kit contained the ingredients to make a personal size pizza and salad, and included an ice cream coupon for Bliss. The brochure that went home with each meal is attached.

- 250 bags were made
- 212 students are enrolled (including remote students)
- 155 students received a bag (including some remote students)
- 232 bags were given away (I know, the math doesn't add up because we couldn't say no when families had younger and older siblings - we gave a kit to each child in the house)

Horance Mann, an insurance carrier for our district, invited the staff of 10 central Vermont schools to compete in Kahoot. Kahoot is an online trivia game. Our own Kristen Liu won the championship and first prize: a visit from Smokey D's food truck at the year-end staff gathering on June 18!

One of our behavior intervention staff shared this story with me: despite covid restrictions and protocols, a sense of community has still been created by a few of our 6th graders. At the end of the day, some students visit the gym for a few minutes of activity. The older students have taken the younger students under their mentorship – teaching them some of the finer points of basketball, and cheering on their efforts.

June A playground inspection by Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust (VSBIT) revealed a few minor recommendations:

- A portion of the play structure needs replacing or fixing
- New chain and hooks for the older swing set

- Stall mats under swings
- Grind down some bolts that are too long
- Replace 2 basketball layup boards

Otherwise, it's all in great shape with good padding where needed. We'll coordinate with OESU to apply for a playground safety grant to fund these repairs.

OHS varsity girls' softball went to the state championship on June 11th. We couldn't walk the entire school to Main Street to cheer the bus on its way out of town, so a couple of staff coordinated with the coach/bus driver to bring the team to us. We think this may be the first time this year the entire school was together – and it was magical!

The second time the entire school congregated was at graduation. All grades and staff lined the thoroughfare between the building and the graduation tent, and cheered on our 6th Graders.

Staff changes: We're saying good-bye to Kristen Liu, our 4th and 5th Grade Special Educator. Faith Beaudin (3rd Grade) will be moving into Ms. Liu's role, teaching 3rd and 4th Grade special education. We welcome Lorelea Smith as the new 3rd Grade teacher. Ann Clafin, para educator, will be away on a one-year leave. Jessica Paynter will be a paraeducator in PK and the lower grades. We also have some pending short term leaves next year, and will hopefully be bringing on a person to provide consistent support and coverage.

I'd like to thank the Board and our community for their understanding and patience as we learned our way through this year. Some things were a significant challenge. I'm humbled by the way staff, students and families showed up and faced each day with courage. As a school we've reflected on what has gone well and what we've learned about ourselves and our school. Next year won't be the same – it will be even better!

Respectfully submitted,



Marla Ianello

Principal

Bradford Elementary School

Dinner Dash

is a joint effort between our Unified Arts teachers, Prekindergarten and Farm to School. It gives us a small opportunity to share with families and to celebrate the abundance of our local farms by providing each student with a healthy meal.

Each kit contains:

- A personal size pizza crust (Colatina Exit, Bradford)
- Sauce
- Cheese (Cabot Creamery, Cabot)
- Mixed greens (Crossroads Farm & Root 5 Farm, Fairlee)
- Tomatoes (Long Wind Farm, Thetford)
- Maple Balsamic dressing (maple syrup - Maplestone Farm, Corinth)

Enjoy!

Thank You



Art Exhibit

While picking up your pizza kit, enjoy the watercolor paintings of hot air balloons by our K-2 classes.



Story Walk

Low St. John Forest

This is an ongoing invitation to visit Low St. John Forest (off of Goshen Road) and spend some time exploring! Check out two Story Walks and read a book as you stroll along the paths. Walk out to the newly excavated pond and see if there are any signs of wildlife. Hike to the top and look across the Connecticut River to the mountains of New Hampshire. Soon there will be an outdoor classroom in Chickering Field! This structure will increase the learning opportunities for students when they visit the forest.



Drive Thru

Personal Pizza Kit

Homemade Pizza

Fresh from the Farm

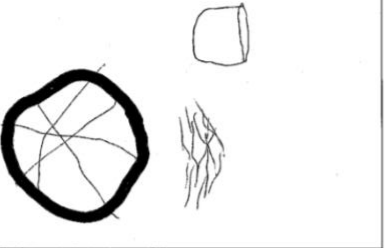
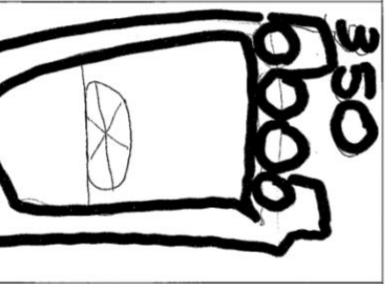

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Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°
- Spread sauce on crust
- Top with cheese
- Place on baking sheet
- Bake for 8-10 minutes, or until cheese is melted

Dinner Dash 2021 ~ How to Make Your Pizza
 By Bradford Elementary School ~ PreK Students

 <p>Step 1 : Spread sauce on pizza crust and top with cheese. Add toppings if you want.</p>	 <p>Step 2: Have a grown-up place into the oven at 350F- degrees for 8-10 minutes.</p>	 <p>Step 3: Cut into slices and share with your family!</p>
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Farm to School

The Farm to School program at BES is woven into the classroom, cafeteria, and the community. The grant funded program is led by Katie Cole, our Farm to School Coordinator. The program's initiatives increase student access to fresh, local food, improves the health of our students by deepening nutrition and health education, and celebrates our community's rich history in farming by supporting local family farms.



Cafeteria Over 3,000 lbs. of locally grown food has been incorporated into school meals over the last year. Farms we have purchased from include but are not limited to: Crossroads Farm, PT Farms, Root 5, Cedar Circle Maplestone Farm, 4 Corners, Sweet Cow Yogurt, and Long Wind Farm.

Classroom Every student is involved in the school garden! This important outdoor classroom incorporates lessons across the curriculum, and teaches the valuable lifelong skill of how to grow, harvest, and prepare nourishing food. Students participate in monthly taste tests that feature a seasonally selected 'Harvest of the Month'. They give feedback on these recipes to allow student voice on the school menu. We learn about the essential nutrients of the featured harvest by making connections with how this food helps our bodies grow, think, and play.



Community The Farm to School Program has helped create pathways for our students and school to connect to our community in some meaningful ways. Corinna Magalhaes, our Food Service Director, has championed the Farm to Families program with her food service team helping to feed our students and families amidst the pandemic. Once students can help prepare food again, we will continue to get students involved with preparing meals for the local food shelf using locally sourced ingredients.

