

THETFORD ACADEMY

The first month of the school year has been busy and exciting.

Our second annual **Homecoming weekend** was a success! Friday morning started with a pep rally featuring all six fall sports teams, music from instrumental students, class cheers and even an appearance by the Panther. That evening the homecoming dance, hosted by the Class of 2017, had something for everyone including s'mores by the campfire. Saturday was an exciting day of soccer games against Oxbow High School. The girls' varsity team played the first game of the double header, winning in dramatic fashion with a header goal off a corner kick to win 1-0 in overtime. The boys followed up with a commanding performance, winning 14-1. Overall, it was a fantastic weekend of Panther Pride!

Our 38th annual **Mountain Day** took place Fri., Sept. 16. The weather could not have been better for our six classes to conquer the nearby peak. This wonderful tradition, started by former Head of School Fred Torrey, gives our students the opportunity to get out and enjoy our surroundings and to get to know their new classmates.

The 26th annual **Woods Trail Run** will take place at TA on Sat., Oct. 1. This event draws more than 2,000 runners and spectators from all over New England and takes hundreds of volunteers to host. To volunteer, contact Assistant Meet Director Bridget Dugan-Sullivan at bridget.dugan-sullivan@thet.net.

There will be an **Open House** for any students and families interested in attending TA on Wed., Oct. 12 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. Contact the Admissions Office at 785-4805 ext 235.

The **TA Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thurs., Oct. 15, at 7 pm in the TA Library in the White

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Thetford property taxes are due by 8:00 pm on Mon., Oct. 17, 2016. If paying by mail, please allow enough time for your check to clear the bank. Postmarks not accepted.

Jill Graff, Treasurer

Building. The public is invited to attend.

We hope to see many familiar faces around campus for these and many other events taking place at TA this fall!

Bridget Dugan-Sullivan

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Voter registration and absentee ballot requests are available online at mvp.sec.state.vt.us.

General election ballots are available for **absentee voting**. You may vote early in office, or request your ballot to be mailed to you. Contact the Clerk's office for more information.

Voter registration (for new voters) deadline is Nov. 2 at 5pm. Register online or in the Clerk's office.

Polls will be open Nov. 8, 8am-7pm.

Tracy Borst

THETFORD PLAYGROUPS

BABY/TODDLER PARENT AND CAREGIVER PLAYGROUPS!

Our Baby and Tot groups are back for the school year! Parents and caregivers with littles, get out of the house and come join us! All ages of littles welcome, including infants!

We don't mind if you show up in your pajamas or unshowered (it has been done... many times). We don't mind if you are late (you'll be in the majority if you do show up late). We just want you to get out of your house and come be around other parents and caregivers.

So please come join us! Most of our regulars started out as parents that didn't know anyone else in our groups. Please don't feel intimidated. We were all the new one at some point.

TALES AND TUNES WITH TOTS

Get out of the house and come hang out with us on Wednesdays from 10-11am at Latham Library.

Parents/caregivers with 0-3ish year olds, join us for short active songs and short books followed by social/play time. No need to leave the room if your little one is being loud (yes, even during the books). We don't mind a bit. Just stay and play! Think of it as storytime for little ones who can't sit through a board book. Get out of the house and hang out with us!

The group runs weekly during the school year, aside from major holidays and school vacations.

M.U.S.T.: MOMS UNITED SUPPORT GROUP OF THETFORD

Thursdays from 9-11 am at Thetford Hill Congregational Church (not affiliated). Upstairs, above Maple Leaf Children's Center. Come hang out with an awesome group of moms and talk about all things mom and baby in a playgroup environment (any age welcome). Come as you are (yes really, we don't care if you haven't showered in days and are still in your pajamas)! Very casual "hang out" environment.

Rachael Cook

PARISH PLAYERS

The Parish Players present *Sleuth*, a thriller by Anthony Shaffer.

When a celebrated mystery writer invites his wife's lover to his stately English home, the younger man steps into a world of gamesmanship and intrigue where rules don't apply and nothing is as it seems. Join us for this fast-paced, edge-of-the-seat mystery, filled with crackling dialogue and dizzying plot twists!

With Dean Whitlock, Will Moore, David Serabian Li, Ben Severance, and Chris Villars.

Eclipse Grange Theatre, Academy Rd., Thetford Hill. Reserve tickets at parishplayers.org or call 785-4344.

