Eddie Havens is the Vermont School Custodian of the Year

On Wednesday, May 26, 2011, Principal Lawson called for a school-wide surprise assembly to announce that Eddie Havens was chosen by the Vermont Dept. of Education and the Vermont School Custodians and Maintenance Association as the 2011 Vermont School Custodian of the Year. Eddie has served the MUHS community for 28 years. An outstanding custodian does much more than clean the building. Eddie’s diligence and reliability, as well as his technical expertise are factors that brought this nomination to the top of the list. UD#3 Board Chairman presented Eddie with a plaque of recognition, as an enthusiastic student body gave Eddie a standing ovation. Grade 12 student, Megan Hotte read a poem she wrote entitled, “His Name Is Eddie.” Joseph Neidorf, Mira Atherton, Rachel Getz and Elise Biette sang, “A New York State of Mind” to Eddie, an avid New York Yankees fan. One faculty member wrote in supporting Eddie’s nomination, “Eddie Havens had been like a rock in our school community; steadfast and loyal. If Eddie does not know how to do something, he uses his problem-solving skills or finds out the answer. He is vigilant about keeping our school clean and graffiti –free. Who knows how many chairs he has picked up, miles he has walked or students he has cleaned up after, but he has taken it all in stride and without complaints. He is so deserving of this award.” Eddie will be recognized at the 34th Annual School Custodians and Maintenance Conference on June 23rd at Hartford High School.

MUHS custodian, Eddie Havens, is entertained by students and commended by Principal Lawson, recognizing his outstanding contributions to the school.

We would like thank the following departing members of our faculty and staff and to recognize their contributions to our educational community:

Sallie Buteau      Frankie Dunleavy      Tracey Harrington
Craig James       Caroline Monninger     Dottie Nelson
Nancy Raymond      Keith Shafer          Sallie Willis

We would like to wish them well in all their future endeavors.
Announcements

GRADE 12 EXAM SCHEDULE:

June 6  Block 1  9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
        Block 3  12:30 p.m. -  2:30 p.m.
June 7  Block 2  9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
        Block 4  12:30 p.m. –  2:30 p.m.

GRADE 9-11 EXAM SCHEDULE:

NOTE: STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THEIR CLASSROOMS FOR THE ENTIRE EXAM PERIOD

June 17  Block 1  8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
        Period 1  8:30 a.m. -  9:45 a.m.
        Period 2  9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
        Lunch  11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
        Block 3  12:15 p.m. -  2:45 p.m.
        Period 7  12:15 p.m. -  1:30 p.m.
        Period 8  1:30 p.m. -  2:45 p.m.
June 20  Block 2  8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
        Period 3  8:30 a.m. -  9:45 a.m.
        Period 4  9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
        Lunch  11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
        Block 4  12:15 p.m. -  2:45 p.m.
        Period 9  12:15 p.m. -  1:30 p.m.
        Period 10 1:30 p.m. -  2:45 p.m.
June 21  Make-up Exams  8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

You are cordially invited to:

Class of 2011 Commencement

When: Saturday, June 11, 2011
      10:00 a.m.
Where: Memorial Sports Center

You are cordially invited to:

Final Assembly

When: Friday, June 10, 2011  9:30 A.M.
Where: The student body will march to the Memorial Sports Center led by the MUHS Marching Band before the Final Assembly.
MUHS Math Students Succeed at UVM Math Contest

"Math Day", an awards ceremony for the UVM Annual High School Prize Examination in Mathematics. Left to right in photo: Neil Guertin, David Burt, Lisa O’Connor (MUHS math teacher), and Stuart Guertin. Stuart was 4th statewide; receiving a book and a cash prize, Neil was 5th statewide, also receiving a book and a cash prize, and David Burt was 2nd in our region, receiving a book.

Peer Leaders Welcome Grade 8 Students to MUHS

On May 9, eighth grade members of SODA (Students Opposed to Drug Abuse) walked over from MUMS to visit MUHS. They joined representatives from our VTLSP (Vermont Teen Leadership Safety Program) for pizza and conversation. We can't wait to have them here as ninth graders next fall!

On May 27th, 8th graders from MUMS spent the morning at MUHS with their Peer Leaders. Peer Leaders focused on getting to know the incoming class of 2015 as well as orienting MUMS students to the high school. Peer Leaders will have another opportunity to help the incoming 9th graders transition to the high school, when they return back to MUHS in August, before school starts, to walk the incoming 9th graders through their schedules for the coming year.

(left) MUHS Junior Peer Leaders were busy during the month of May! Peer Leaders spent part of the May 13th in-service day at school, participating in leadership training with Mike Weber, from the Leadership Institute. Students focused on how to build community with incoming 9th graders through experiential learning, problem-solving and shared vision and communication.
Thank You ACEEF (Addison Central Educational Endowment Fund)!

The Middlebury Union High School English department wrapped up it's 2010-2011 work in regards to our "Page to Stage" grant proposal to ACEEF. Working with Alex Draper at Middlebury College and Lindsay Pontius, the Education Director at the Town Hall Theater, we worked to develop a collaborative discussion about teaching literature. At the heart of these conversations was a focus on giving voice and sound to literature in ways that transcend class discussion, independent reading, and written responses. We wanted to put the work up on its feet and hear it speak.

