This year’s Senior Play *The Wizard of Oz* was a rousing success! The play, based on the 1939 film and the book by L. Frank Baum, was an entertaining romp from beginning to end. The colorful production numbers in Munchkinland and the Emerald City, hilarious trees and energetic monkeys, and the virtuoso acting and singing by the principal actors including Emily Stone, Jonah Lefkoe, Seth Wright, Olivia Cacciatore, Rachel Howlett, Nathalie Ingersoll and Nik Shashok, were enjoyed by three full houses over the weekend of March 14th. This support by friends, family and community members garnered the class almost $10,000 in ticket sales! This amount, raised by 60 members of the Senior class, will go towards Project Graduation. Parents raised over $6,000 in program ads, making this year’s Senior Play proceeds unparalleled! Behind the scenes support is key in any production, and we are so grateful for our amazing parental support of the class. One last note, *The Wizard of Oz* was the last show for Senior Stage Manager Piper Patterson and Lighting Operator Jasper Christensen—they will be missed!
April: National Poetry Month

Poet T.S. Eliot may have called it the cruelest, but the month of April is also a great point in the year to celebrate poetry. Here’s a lovely small poem by Grace Hazard Conkling to help us all remember the fresh vitality of spring –

On Arranging a Bowl of Violets

I dip my hands in April among your faces tender,
O woven of blue air and ecstasies of flight!
Breathed words of the Earth-Mother, although it is November,
You wing my soul with memories adorable and white.

I hear you call each other:
“Ah, Sweet, do you remember
The garden that we haunted—its spaces of delight?
The sound of running water—the day’s long lapse of splendor,
The winds that begged our fragrance and loved us in the night?”

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English teacher, Tim O’Leary, was recognized at the 2014 Project IGNITE Recognition Day. Tim was nominated for his work integrating video as a teaching tool into his English classes. Tim’s pedagogy is transformative as he uses innovative practices with digital tools to engage and support students in applied learning. Tim’s digital age teaching and learning practices promote interconnected personal learning experiences.
Ms. Bailey’s AP Spanish class (accompanied by Ms. Causton) took a trip to New York City on March 21st and 22nd. The students attended Federico García Lorca’s play, *La casa de Bernarda Alba*, which they had read in class. They experienced live salsa music and dancing at the Cuban restaurant, Guantanamera. Students also walked all over Spanish Harlem, where they stumbled across many interesting places: Latino bookstores, a soccer store, taco restaurants and stands (where some students braved the spice and *se enchilaron*), and a tiny Mexican Bakery called Mi Lindo Mexico (where students experienced the wide variety of Mexican sweet breads). They had fun reading all the store signs in Spanish. The class also visited Museo del Barrio. They viewed many murals in the neighborhood that surrounds the museum, as well as the Graffiti Hall of Fame. It was an exciting and culturally rich trip!
Yearbook Sale

Now that the mail and online sales for the *Quatrain* are finished, we will be holding a “final sales” event which will be held at the high school on April 15th and 17th. The yearbook class will be in the cafeteria during all three lunches so students can reserve a yearbook. There are approximately 75 copies left to sell so they are running out fast. Prices are currently $50 but will be going up to $55 when the sale ends. If you are wondering if you have already ordered a book, there will be a list available at the table to check whether one has already been ordered. Please call Mr. Ottinger at 382-1039 or e-mail him at mottinger@addisoncentralsu.org with any questions.

Don’t be left out!!!!

The Band and Choir concert in May has been changed to May 13th at 7pm. Please mark your calendars!

Members of the National Honor Society sold shamrocks to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Research during the week of March 17, 2014.
Congratulations to the Jr. Iron Chef team, “The Bean Queens,” for winning the “Lively Local” award at the Jr. Iron Chef Competition held on March 22, 2014. The Bean Queens were one of more than 60 Vermont teams that competed in this year’s event. The mission of competition is to “empower students to develop healthy eating habits through the use of local foods.” The competition challenged students to create one dish that could be served in school that used many local and seasonal ingredients. Students developed a recipe, practiced for many weeks, and then prepared their dish in 90 minutes for the judges to sample.

The team, consisting of Nathalie Ingersoll, Sonia Neidorf, and Sophie Logan, prepared Sweet potato Black Bean Burgers with Caramelized Onions and Creamy Avocado dressing featuring micro-greens grown by the MUHS Alternative Education students. The team will be teaching more MUHS students how to make its dish during Wellness Day on April 9, 2014 and well as visiting the Weybridge School on April 11, 2014 to participate in a cooking demonstration.
Canadian University Fair

For any students considering attending college in Canada, South Burlington High School is hosting the Canadian University Fair on Thursday, April 10th. Fifteen colleges will be present for the evening which begins at 7:00pm with a panel discussion followed by meetings with college representatives from 7:30-9:00pm. For more details about the event, contact Debbie Beretta at 802-652-7064 dberetta@sbsschool.net

Green Mountain Boys’ State

Each summer, young men from around Vermont will attend the Green Mountain Boys’ State conference. This program offers training in the practical processes of self government and good citizenship as practiced in a democratic society. This year, the conference will be held at Lyndon State College from June 15th through June 20st. Eligible candidates must be juniors at their respective high school. Applications are available at the Guidance Office and must be returned by April 10th. Contact the Guidance Office for more information.

Scholarships

Last June, our community provided over $100,000 in financial support through scholarships to our graduating seniors. The application for these scholarships was distributed to senior advisories last week. Please check with your senior to make sure he/she has received the packet. The application should be completed and returned to the Guidance Office by Wednesday, May 1st. Please contact the Guidance Office with any questions about the application.

