Our mission is to provide an innovative, rigorous, and supportive educational community that inspires a passion for learning and cultivates empathy and responsibility.

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**FAMILY EVENTS**

The Partnership Council (which is comprised of parents and teachers) have as a goal to create more opportunities to build our school community and build connections between families. Our hope is that by playing together we will get to know one another more and be able to support each other in community. Here is a list of upcoming opportunities:

**Family Tennis and Pizza Night:**
Friday, January 18 (Snow date: Jan. 25) Open to all. Pizza provided. No previous experience required. FREE. Please register here.

**Rock Climbing Sundays:**
Jan. 6, 13, 27 and Feb. 3 for students in G3-6. Join P.E. Teacher, Mr. Chamberlain in this fun indoor activity at the Rutland Rock Climbing Gym. Ask your child for a permission slip.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

As part of our Positive Behavior Support System and being a Responsive Classroom School, we will be reviewing all school expectations during the first weeks in January. Understanding and following school expectations helps us to be a strong, healthy and supportive community.

In addition, we will be focusing on being Open Minded, one of the Learner Profile Traits we strive to follow. IB describes this trait as follows: "We understand and appreciate our own cultures and histories, and are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of other individuals and communities. We are accustomed to seeking and evaluating a range of points of view, and are willing to grow from the experience."

**Thank you** the Girl Scout Troupe 51879 for bringing in the colors at our Naturalization Ceremony and to all the students who so respectfully attended.

You rocked it!

**Thank you** also to the **Friends of Salisbury Community School** for another wonderful Holiday Store.

**KEY DATES**

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WINTER FAMILY FUN, CT’D

Preschool-Kindergarten Potluck Supper and Open Gym. (Date to be determined.)

G1-2 Potluck and Craft Night, January 24th.

G3-4 Pizza at school and Public Skate Night in Middlebury, February 2nd.

G5-6 Potluck and Sledding/Games in Snow Night, February 8th

Come Outside Outing Group
The Winter Passports will be coming out again in January. We hope to coordinate some events so families can participate together. Stay tuned!

Partnership Members:
Jen Sheldrick, preschool-K
Holly Blair-G1-2
Jessica Hellyer, G3-4
Melanie Gaiotti, G5-6
Casey Fitzgerald
Nancie Crawford
Leigh Harder
M Fernanda Canales

PAPERBAG CHALLENGE FROM THE ART STUDIO

Have you noticed a box in the school lobby with some very beautiful shopping bags in it? Our students artists have been busy decorating donated paper bags to help eliminate plastics in our environment. So here's the challenge.....Take a free paper bag and use it until it wears out. When it does, recycle it, come back to the lobby, and take another. It's as simple as that! The bags even make great gift bags! Enjoy!

From Ms. Gombosi and the Student Artists

CELL PHONES: FAMILY HELP NEEDED

At the end of December, we became aware that many students are using their cellphones on the bus, taking photos of each other and of unsuspecting peers and posting them on Instagram or Snapchat.

At the elementary school level we have a "no cellphone" expectation on the bus or in the school building. The school has a legal obligation to investigate any cyber-bullying that occurs, whether at home or at school, if it impacts students in the school. (i.e. makes a student not to want to come to school because of texting or messaging that occurred at home.)

Instagram and Snapchat have a minimum age requirement of 13 for students to have their own accounts. Facebook’s minimum age is 14. This means that no student in elementary school is old enough to have one of these accounts.

Beginning in January, we will be enforcing the "no cell phone use" rule on the bus and in school. If a student is reported using their cellphone in these settings, the phone will be confiscated and a parent or guardian will need to come to school to pick up the cellphone.

Please review this expectation with your child(ren). We will be offering an internet safety course for parents in the near future, as it is getting progressively more challenging to help our young people navigate the many situations that arise from being "online".