On Thursday, May 26th, 17 students, mostly juniors, joined most of the English faculty from MUHS and Alex Draper at Middlebury College's Wright Theater. We hosted a workshop for students to read and respond to different scenes from Death of a Salesman. Working collaboratively across our department, with the Education Director at Town Hall Theater and Alex Draper has been a wonderful community cross-pollination of sorts, and we're hopeful to continue this work into next year and beyond.

Thank you, again, ACEEF (Addison Central Educational Endowment Fund)! by Tim O’Leary

We used the $800 to go toward a $1300 19' X 28' white cyclorama curtain for the back of the MUHS auditorium stage. The curtain it replaced was a decade old and had become brittle and most recently ripped 4-5 feet right in the center. I used an additional $500 from the Stage Manager budget that I oversee here at the high school to meet the $1300 price tag. The old cyclorama curtain was donated to A.R.T. and became part of its "jungle" in Peter Pan. All of the green dangling strips of fabric that moved in from each side of the stage to frame the jungle were made by ripping the old cyclorama, painting it, and then running it on a track above the stage. In addition to replacing the cyclorama, funds from the Activities and Athletics budgets, thanks to Sean Farrell, were allocated to support replacing the four ripped 8' X 19' black side curtains. These curtains were fashioned right here in Middlebury at Durasol Awnings. Steve Myhre at Durasol was a pleasure to work with during this replacement. The old black side curtains were divided in half and donated to the North Branch School in Ripton and A.R.T. The money ACEEF donated leveraged other budgets to work together; the space is rejuvenated once again for another 10 years or more of music, theater, and dance.
Vermont Stage Young Playwrights Project

For our sixth year of participation in the Vermont Stage Young Playwrights Project, Elise Biette, Emma Cravens Matthews, Mychaella Devaney, Victorya Gonzales, Cody McGlashan, and Lily Rosenberg created individual 10-minute one act plays in two full day workshops at MUHS and through correspondence with our professional playwright, Dana Yeaton.

At the festival this May, Elise Biette’s Spare Change was selected as the “Featured Play” from MUHS; after receiving an hour and half of rehearsal with a professional director and actors, her play was performed for the general public in the evening. The Festival chose Victorya Gonzales’ Parallel Exposure as the “Finalist Play;” professional actors provided a cold (unrehearsed) reading of the script and the Festival audience provided feedback. Lily Rosenberg’s Cheated received “Honorable Mention.”

Congratulations to all participants for their creativity and engagement. Participation in the Young Playwrights Project is open to all MUHS students who want to write and develop an original script. Interested students should watch for a 2012 festival announcement in the late fall.

New England Young Writers’ Conference

Students from all over the northeast converged on the Bread Loaf Campus on May 12-15 this year to attend the 27th Young Writers’ Conference. The MUHS students selected to attend were: Caetano Hunter-Davis, Elise Biette, Addison Tate, Athena Wyatt, Lily Rosenberg, Mychaella Devaney, Annie Nicholson, Britta Clark, Emma Cravens-Matthews, Meghan Santry and Katie Lazarus. Students attended workshops with published writers and poets, as well as readings of their own work.
The month of May has been full of musical activity. On May 4-7, MUHS Band and Choir students participated in the 84th annual All State Music Festival. The festival was held at BFA St. Albans. Students had the opportunity to rehearse and perform with nationally renowned conductors; Anthony Leach (All State Choir), Michael Colburn (All State Wind Ensemble), James Palmer (Orchestra), and David Demsey (All State Jazz). The culminating concert was held on Saturday afternoon to a packed house of 3,000+. Congratulations to Elise Biette, Ryan Gyukeri, Victorya Gonzales, Mira Atherton, Joseph Neidorf, Elliot Franklin, Nicholas Masterson, Ciera Lazarus, James Pecsok, Emily Byers, Stuart Guertin, Addison Tate, Neil Guertin, Jade Blodgett, Austin Kincaid, Daniel Mench-Thurlow, Ben Elmore, Adam Peterson, and Caetano Hanta-Davis.

The Music Department continued to share its music within the community throughout month with performances for the Jazz Band, Men’s Ensemble and Women’s Ensemble at Spring Into The Arts at Middlebury College. The final spring concert for Concert Choir and Concert Band took place on May 26th. Students performed music of Gwyneth Walker, Gustav Holst, Vaclav Nelhybel, and Irving Berlin to name a few.

On June 1st, the Jazz Ensemble performed at The Lodge for a luncheon. The Jazz Ensemble will be ending the 2010-2011 school year with a performance at the Discover Jazz Festival in Burlington, Vermont. They will be performing on the Church Street Main Stage on June 6th from 5:30-6:30. If you can’t make it to the performance, you can watch them on WPTZ Chanel 5.

The Concert Choir has a lot to sing about. On May 27, 2011 they attended the High Note Music Festival in Lake George, NY. The Choir received a “Superior” rating from the panel of adjudicators.

