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THETFORD ACADEMY

*The **Thetford Academy Board of Trustees** will hold their monthly meeting on **Thursday, February 9**, at 7:00pm in the TA Library. All are welcome to attend.

*Thetford Academy will celebrate its **68th annual Founders' Day** on **Friday, February 10**. (The "snow date" is February 9.) The morning is filled with skits and songs, costumes, snow sculptures, cake competitions, outdoor games, float pulls and more. The public is invited to attend any of the morning's events. The day concludes with an all school banquet, and students have an early dismissal. Call Sarah or Wendy at **802-785-2600** for more information.

*The **TA Head of School Search Committee** is hosting a **community forum** to offer an opportunity for the public to meet and ask questions of the candidates on **Wednesday, February 15**, in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. Community members are asked to come to TA by **5:30pm** to review resumes before the question and answer period begins at 6:00pm. Each candidate will be in the theater for 30 minutes for questions, and the evening will conclude at 7:30pm. For more information contact Sarah Clarke or Wendy Cole in the Advancement Office at 802-785-2600.

***Basketball season** is in full swing; don't miss the opportunity to cheer for your favorite **Panthers**. Call the main office at 807-785-4805 x201 for schedule information or check the website www.thetfordacademy.org

*Thetford Academy will be closed **February 20-24** for **winter recess**. Relax and enjoy the break.

Submitted by Wendy Cole

WARMTH IN WINTER

The Thetford Energy Committee's Warmth in the Winter series continues! Join us for this film in February:

Sunday, February 12: A Sea Change. This award-winning documentary about ocean acidification follows the journey of retired history teacher Sven Huseby through stunning ancestral sites (Norway, Alaska, and the Pacific Northwest) on his quest to discover what is happening to the world's oceans. Excess carbon dioxide is dissolving in our oceans, changing sea water chemistry. The more acidic water makes it difficult for tiny creatures at the bottom of the food web to form their shells. The effects could work their way up to the fish 1 billion people depend upon for their source of protein.

Film will be shown at **7 pm** at the **Thetford Congregational Church**, Rt. 113 across from the Green. Free, join us a 6:45 for refreshments.

Submitted by Alice Steward

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE BOOTH SALE!!

Thetford Junior Girl Scout Troop 43957 will be having a Girl Scout Cookie booth sale at Huggett's in East Thetford on Friday, February 24th from 4:30-7:30pm. Cookies are \$3.50 per box. Our troop is also collecting donated boxes of cookies to donate to the VT National Guard and would love your support for this great cause!



For questions, please contact troop leader, Chris Busby at pcmk-busby@aol.com or by calling 333-9558.

Submitted by Chris Busby

GROUNDHOG DAY—PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL



"The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club made their decree Thursday morning in central Pennsylvania. Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, and there'll be six more weeks of winter. The announcement was met with boos from the enormous crowd gathered in Punxsutawney.

Folks in the East and elsewhere gave a collective shrug, as temperatures have been unseasonably warm. "But it's the winter we've been having, so that's like spring anyway," said Matt Lauer on TODAY after the news broke."

The Associated Press reports that the groundhog has seen his shadow 99 times since 1886; and there have only been 16 times that he has not seen it according to the Groundhog Club's Inner Circle.

Taken in part from an article on the Internet — Amy DiLuna, Animal Tracks, the Today Show



Valentine's Day
Tuesday,
February 14th!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the Thetford Town Newsletter is around the 24th of each month.

Send news including contact name and telephone number to Sheila Fifield at SheilaFifield@aol.com. (If you don't have access to email, please call me at 802-333-3577). Please list Thetford Town Newsletter in subject line.

Thanks ~ Sheila