

THETFORD ACADEMY NEWS AND NOTES

*Thetford Academy 8th Graders will be out and about in Thetford and surrounding communities on **Wednesday, April 6**, for their annual **Job Shadow Day**. Thanks to all who are hosting the students.

*The **TA 7th Graders and their chaperones** will continue their studies on "The Road to Freedom" when they spend 5 days in **Washington, D.C., April 11-15**. All the support and fundraising done by the community to help the group on its journey is very appreciated!

*On **Wednesday, April 13**, the presentation for **Incoming 9th Grade (Class of 2015) Transition Night** for students and their families will start at 6:30 pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. Tours of the campus will be available before at 5:45 pm. Meet in the theater in Anderson Hall to join a tour.

***The Board of Trustees** will hold **its monthly meeting** on **Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 pm** in the TA Library. The public is welcome and is encouraged to attend.

***Thetford Academy will be closed from April 18-April 22 for spring recess**. Let's hope we return to green grass and no more snowpiles.

*TA will recognize the outstanding academic accomplishments of its students at the annual **Honors Celebration** at the **Dartmouth Skiway** in Lyme, NH, on **Wednesday, April 27**. Congratulations to all the learned scholars!

Submitted by Wendy Cole

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Keep Your Basement Dry, Without a Dehumidifier

With all the snow we had this winter, many homeowners are apt to have damp basements. Excess moisture in your home can lead to mold, mildew, and rot. While dehumidifiers can help remove excess moisture, they use a lot of electricity, so it is better to prevent moisture from getting into your basement in the first place.

Proper drainage is key. Install sturdy rain gutters around the eaves of your home with downspouts and leaders that carry the water at least 6 feet away from the foundation to ground sloping away from the house. A professional gutter installer can angle the gutters properly so that snow coming off the roof will not back up and cause ice damming in the winter. Another alternative is removable gutters that can be taken down each fall and replaced in the spring.

Where feasible, alter the finished grade next to your home's foundation to ensure that it slopes at least 6 feet away from foundation.

For basements with dirt floors, you can cover the floors with a heavy mil plastic all the way to and up the foundation walls. One product used for this is called Tu Tuff. Make sure to seal the plastic at the seams and to the top of the foundation wall with mastic, appropriate tape, or spray foam. If you have standing water in the basement you might want to slope the floor to a trench around the bottom of the foundation wall and install perforated drain pipe that leads to a sump pump which drains the water out and away from the home.

If you do end up having to purchase a dehumidifier to reduce moisture in your basement, make sure you buy an Energy Star model that will use less electricity.

Submitted by Alice Stewart for the Thetford Energy Committee

FUTURE OF THETFORD - 300

2011 – Our Town's 250th Year

2061 – Our Future 300th Year

Meet **Third Thursday of Each Month** at Latham Library
7:00-9:00 PM

Hosted by Thetford's Communiversality of Vermont

Upcoming topics include:

Our Economy 2061: Will We Renew Our Place?

Our Homes and Hopes 2061: Will we Dream to Design?

Our Lives and Loves 2061: Will we Love Widely, Deeply and Wisely?.

Submitted by Peter Blodgett

THANK YOU THETFORD

Friends of Thetford Education would like to thank the Thetford community and local banks for providing us with the opportunity to enrich the educational experience of students in Thetford. Despite ongoing tough economic times, this year's fund-raising campaign was a success because of the generosity and thoughtfulness of our donors.

It is with great pleasure that we announce this year's Grant Recipients:

- **Bette Nunez – \$200.00** to continue the Early Literacy Program for incoming Kindergartners
- **Mary Wunderlich, Marty Bouchard & Kelly Lewis – \$1,000.00** towards the construction of an Outdoor Classroom
- **Joette Hayashigawa – \$967.50** for the expansion of Life Sciences, a garden-based curriculum for Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- **Aimee Toth – \$500.00** to purchase books for the Emotional–Social Support Shelf for Kindergarten through 6th grade
- **Sara Bailey – \$226.43** to purchase a Personal Safety Curriculum for Kindergarten through 3rd grade
- **Cyrie Lange – \$450.00** to bring National Geographic's Traveling Map to Thetford Elementary School for the enjoyment of Kindergarten through 6th grade
- **Regina Bradley – \$150.00** to purchase additional Rigby Reading Books for the 2nd grade
- **Moriah Fahey – \$665.00** to purchase Crabtree Classroom books for expanding the Town Unit curriculum for the 3rd grade
- **Joe Minichiello – \$100.00** towards the 6th grade field trip to the Boston Museum of Science
- **Jennifer Yocom - \$510.00** to purchase materials to construct reusable set pieces for 5th/6th grade musical

Congratulations to these Thetford Elementary School teachers! We are excited by the wonderful visions of Thetford's teachers and staff and appreciate their dedication to the nurturing and education of our children.

FTE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds for the enhancement of the educational experience in Thetford. Nearly 100% of the money raised goes to funding programs, curriculum, field trips, special equipment, student performances, and other enrichment opportunities that are not covered by the regular operating budget. Learn more about Friends of Thetford Education on our web site under the Community tab on www.thetfordschool.org.

Submitted by Lisa Swett, Chair, Friends of Thetford Education

TREASURE ISLAND

American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim lessons this summer:

Session #1 - June 20-July 1

Session #2 - July 5-July 15

Session #3 - July 18-29

Session #4 - August 1-12.

"Saturdays only" session - Begins June 25 through August 6.

All swim lessons ages 4 and up.

In-person registration date is Saturday, May 14, 10-12pm at Town Hall. All other and on-line registrations begin May 15.

Treasure Island Season Passes now available!

Family Season Pass = \$50, Individual = \$30.

Purchase a pass before June 1st and receive a \$10 discount on family pass, \$5 discount on individual. Passes may be purchased at Town Hall.

SAVE THE DATE = Lakefest!! Saturday, August 13 (Raindate Sunday, August 14).

A tri-town lake celebration with games, events, historical boat tours, canoe/kayaking, food and lots more!

Submitted by Scott and Ann O'Hearn, Treasure Island Managers

ACADEMIC TUTORING

Private tutorials for students in grades K-8. Enrichment and remediation

Contact Jane Friedlander at 785-4455 or visit: www.uppervalleytutor.com

Submitted by Jane Friedlander

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION INFO

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month. Send news including contact name and telephone number to Sheila Fifield at Sheila.fifield@aol.com. Please list Thetford Town Newsletter in subject line. Thanks!