Junior College Planning

As spring approaches, counselors in the Guidance Department want to encourage juniors to begin actively researching and visiting colleges. Naviance, our college and career planning program, is a very useful tool in helping students narrow down a list of colleges. At this point, all juniors have been introduced to the college planning section of Naviance. We also want to extend an invitation to students and parents to set up an appointment with their school counselor to discuss post-secondary plans. Whether your son’s or daughter’s plans include attending a traditional four-year college or technical training, we have a variety of resources to help in the college selection process. Please contact the guidance office for an appointment or more information.
The Model United Nations Club traveled to Dartmouth College on March 28-30 to participate in a conference with over 500 other students from around the world. Students represented Argentina and Ghana in General Assembly Committees like Disarmament and International Security Committee and the World Health Organization. Delegates debated international spying, weaponized smallpox, and elder care in these committees. Students also represented North Korea and Angola in the Commission on the Status of Women and the African Union, discussing reconciliation and HIV/AIDS. A few students participated in Crisis Committees, representing Australia in the Current Security Council, Hermann Goering in the Axis Cabinet, and Gouverneur Morris in the American Constitutional Convention.

Special congratulations to Sonia Howlett and Elias Wyncooop, who won Best Position Paper awards in their committees, the American Constitutional Convention and the Axis Cabinet, respectively.
Save the Dates - Success Saturday

Success Saturday is back! The Learning Lab will be open for tutoring from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: **May 17 and May 31**. These dates were selected to correspond with the dates nearest interim grade reports and the end of each quarter. Students must sign up in advance in the Learning Lab. Snacks are provided. Success Saturday is a great way to stay caught up or to get caught up, to study for a test, to possibly redo a test, or to work on a paper.

The Learning Lab provides tutoring in a positive and supportive environment. Tutoring is available to all MUHS students for all subjects and classes. Tutoring is provided by two licensed teachers, peer tutors, Middlebury College students, and community volunteers.

The Learning Lab is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and is located in room H-103. Please call Ben Krahn or Tammi Beattie at 382 - 1165 if you have any questions.
ACT is open to all youth in 7th to 12th grade from the ACSU school district. Through the Youth Advisory Council (YAC), ACT sponsors dances, fund-raising events, community service projects and much more. ACT provides a fun, safe and welcoming place for teens to hang out, be with their friends, listen to music, play pool, board games, ping pong, do homework and art projects.

UP-COMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Youth Advisory Council Meeting: Wednesday April 16th and 30th from 4:00 to 5:30pm (pizza at 5:00pm) - Take the opportunity to formally talk with ACT staff and community members about upcoming events, programs and activities you would like to see happen at ACT. This is a great opportunity for you to become engaged in the teen center and create new programs, activities and events. The best part is you get FREE PIZZA just for attending the meeting!!!

Friday April 18th from 4:30 – 6:00pm - Learn how to plan, prep, cook and serve a meal from a professional Cooking With Chuck!: Chef Chuck Root. Every other Friday, Chuck will be at the teen center cooking and sharing a meal with teens. Stop by ACT and check it out, it’s free and guaranteed to be fun!

Spring Break Special Events - ACT will not be hosting drop-in hours over Spring Break, but instead will host special activities each day. All of the events are free of charge. The only catch is that you can only sign up for two events.

Monday April 21st: Bowling at Spare Time, Colchester, VT
Tuesday April 22nd: Go-Karts and laser tag at The Fun Spot in Lake George, NY
Wednesday April 23rd: Mall and Movie trip in Burlington and Williston, VT
Thursday April 24th: Paintball at Colchester Paintball in Colchester, VT

Permission slip is required for each event. To sign up, stop by the Teen Center. Don’t delay, space is limited!

Video, photography and audio workshop with the Vermont Folk Life Center- Thursday, April 3 through June 12, from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm- Interested in learning to use photography and audio recording as a means for expression, storytelling, and maybe even social action? Come join digital media instructor, Ned Castle (from the Vermont Folklife Center) every Thursday at “94 Main” your local teen center. Ned will be teaching skills ranging from the basics of using a digital camera and audio recording equipment, to the design and exhibition of creative storytelling projects that engage community audiences. These skills can help you to enhance school projects.

Clothing swap & shop: June 4 and 5 at MUHS- If you have teen-friendly, gently-used clothing, prom or formal-wear for boys or girls, accessories, jewelry, CD’s, DVD’s, and knick-knacks, please consider bringing them to ACT. We are especially looking for button-up shirts and ties. You will receive point cards which you or your teen can redeem for new used items on the days of the event. Donations are welcome too. You can drop off your items at the ACT teen center, located in the basement of the Middlebury Municipal Building, Monday through Friday from 3 pm to 6 pm. Enter on College Street
ACT is always willing to accept and would greatly appreciate donations of gently-used couches, chairs, desks, lamps, coffee or end tables.

**Donation Needed!**

ACT is in need of a round counter top height table, approximately 2 feet diameter.

There are many volunteer opportunities available for both teens and adults at ACT. Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to, chaperoning drop in hours, dances, DJ Skate Nights, making snacks for teens or small painting or maintenance projects. If you or your organization is interested, please contact either co-director or visit the center during drop in hours.

**WANT MORE INFO?** Check our Web-site at: [www.addisonteens.com](http://www.addisonteens.com), call ACT at: 388-3910

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ACT is located in the Middlebury Municipal Building; enter on College Street across from Samas Café.
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