- Fri/Sat, 7:30 pm: Oct 21-22, Oct 28-29, Nov 4-5
- Sun, 3 pm: Oct 23, Oct. 30, Nov 6

Adults \$15; students \$10; seniors \$12.

Dorothy Gannon

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

TASTY AUTUMN LUNCHEON

Come celebrate foliage season with a mini-getaway to North Thetford Church on Thurs., Oct. 27 at 11:30am. Mark your calendar! We'll see you there.

We welcome you to a delicious collation of beef stew with local harvest vegetables, squash rolls, salad, green beans, beverage, with apple crisp for dessert. The personable registered dietitian from our sponsor Senior Solutions, Pat Harrison, will offer handy ideas for eating well without breaking the bank.

Senior Solutions supports our mostly-fourth-Thursday-each-month luncheons along with donations at the door (not expected, but gladly accepted.) Bring a friend or neighbor who doesn't drive, or one who does. Volunteer to do one helpful task by calling Cathy at 785-3136.

Thanks to all who make these fun events possible!

Susan Rump

NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

Our next meeting will take place at 7 pm on Tues., Oct. 25th at the Latham Library on Thetford Hill.

We will continue our discussion of Siddhartha Mukherjee's *The Gene*.

You can find the book at your library; via interlibrary loan; as an audio or e-book via [ListenUp Vermont](http://ListenUpVermont.org) or [NH Downloadable Books](http://NHDownloadableBooks.org); from your bookseller; or at bookfinder.com.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

EDM Landman MD

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING SUN., OCT. 2

United Church of Thetford, 5470 Rt. 5

5:00 Meeting & officer election. **5:30** potluck supper. **6:30** Frank Bryan and Steve Taylor debate Vermont vs. New Hampshire! Mark Travis, moderator.

Martha Howard

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Magic Card Night: Mon., Oct. 10, 6:30-8:00 pm. Come play Magic, the card game, with friends. All ages welcome. The library now owns several decks of Magic cards, so come and play if you are interested in the game but don't have your own deck!

Spooky stories with Simon Brooks! Thurs., Oct. 20, 7:00 pm. Halloween is right around the corner. Get in the mood for the holiday with frightfully good stories told by master storyteller Simon Brooks. Best for ages 6 and up.

Frankentoys: Fri., Oct. 21, 3:00-4:30 pm. A tinkering workshop for kids in grades 4-7. We'll disassemble battery operated toys, learning how they work, and reassemble them... into mixed-up, Frankenstein-like creatures!

Halloween Night at the Library: Trick-or-treat for a book at Latham Library on Halloween night from 6:00-8:00. Come visit our kid-created haunted house in the basement!

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Tales and Tunes with Tots: A playgroup for babies and toddlers and their caregivers. Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 am.

Preschool Storytime Fridays at 10:30 am. Children of all ages and their caregivers welcome.

Knitting Group Thursday evenings from 6-8pm. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

Friday afterschool activities for grades 4-6 will begin on September 9, and run every Friday that Thetford Elementary School is in session through the school year, with the exception of Ski Fridays.

Children in grades 4-6 (this is a change from last year) are welcome to walk to the library from school to participate. Stories, crafts, games, and other activities will be offered, and a snack will be served. Pick-up time is 4:30 pm.

PEABODY LIBRARY

Looking for volunteer: Are you a Thetford Academy student looking to fulfill community service hours? Do you enjoy spending time with young children? The Peabody Library in Post Mills is looking for a teen volunteer to help with our afterschool programming, which is held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30. We offer the program to early elementary-aged children, and do some kind of arts and crafts, games, or other fun project every week that school is in session!

Please email Emily Zollo, children's librarian at Peabody and Latham Libraries, if you are interested at ebzollo@gmail.com.

Wednesday afterschool activities begin Sept. 7 and run every week that TES is in session through the school year, unless otherwise noted. Children in grades K-3 (this is a change from last year) are welcome to ride Bus #2, with a note from home, from TES to the Peabody Library on Wednesdays. Stories, crafts, games, and other activities will be offered, and a snack will be served. Pick-up time is 4:30 pm.

For more info, including lists of new books and movies, please visit thetfordlibrary.org.

Emily Zollo

GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send it to thetford@pendane.com or by calling me at 356-4542 by the 29th of the month. I generally enter news in the order in which it is received, and may need to edit for space. There may not be room for late submissions (but I do my best). Feedback is always welcome.

Susanna French