It has been a year full of learning, success, educational experiences, and wonderful music. The Music Department truly appreciates the support that we receive from the community and administration. We are so proud of the MUHS students’ many successes.
SPRING SEASON ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE

The spring season is almost over and our sports teams succeeded despite the rain. Girls’ Lacrosse placed 1st and will play on June 3, at home. Girls’ Tennis placed 4th after playing Mt Anthony Tuesday. The next match will be June 3, at home. The softball team won over Milton and will play at Springfield on June 4, at 3:00PM. Boys’ Tennis played on Tuesday against CVU and lost. Boys’ Lacrosse played Woodstock Wednesday and lost. Baseball played Fair Haven Tuesday. The next game will be June 3, at Vergennes. **Check Digital Sports for practice times.**

Fall sports practices start as follows:

**Football**

Grade 10-12   Football equipment pick up on Friday August 12th

Practices start August 15

Grade 9   Football Equipment pick up on Monday August 15th

**All other Sports**

Practices start on Monday August 22nd.

**Reminder to be sure your student has had a physical in the past two years.**

Beginning this fall, all contact and collision sport athletes will undergo a new neurocognitive assessment called ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion and Cognitive Testing). ImPACT is a Web-based testing tool that many high schools, colleges, and professional teams use for both baseline and post-injury assessments. The University of Vermont, the Vermont State Colleges, Middlebury College, and several other high schools in our state currently use the ImPACT system.

A student athlete who sustains a concussion will be able to bring both his/her baseline test results and post-injury results to their physician for evaluation. The ImPACT test is a helpful tool when combined with a thorough clinical assessment and will help us keep our student athletes safe. If you are interested in learning more, please visit the company’s Web site at [www.impacttest.com](http://www.impacttest.com).
ACT provides a teen center and after-school alternatives, which are welcoming, safe, and fun for all teenagers in the community. Teens have a place to hang out together, and opportunities to plan, execute and enjoy programs, activities, special events and community service.

June and summer events/programs:

Tuesday, June 14, 2011 from 3 pm to 6 pm: Open House for all graduating 6th graders. Come and join us for an afternoon playing ping-pong, pool, board games, listen to music, have snacks and experience what drop-in hours at your local 94 Main teen center are like.

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 from 1 pm to 7 pm: End of the Year Lake Dunmore Picnic. Come with us to Branbury Beach for swimming, sun bathing, water balloon fights, ball games and great food.

The 94 Main Teen Center will not have regular drop-in hours this summer. Instead we are offering two summer camps, each two weeks long. See information below:

June 27 to July 8 and July 18 to July 29, 2011: ACT Summer Camp: Join us for a fun-filled two week camp at 94 Main, your local teen center, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. We are planning art and craft projects; exploring the life of Ann Story and the Green Mt. Boys during the American Revolutionary War, hiking some of Vermont’s beautiful mountains or the trail around Middlebury, taking trips to local lakes and swimming holes, picnic on Lake Dunmore, bike rides, tentative trips to the Great Escape, a visit to the Echo Center in Burlington or the Montshire Museum, and much much more. You can sign up with us during our drop-in hours: every day from 3 to 6 pm (Wednesdays and Fridays until 7 pm) or check our Web site for more information and on-line sign up for either of the two camps. www.addisonteens.com

August 15 to August 30, 2011: 94 Main will be open for daily drop-in hours from 1 to 5 PM.

August 31, 2011: 94 Main will resume regular fall hours:

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 3 – 6 pm   ----   Wednesday and Friday: 3 – 7 pm

ACT WISH LIST: We are looking for donations of a hammer, screw-drivers, pliers, duck tape, a digital camera, x-box kinnect games, a flip video camera, subscription to teen magazines and a sturdy coffee table. Money donations are appreciated as well. AND we are always in need of chaperones for our daily drop-in hours or/and special events.

More info? Check our website at: www.addisonteens.com, call ACT at: 388-3910. Co-Directors: Jutta Miska: jutta@addisonteens.com   Colby Benjamin: Colby.benjamin@hotmail.com 734-6755. We are located in the Middlebury Municipal Building; enter on College Street across from Samas Café.
APPLICATION

Student’s name: ________________________

Year: _______ (2010-2011 class, e.g. 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th)

Address: __________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Phone: _____________________________________________________________

E-mail: _____________________________________________________________

Please check first and/or second choice by subject:

— English - ____________________________ course needed for credit or improvement

— Math - ________________________________ course needed for credit or improvement

— Science - ____________________________ course needed for credit or improvement

— World History - ______________________ course needed for credit or improvement

**Registration Deadline:**

June 24, 2011

Classes are capped at a certain size. Admission priority will occur by application date

For your convenience you may drop this registration form off at the main office or guidance office at MUHS.

You may also send this registration form in the mail to:

Chris Johnstone, Director

MUHS Summer School

Middlebury Union High School

Phone: 802-382-1755

Fax: 802-382-1101

Where: M.U.H.S.

When:

July 5 – August 5

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Middlebury Union High School

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