

Schools

Souhegan High Film Seminar presents:

Classic Film Series

(All films begin at 7:30pm Admission Free)

May: Friday, 5/29

Raging Bull

Wilkins School Third Grade Spring Concert

"All You Need Is Love"

The familiar sounds of "All You Need Is Love" and "Here Comes the Sun" filled the Wilkins School auditorium during the third grade music performance April 7th. Under the direction of Robert Allwarden, the third graders celebrated the kinetic music of the Beatles, singing dancing and playing the tunes of the sixties like "Eight Days a Week," "Hard Day's Night" and finishing with a sing-along of "Yellow Submarine."



Instrumentalists keep the beat of the Beatles' songs.



A yellow submarine decorated the Wilkins School stage.

Senior Project

Advanced Chemistry Teaches More Than Reactions

BY ANJA NIELSEN

First period is arguably the most difficult time of the day. Having woken up not two hours prior to arriving at school, students are expected to turn their complete attention to a subject that holds little or no relevance to their teenage lives. But one first period class, namely Advanced Chemistry, captures students' attention, and not by the material alone.

A lively teacher by the name of Viet Pham begins each class by engaging students in conversations that have more to do with current events than chemistry. But this is exactly what students need; an ease into their inevitably impossible days. After a discussion, he either presents a lab or teaches some incredibly difficult concept in a patient yet aptly-paced manner. But his focus lies upon the level of difficulty of the course, not the actual material.

Pham describes his goal as a teacher as "...getting students to find out how they best learn". In the short hour that he has, Pham encourages students to find how they maximize their time and grade, as

well as preparing students for the higher expectations in college. He claims "I treat it like a college class, but I balance [the work] because [the students] are in high school." To achieve this goal, Pham collects exams from local colleges, uses a variety of questions to teach students various vocabulary terms and gives larger amounts of homework over longer periods of time (as is more prevalent in college courses). This combination of college difficulty with high school expectations creates an environment that allows students to successfully learn college-level material without being overwhelmed.

With an ease of humor that he adds to every class, Viet Pham alleviates the stress of an AP (advanced placement) course while still expecting the most from students. Though he deals with teenagers during first period, he manages to capture their attention with a subject that could be considered incredibly confusing. And as a high school student myself, I know that is a very difficult thing to do.

Senior Project

Empty Bowls SHARE Fundraiser

There will be an Empty Bowls fundraising event benefiting SHARE, held on Thursday, April 23rd from 6-8pm, in the Souhegan High School Cafeteria. This event is being organized by Andrea Dow for her Senior Project. Over 140 hand-made ceramic bowls were donated by students, and local potters. Guests come and pick out a bowl and fill it with soup and bread donated by local restaurants such as Bagel Alley, Aspirations Bistro,

Giorgio's, Black Forest Café, Martha's Exchange, Panera Bread, Mile Away and Moulton's Market. The entertainment for the evening will be played by Shane Walsh. Tickets are \$12 for students/children and \$15 for adults. Tickets are available for teachers and students during lunch and advisory. They can also be bought at the Homestead and Aspirations Bistro on 101A throughout April before the event.

Safe Graduation Night

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Attendance at this event increases each year as the word gets out that graduates are having a safe, fun night to remember. The committee hopes to build on this success and needs the support of the community. It is hoped that families who have benefited from past Project Graduation events, local businesses and all of our neighbors will offer assistance in funding this. Donations, in the form of money and prizes, are needed to continue the plans for a great celebration. In past years the generous support of the community meant that one of our

lucky graduates left the party with a car! If you can help out with a donation, whether it is that unused car taking up space in your garage, a \$10 gift card or a larger gift, the 2009 Souhegan High School graduates will certainly appreciate it!

Your donation is a gift to our graduates. Please consider donating money or a prize toward our efforts. Checks should be made payable to PTSA and mailed to Cindy Dow, 23 Edgewood Run Amherst NH 03031. Please call Cindy with questions or if you have an item to donate (424-0140).

PTA/PTSA Reflections State Competition

AMHERST – The PTA/PTSA Reflections State competition and ceremony was held Monday, March 16, 2009 at the Hood Middle School in Derry, NH. This year, 37 schools from NH participated in the program, with almost 3,000 pieces of artwork, film, dance, music, literature and photography pieces entered! 477 pieces were judged at the state level this year, and 24 students from the state of NH will have their work judged at the National level. The evening was highlighted by a presentation of awards to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from across the State. Film, Dance and Music entries of all the first place winners were viewed by the audience in their entirety, while clips of the 2nd place entries were shown. Literature winners also read their pieces to the audience.

Amherst had 33 students move on to the State competition this year, and of those, 13 placed either 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

Amherst had 3 first place winners, and those students works will move on to the National level. Please congratulate the following students for their accomplishments:

1st place winners:

Evmorfia Alton, Grade 1, Dance Choreography
Mary Simone Dodge, Grade 2, Photography
Meredith Foley, Grade 12, Photography

2nd place winners:

Evmorfia Alton, Grade 1, Film Production
Alison Daniel, Grade 1, Photography
Connor Holbrook, Grade 8, Photography
Danielle Wilson, Grade 10, Dance Choreography

3rd place winners:

Eleanor Farris, Grade 2, Film Production
Ryan Harriman, Grade 12, Visual Arts
Jillian Roberts, Grade 4, Photography and Film Production
Holly Rohlf, Grade 2, Literature
Alexis Warner, Grade 2, Photography

Next year's theme is Beauty Is.....

The PTA is looking for a chairperson (s) to chair the Reflections committee next year. Please contact any member of the PTA board or this year's chairs Shelly Kayser, skayser@hughes.net or Wendy Conway, mconway0427@comcast.net if you are interested.



Kathy McIntyre with Julia Tilton



Jane Leighton, Nick Marbes and Caroline Apiki



Local Students Shine at State Invention Convention

AMHERST – Elliot Enriquez (kindergarten), Julia Tilton (1st grade), Caroline Apiki (2nd grade), Jane Leighton (3rd grade), and Nick Marbes (4th grade) represented Amherst elementary schools at the The 2009 Young Inventors' Program, presented by the Academy of Applied Science. The program, which reaches out to 600 NH schools and 5,000 students each year, is funded by the Fidelity Investments Innovation and Technology Initiative.

Elliot Enriquez received the Fun and Leisure Time Award for her "Idea Clock."

Julia Tilton received the Best In Grade award for her "Flash Pen."

Caroline Apiki received the Inventors' Choice award (voted by the students) for "No-More-Muck Dog Boots." Congratulations to all of our inventors.



Julia Tilton and Elliot Enriquez