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# THETFORD TOWN NEWSLETTER

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## THETFORD ACADEMY

\*The Class of 2017 will sponsor a dance for TA students in grades 9-12 on Friday, December 6. The dance will be held in the Cafe from 7:30-9:30pm. TAPA, the Thetford Academy Parents' Association, invites parents and others to spend the evening in the TA library while waiting to drive students home from the event.

\*Winter sports practices for middle school teams will begin on Monday, December 9.

\*The Thetford Academy Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 12. The meeting will start at 7:00pm and will be held in the TA Library in the White Building.

\*Who will wear the crown this year? Cast your vote for Mr. TA 2013 at the annual Mr. TA Pageant on Saturday, December 14, at 7:00pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. The evening is a benefit for Rwandan high school students and is sponsored by Kelly Welsh's 11th grade history class.

\*TA is hosting a Robotics Tournament on Sunday, December 15, in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium. Competitions and demonstrations will take place throughout the day. Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend.

\*The winter instrumental concert will be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. There is no charge for admission, and the public is invited to attend.

\*Thetford Academy will be closed December 23-January 3 for the December break.

We wish everyone a warm and joyous holiday and a happy new year.

*Submitted by Wendy Cole*

## DECEMBER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Thetford Elder Network presents the December Luncheon on Thursday, December 19--again a week earlier than our usual fourth Thursday because of the holiday calendar this year.

We're serving ham, potato, squash, another vegetable, roll, dessert, and beverage--delicious! We'll have warmth, convivial company, and puzzles to do. Bring an item for the Food Shelf if you wish. Bring a neighbor or family member. To RSVP, please call Martha at 785-4274. To volunteer, please call Cathee at 802-785-2668.

*Submitted by Susan Rump*

## THETFORD SKI PROGRAM

Registration now being accepted for the Thetford Youth Ski Program

Fridays, January 24 - March 14

Alpine skiing and snowboarding, buses leave TES at 11:45, Pick-up at Dartmouth Skiway by 4:00

Cross County Skiers meet in TES cafeteria at 12:00, pick-up at 3:00

Ski dates are: Jan 24, 31, Feb 14, 21, March 7 & 14

Registration deadline (no exceptions) December 14<sup>th</sup>

Alpine skiers and snowboarders: \$75, with family Skiway season pass: \$25. Cross Country skiers: \$20 Volunteer Leaders Needed

Rental equipment is available through the Skiway for \$60 for Alpine and \$90 for Snowboards for the 6 wk program. You must make arrangements and be fitted at the Skiway. Fitting for rental equipment Tuesdays through Saturdays, 9:00 - 4:00 at the Skiway

Volunteer instructors ski free.

There will be an informational meeting for parents new to the ski program at TES.

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

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](mailto:Sheila.fifield@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!

## FRIENDS OF THETFORD EDUCATION (FTE) — CLOSING ITS DOORS

Dear Friends,

After over twelve years of service to the Thetford School community, the Friends of Thetford Education (FTE) organization is closing its doors. FTE has been comprised of parents and community members dedicated to raising funds for enhancing the educational enrichment of our children. Generous financial contributions from parents, supporters, community members, local banks and businesses allowed nearly 100% of the money we raised to fund many projects, field trips, special equipment, student performances, technology, and other educational opportunities that had not been covered by the school's operating budget.

FTE would like to extend thanks to all of our donors and supporters who have allowed us to provide funds for the educational enrichment of our Town's students over the years. We could not have done it without you.

To the continued success of our schools! Once again, thanks for allowing us, through your generous donations, to make a difference in our school community.

Sincerely,

The Friends of Thetford Education Board Members  
(November 2013)

Mary Daum, Chair and Treasurer  
Kelly Burke  
Ryan Ford  
Amy Lawson  
Bethany Thompson  
Kendra Waterbury

*Submitted by Amy Lawson*

## THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE ENERGY TIP

Heating Season is Here — Are you Ready?

Keep your house comfortable and save money by not wasting energy during the heating season.

- Check weatherstripping on all doors and windows
- Caulk cracks around doors and windows
- Close your storm windows and lock your windows
- Program night temperature setback on your thermostat to 50 degrees
- Clean your heat vents and fin tubing
- Wash windows to increase solar gain

The Department of Energy recommends using draperies to reduce heat loss and increase comfort:

- Most conventional draperies can reduce heat loss from a warm room up to 10%, so close all draperies at night, as well as draperies that don't receive sunlight during the day.
- To reduce heat exchange or convection, draperies should be hung as close to windows as possible. Also let them fall onto a windowsill or floor. For maximum effectiveness, you should install a cornice at the top of a drapery or place the drapery against the ceiling. Then seal the drapery at both sides and overlap it in the center. You can use Velcro or magnetic tape to attach drapes to the wall at the sides and bottom. If you do these things, you may reduce heat loss up to 25%.
- Two draperies hung together will create a tighter air space than just one drapery. One advantage is that the room-side drapery will maintain around the same temperature as the interior space, adding to a room's comfort.

Learn more about these and other window treatment tips at:  
<http://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/energy-efficient-window-treatments>

*Submitted by Alice Stewart*