

Mont Vernon

Success Takes Hard Work, Teamwork And Cooperation

MONT VERNON - In September 2008, Dan Cripps, from the Native American Perspectives came to Mont Vernon Village School. He taught the students about Native American culture and history. He also showed the children how to erect an authentic teepee. They were taught that the Native Americans

who used to inhabit this section of the country knew a secret that the students at Mont Vernon Village Elementary School now know - that hard work, teamwork and cooperation are the keys to success.

Mr. Cripps directed the children in the construction of an authentic teepee. The children were separated into groups and each group was given a job. They were told they must listen, follow directions and work as a team in order to get the job done. One group was in charge of the poles and had to listen intently as Cripps directed them as to where to stand to make the teepee stable. Another group was called the danger group. They were in charge of the ropes that bind the teepee together. The children were told of a special game that Native American children used to play while putting up their teepees. "With the rope securely attached to the top of the poles, they would run as fast as they could and try to leap and fly around the poles and tie them together," said Cripps. Many Mont Vernon Village School children tried the game. The children enjoyed erecting the teepee.



Dan Cripps with MVVS children in a teepee.



Once finished, they were invited inside to learn more about the people who used to inhabit the town, the New England Woodland Indians.

Mr. Cripps explained that the Indians killed buffalo and used them for clothes and then ate them for nourishment. The New England Woodland Indians also used sign language. Towards the end of the program, Mr. Cripps taught the children a few signs.

The students really enjoyed the interactive part of the activity and had fun working as a team. They also enjoyed the legends and artifacts, and the demonstration of how animal materials were used for clothing, food, implements, and utensils.

Submitted by Wendy Boucher, MVVS PTA Public Relations Coordinator

Mrs. Gail Westergren, New Mont Vernon Village School Principal

Welcome to Mont Vernon Mrs. Westergren!

Mrs. Westergren was born in Amityville, NY, but has lived most of her life in Amherst and Milford, NH. She now resides in Milford with her husband Rick.

Mrs. Westergren says she feels very welcomed to our school and has come to MVVS at a great time.

She says our facilities are in great condition, the school works together well and supports the mission of the school, and the teachers and administrative staff are a cohesive, hardworking and enthusiastic bunch! Her goal for this year is to keep this camaraderie and supportiveness going so that we as a team engage, challenge and support all learners!

"I enjoy working at Mont Vernon Village School" says Mrs. Westergren ... because the rural vs. city environment seems to be a better match for me. I grew up in Amherst at a time when its population was around 2000 just as it is now in Mont Vernon. I attended Clark School when it was grades one through six. I was the first sixth grade class to attend Wilkins school which was in 1967, the year the Red Sox won the pennant! I attended Milford Area Senior High (MASH) with students from Mont Vernon, Amherst and Milford. I have a strong connection to this community and feel like I'm coming back home.

Mrs. Westergren is a perennial student. She attended Keene State College and earned her BS Ed with a dual major in elementary and special education. Her first job was teaching first and second graders in Milford's elementary school. During this period she also earned her Master's degree in reading from Notre Dame College in Manchester, NH.

"After my work in reading, I found out about a program that was funded by the State Department of Education that trained teachers to help at-risk first graders develop their reading skills so that they could be at grade level. After I was trained, the State asked me to take my skills



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and begin training teachers! So for eight years I traveled throughout New Hampshire going to various school districts and training teachers. This included holding classes for them weekly and then observing their lessons with students and giving advice when needed. My final group of teachers was located in the Plymouth area and that is when I began my course work (at Plymouth State University) to work towards my Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in Educational Leadership. This gave me my Principal certification."

Mrs. Westergren decided she had enough of traveling around the state and found work in Manchester's elementary schools as a Title One Reading Supervisor for several years. In 2005, an opportunity as an Assistant Principal at Gossler Park Elementary in Manchester's Westside popped up so she interviewed for the position and got it! She liked the job so much she figured she would enjoy being a Principal even more. This year we are fortunate indeed to have her as our Principal here at MVVS!

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MONT VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Saturday

The Mont Vernon Police Department will be hosting a Feedback meeting at the Mont Vernon Fire Station on November 8th at 11am. At this session, the Mont Vernon Police seek public comment and feedback regarding traffic safety in the Town of Mont Vernon. All resi-

dents are welcome to attend.

