

MCS Cross Words April 14, 2017

On Wednesday evening, Kate Rohdenburg and Chelsea Williams from WISE along with school counselor, Katie Cormier, spoke with parents in the Multi about an MCS/WISE collaboration: we're teaching children about positive strategies for responding to situations that make the students feel safe or unsafe, emotionally or physically.

One question during the evening elicited a response from Kate that was so valuable that both parents asked her to repeat it so they could write it down and digest it. The question focused on the types of people who, in the end, mess up. Kate's reply, based on the literature, suggested that problems escalate when children develop a strong sense of entitlement (an unmerited expectation of favorable treatment), neglect empathy (respect for another's feelings), and accept insufficient accountability (taking responsibility for one's own actions).

When I hear information like this, I try to examine myself and the structures we have here in school. Is there anything I am doing that inadvertently fosters these traits? Are there school rules or habits that promote this behavior? What can we do to help our students?

We have a class-counsel program of working with students to promote responsible behavior. Teachers work directly with their homerooms when issues arise. We emphasize our motto, MCS RROCKS (Respect. Responsibility. Ownership. Cooperation. Kindness. Safety.). And, darn it, we want to get better at all of this.

In the short term, however, we hope to rest, relax, and rejuvenate over vacation. Have a wonderful time with your family and friends.

On a completely different subject, did your children relay to you any information about the Chinese acrobats we had at MCS during Rep on Thursday? How much practice did they put in to achieve the expertise that they have? The performers were 12, 13, 14, and 20 years old.

Calendar

Vacation Week from April 17 to April 21. Enjoy!

School News

(1) Mayfest is coming soon! Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 25 at 12:45 pm**. While you're at it, if you know that your students will not be in town that day, please let me know. I'll have them arranged with their dancing partners/teams and it's helpful to know if the number will be different on the performance day. Thank you!

Community News

(1) Friday Night Lights **Touch Football** at Hanover High School Upper Field

All 4th-8th grade students are invited to join in on the fun! No Cost.

Friday April 28th 6-7:30

Friday May 5th 6-7:30

Friday May 12th 6-7:30

Friday May 19th 6-7:30

The players will meet Coach Cav on the upper Fields (track field behind the HS). They will play touch Football and practice some football fundamentals. Friends of Hanover Football will provide Pizza from Ramunto's at the end of each practice. Please contact Katie Roach at klroach@hotmail.com with any questions.

(2) **Norwich Nursery Toy and Gear Sale** is Coming Soon!

If you are spring cleaning over the break, please consider donating to the Norwich Nursery School Toy & Gear Sale! The sale will be held on Saturday, May 6th, 8am-12pm.

DONATE: We are collecting gently used puzzles, tricycles, strollers and other toys and gear to benefit our school. We will be accepting donations on *Friday, May 5th between the hours of 8:30 and 11:00am at the school, which is located at 312 Main Street (behind Ledyard Bank).*

If this time does not work well for you, please email me at sarahsabatino@yahoo.com to arrange another time to drop off your donations.

Note: We are unable to accept clothing, books, stuffed animals, cribs, car seats or potties.

SHOP! Our sale will be held on *Saturday, May 6th from 8:00am-12:00pm* (This is the same time as the Norwich Women's Club Nearly New Sale. Stop by and see us next door after you finish shopping at Tracy Hall!)

Questions? E-mail sarahsabatino@yahoo.com

Thank you!

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(3) **Be the Parent You Want to Be**, a parenting discussion that will take place on 4/25

For information on this free event, you can link to the website which has the link for parents to register: <http://www.familyplacevt.org/2017/03/special-events-for-the-month-of-the-young-child/>

(4) **FIRST ANNUAL GRAND EASTER EGG HUNT IN NORWICH**

Come celebrate spring with a day-before-Easter event! Play games, toss eggs, and join in the grand Easter Egg Hunt, all while supporting our local Child and Family Services programs to help Upper Valley kids and their families. The event is sponsored by Dan and Whits and the CFS Upper Valley board.

Saturday, April 15
1:00 pm
On the Norwich Green

All ages up through Sixth Grade

\$10 donation to Child and Family Services

Bring your own basket or decorate a bag with us.

Spring can be iffy in Vermont, but rain and snow don't stop the Easter bunny. So wear your boots and bring your umbrellas. We will cancel only if there is a very late spring blizzard or it is pouring rain.

Sign-ups would be helpful. Email Dan Fraser to put your name on the list.
dan@danandwhits.com

***Late breaking special - one egg will have a prize of a free entrance into the Child and Family Services CampOut event on August 26 at Storrs Pond! (A great end-of-summer day of fun with games, arts and crafts, music, VINS, firetrucks, and a cookout!)

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Bill Hammond

Principal

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