



ST. ALBANS TOWN EDUCATIONAL CENTER

169 South Main Street

News from the Principal's Office
May 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is upon us! We have been very busy hiring staff for next year. You will see from our list in this newsletter that we have had an unprecedented number of teachers retire or leave SATEC for jobs closer to family this June. With some of these vacancies, we have moved several teachers to new positions. We included the transfers and the new teachers so that parents will be aware of the changes for next fall before summer begins.

We have had a successful first year for our school climate initiative, PBiS (Positive Behavior and Interventions). We are planning two year end celebrations for our students. One will be for Kindergarten and 8th graders on the afternoon of June 7th and the second will be for 1st-7th grade students on the afternoon of June 14th. We are looking for parent volunteers to help coordinate these events. If you are interested please call Lisa Sutton at 752-2780.

The last day for Kindergarten students is June 8th and June 9th is the last day for 8th graders, culminating with 8th grade graduation at 6pm. The last day for students in grades 1-7 will be on Wednesday, June 15th. This will be a half day with dismissal at 11:30am.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION

There will be a Budget Re-Vote on Tuesday, May 31st from 7am-7pm at Collins Perley.

A few facts about the proposed budget:

- It will maintain lower than average per pupil spending. SATEC at an estimated \$13,151 is 11%

lower than the preliminary statewide average of \$14,633.

- The Board has reduced the proposed budget by \$61,472 since the April vote.
- The new estimated PreK-8 tax rate is less than last year.

Homestead Value	2015-2016 \$0.8368	2016-2017 \$0.8318	Estimated Decrease
\$100,000	\$837	\$832	-\$5
\$150,000	\$1,255	\$1,248	-\$7
\$200,000	\$1,674	\$1,664	-\$10
\$250,000	\$2,092	\$2,080	-\$12
\$300,000	\$2,511	\$2,496	-\$15

STAFF CHANGES FOR 2016-2017

We have a number of SATEC Staff who are leaving to take teaching positions closer to their homes or teachers who will be retiring at the end of the school year. We would like to thank the follow teachers for their years of service and dedication to the students and families of SATEC.

Teachers retiring in June 2016:

Mrs. Sue Wright, 1st/2nd Grade Teacher
 Mrs. Beth Jacobs, Literacy Specialist, K-2
 Mrs. Sandy Zelazo, Library Media Specialist
 Mrs. Gayle Pepe, Kindergarten Teacher
 Mrs. Peggy Rodgers, K-4 Guidance Counselor

Teachers leaving SATEC in June 2016 for other opportunities:

Ms. Sue McEwing, 6-8 Math Content Specialist.
 Mr. Andy Grab, 5th/6th Grade Teacher
 Mrs. Betzi Sheperd, 5-8 Music Teacher
 Ms. Amie Koontz, Student Assistance Program Counselor

We have had a number of internal transfers due to the openings created. We are pleased and excited to announce the following changes in staffing.

Teachers transferring to new positions in June 2016;

Mr. Michael Flanagan will be our Library Media Specialist

Ms. Helen Lanthier will be our new Literacy Specialist/Coach working across grades K-8

Ms. Janet Montagne will transfer to the 6-8 Math Content Specialist Position

Mrs. Danielle Conley will be our 3-5 Math Content Specialist

Mrs. Amy Ward will be our K-4 Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Kirsten Brown will be taking over for Mrs. Wright in 2nd grade

We would like to introduce and welcome our new staff that will be joining us at SATEC for the 2016-2017 school year.

New teachers for the 2016-2017 school year:

Mr. Will Howrigan will be our new 7th/8th grade Math/Science Teacher. Mr. Howrigan has been a biology teacher at MVU for 10 years.

Mrs. Christina Boissoneault will be our 5th/6th grade Language Arts/Social Studies teacher working in B2S. Mrs. Boissoneault comes to us from Enosburg Elementary School.

Mrs. Meghan Heald Howrigan will be our 5th/6th grade Math/Science teacher, teaming with Mrs. Boissoneault in B2S. Mrs. Howrigan has been a teacher at Highgate Elementary School.

Ms. Samantha Torrey will be our new Math/Science teacher in 4th grade next year, teaming with Mrs. McKennerney. Ms. Torrey has been a teacher at Project Soar.

Mr. Steven Ashlock was hired to replace Helen Lanthier's 4th grade classroom position. Mr. Ashlock comes to us from Oakland, California with experience teaching at the 3rd/4th grade level. He will be teaming with Ms. Patterson.

Mr. Andrew Palumbo will be our new 5th-8th grade Music teacher. He taught music here at SATEC last fall when Mrs. Sheperd was on leave and he has been providing private lessons to a number of our students the last couple of years.

Ms. Kate Burke, recent UVM graduate, was hired as our new Kindergarten teacher

Heather Hawkins will be our new K-4 Behavior Specialist. Mrs. Hawkins has been a Behavior Specialist in the Colchester School District for the past 5 years.

We are currently finalizing the hiring for our SAP counselor, Amie Koontz and for Mrs. Calcagni in third grade. Mrs. Calcagni will be taking a leave of absence for the 2016-2017 school year.

OPEN DOORS FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars!!!! SATEC's night out at the ballpark will be held on June 19th 5:05 p.m.

Before the game, 2INSPIRE Dance Group will be performing and we will be recognizing SATEC Outstanding Citizens for grades K-8! This is a great way to celebrate our awesome school and community. This event also serves as a Fundraiser for SATEC's Open Doors Summer and Afterschool programs. **For every \$6.00 ticket sold, Lake Monster's will give 1/2 of the ticket price back to the program!**

Tickets can be purchased at school by Ms. Rose or by going to the link provided below.
<http://bit.ly/satec2016>

PBiS CELEBRATION

What a great first year of PBiS!!!! We are excited for our upcoming end of year celebration. Stay tuned for more details!!!!



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~Year End Newsletter~

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE- Tuesday, May 31st

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Collins Perley Sports Complex

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADES 1-7

Wednesday, June 15th, 11:30 dismissal (no lunch served)



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!

FROM THE ABBEY FOOD SERVICE GROUP

Hello SATEC families,

Thank you to all of you who participated in the lunch program this year. With the end of the school year approaching, we would like to ask each family to review the status of their student's lunch account. You may do this online at www.abbeygroup.net through the K12 payment center link, or you can call the school and ask for the kitchen, ext. 695. It is the goal of the food service program and the school together to have each student's account balance in a positive status by the last day of school. Any remaining funds on the account will be there in the fall when school begins again. Thanks very much and happy summer!!

Abbey Food Service Group

Dates to remember for 2016-2017 school year

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Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

First day of school for grades 1-8

Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>:

No school (Labor Day)

Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>:

First full day of Kindergarten