Phone: 673-5610 Fax: 672-9021 Questions can be forwarded to the Mont Vernon Police Department, Attention: Corporal Stephen S. O'Keefe at the above listed number or via e-mail at mvpdc4mpnt-vernnpn.pn.us

"DARN RIGHT"

it's time for the PTA Election Day Bake Sale!!

Whether you are a maverick or just looking for a change, whip up a batch of something delicious to be sold to the over 2000 registered voters that may be passing through our doors on November 4th.

Please drop your individually wrapped donations off at MVVS

Monday November 3rd. Not a baker? Volunteer with a friend to sell, sell, sell! We'll be open from 6am-9pm.

Contact Bonnie Angulas at btangulas@comcast.net or call 673-1353 to volunteer.

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Daland Memorial Library News

Library hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Wed. noon - 8 p.m.; Fri. 2 - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed Sun. & Mon. Phone/Fax 673-7888 E-mail: dalandlibrary@comcast.net NOTE: WEBSITE out of commission until further notice Library Director: Karen MacDonald; Children's Program Director: Amy White; Library Assistants: Allain Schnable and Samantha Philbrick

Kids Can Vote, too!

Kids, cast your vote at the Daland Memorial Library, November 4, 2008! You'll be voting for your favorite author. Polls will be open and ballots will be available 10am - 5pm.

Fall Story Time

Fall Story Time at the Daland Memorial Library in Mont Vernon begins October 16th and runs for 6 weeks. Children ages 3 and older will enjoy stories, activities, and crafts. Register early for this very popular program. Come join story time fun!! 673-7888

October 31 - HALLOWEEN at the Library!!

Members of the Friends of the Library will be on hand at the Daland Memorial Library on Friday, October 31; from 6-8 p.m. passing out treats to costumed children. The library is also a good meeting place for older children who need to meet parents as the evening winds down, and a great place to warm up a little, too, if it's a chilly spooky night. Please stop by.

November 3 - "The Catcher in the Rye" by J. D. Salinger

The November 3 selection of the 2008 adult book discussion pro-

gram at the Daland Memorial Library will be "The Catcher in the Rye" by J. D. Salinger. The discussion will begin at 9:30 a.m. Copies of the book may still be available at the library - call to check.

The group usually meets at the library the first Monday of each month. Every attempt is made to get copies of the selections through interlibrary loan. Books may also be found in paperback at local bookstores. Participants take turns researching information about the authors and bringing light refreshments to share. There are usually between eight and twelve attendees. Anyone is welcome to join in one or more discussion.

Library Director Karen MacDonald purchases a copy of each selection for the library collection. Any title may be borrowed by a library patron, though a book that's to be discussed will be reserved for book group participants the month of the discussion.

The last selection for 2008 will be selections of Robert Frost's work. The meeting will take place on December 1. For a copy of the complete list of books for 2008, stop in at the library. Questions, please call the library.

Passes to FIVE Museums at the Library

Looking for some activities for the fall? Passes are available to library patrons to five area museums. The SEE Science Center offers hands-on experience for kids. The setting of the Canterbury Shaker Village up on a hill during foliage season is quite breathtaking. The tours, both formal and informal, of this unique NH landmark are informative and interesting. The recently re-opened Currier is receiving great reviews. Call or check the websites for updated information on current exhibits and hours open at the following:

Currier Museum of Art
201 Myrtle Way
Manchester, NH
Tel: 603-669-7194
Website: <http://www.currier.org/>
Two passes - each pass admits two

Millyard Museum
Corner of Pleasant and Commercial Streets
Manchester, NH
Tel: 603-662-7531
Website: <http://www.manchesterhistoric.org/>
4 passes

SEE Science Center
200 Bedford Street
Manchester, NH
Tel: 603-669-0400
Website: see-sciencecenter.org
3 family passes

Canterbury Shaker Village
288 Shaker Road
Canterbury, NH
Tel: 603-783-9511
Website: <http://www.shakers.org/>
Take away passes - one pass ad-

mits two
(NOTE: There will be a \$5 co-pay for EACH adult and \$2.50 for EACH child ages 6-17; 5 and under free)

Museum of Fine Arts
465 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA
Tel: 617-267-9300
Website: <http://www.mfa.org/>
Take away FLEX pass - one pass admits two adults
(NOTE: \$5 co-pay for EACH adult) Some special exhibits at the MFA require a ticket which is an additional charge - check the website for details.

Passes may be checked out for one week. (Take away passes are not returned.) Late returns will incur a \$5 penalty. To reserve passes stop in or call the library at 673-7888. All passes made possible through the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Library.

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