

Felines in All of Their Finery

The Amherst PTA Proudly Presents "CATS"

AMHERST – What's a Jellicle cat? If you have never heard of this phrase before then perhaps you have not seen the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical CATS! But now you can! The Amherst PTA's 63rd Annual Production brings Andrew Lloyd Webber musical CATS April 16th – 19th to the Souhegan High School Theatre. The annual play is the biggest fundraiser for the PTA, benefitting curriculum enrichment for the lower elementary schools in Amherst.



Prepare to be delighted as the cast performs loved songs the world over such as "Memory," "Jellicle Songs for Jellicle Cats," and "Skimbleshanks." This show has everything you could want in a musical: songs, dancing, pranks, fights and plenty of emotion. Watch as the cast turns themselves into an array of feline personalities. From the skittish to the feisty, the older and the young-

er, the calico and the tabby, something for everyone. And with the amazing sets and special effects, incredible costumes and makeup, and a live orchestra, this is one show that is fun for the whole family and sure to please the most finicky felines and feline lovers. Come and find out exactly what a Jellicle cat really is!

Show times are April 16,17,18 at 7pm and April 18 and 19 at 2pm at the Souhegan High School Theatre, Boston Post Road, Amherst, NH 03031. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for Students and Seniors.

Tickets can be purchased at <http://amherstptacats.brownpapertickets.com/> or at our ticket outlets. The Black Forest Café and Bakery, Moulton's Market or The Homestead Deli and Grocery in Amherst or The Toadstool Bookshop in Milford. Questions please call Jenny Ciotti 603-817-5309.

► Fire and Ice: SHS Wintercession

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Society and worked with a professional storyteller to learn about the importance of folklore.

While new courses are developed each year, other courses are perpetual favorites, including rock climbing in California's Joshua Tree National Park, home building with Habitat for Humanity, creative writing on Cape Cod, and photography, New Hampshire history and ecology on the "Instagramite" trip. Students' reflections from each and every trip speak to their personal growth, learning and interpersonal connections. The D.C. Wintercession enabled students to

"see politics in action and how 9/11 changed our country," and "provided an emotional connection to history." From the Quebec trip, students commented that they learned through first-hand experiences talking to Quebec teenagers about how differently they are taught, saying it gave them "perspective on our schooling and how lucky we are to have the opportunities we do." Perhaps one Story Seeker student put it best by saying, "It didn't matter where we were. We just took the world around us and wrote about it.... I enjoyed every minute of it."

► State Science Competition

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set by the event organizers. The proposal, "Can I Trust You? Exploring How Gender and Familiarity Affect Trust Between Teenagers," was accepted. Callie enlisted the participation of 120 of her classmates to meet in pairs of "friends," "acquaintances" and "strangers." Individuals within each pair had to decide independently to share or steal two cookies set before them. Callie observed their responses and related it to the relationship level. Her research had helped her construct the experiment as well as prepare her for the reaction of subjects. Females shared more often with strangers than with friends, males shared/stole apart from the relationship status. And there were

many trends in between.

Ms Cinque was one of 125 high school students from central and southern New Hampshire public and private high schools to present on March 19 at the New Hampshire Science and Engineering Exposition held at New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord. The presentations covered eight categories. Callie was awarded 1st prize in Behavioral Sciences and 3rd prize overall. She is certain she will study neurosciences in college: "Participating in the science fair not only taught me how to be more self-directed in my studies, but also helped me realize that I would love to have a career in the sciences."

► Souhegan Jazz Night #3

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ty to study with trumpet luminaries Brian Lynch and Jason Carder, perform alongside and learn from trumpeter Dave Douglas, as well as study composition and trumpet with renowned trumpeter and film composer, Terence Blanchard.

As a freelance trumpet player, pianist, and educator, Chris Klaxton has found himself part of a world class musical community spanning from jazz to bluegrass / country, hip hop, reggae, indie rock, and classical music. As pianist and trumpeter for New England hip hop group, The Press Project, Klaxton has opened for Soulive, Boyz II Men, George Clinton, and was invited to perform at the 2008 Bonnaroo Music Festival.

Chris Klaxton has recorded with the Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra (for Pharrell Williams), Randy Bernsen (featured alongside John Medeski), Moe Pope and Rain, Tan Vampires, Jazzputin and the Jug Skunks, Mary Dellea, Elsa Cross, The Politix, Chris Klaxton Group, and The Arcitype.

The Chris Klaxton Quartet will be joined by jazz ensembles from Souhegan HS, Nashua South HS and Manchester West HS. General Admission at the door is \$10.00. Doors will open at 6:30pm. For more information on Chris Klaxton go to www.chrisklaxton.com. For event information, please contact Carl Benevides at cbenevides@sprise.com.

Souhegan High School Music Department Hosting 2nd Annual Mattress Fundraiser

AMHERST – The Souhegan High School Music Department is hosting their 2nd Annual Mattress Fundraiser Sale on Saturday May 9, 2015 at Souhegan High School from 10am – 4pm to raise funds for upcoming music department trips and instruments.

Music Directors Carl Benevides and Pat McMullen welcomed the innovative fundraiser, as it eliminates upfront cost for the school and band, while allowing the community to save money. Souhegan High School will be turned into a showroom where over 20 mattress

sets including Simmons®, Restonic®, and Therapedic™ brands along with consumer digest best buy winners will be on display to test out. The mattress sets are 30% - 60% off retail price, are brand new, and come complete with factory warranties.

If you are in the Amherst area, stop by the mattress fundraiser to give yourself the gift of a better night's sleep, save money, and help SHS Music programs hit their fundraising goal. You will literally be investing in your own dreams and the dreams of the Souhegan High School music students.

Applewild School and Applewild at Devens Present "Integrating Nature into Your Preschool Program"

DEVENS, MA: The Applewild Speaker Series continues with a talk by Sherri Ebner called "Integrating Nature into Your Preschool Program" on April 28th at 6:00 p.m. Ebner is the director of Applewild at Devens and the Child Development Center at Applewild. Her program will detail how to create curriculum built around natural cycles and how to explore Nature indoors and out.

Open to the public, this talk will be of particular interest to early childhood educators who want to learn how to plan, design and create a curriculum based on nature that will encourage exploration. The event will be at Applewild at Devens, 27 Jackson Road, Devens, MA. Certificates of Participation will be available for early childhood educators.



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Outstanding Soloist Award winners Kole Nunley & Matt Campbell

► Souhegan Jazz Ensemble

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ing awards as Outstanding Soloist were trombonist Kole Nunley (SHS '15) and guitarist Matt Campbell (SHS '15).

The Souhegan High School Jazz Ensemble has enjoyed much success in recent years with successful performance tours to Italy in 2013, Disney in 2015 and many Jazz Night Concerts. The SHS Jazz Night Concert Series began back in 2002 and

features talented middle school, high school, college and professional musicians from the New England area. The final Jazz Night of this year will be held on May 8th at 7:00pm with ensembles from Souhegan, Manchester West HS and Nashua South HS. The concert will conclude with a performance by professional trumpeter Chris Klaxton and his Quartet.

SHS Seeks Board Member

The Souhegan Cooperative School Board would like to announce that there will be an upcoming vacancy on their Board due to health issues. If you are an Amherst resident and interested in serving on the Souhegan Cooperative School Board please send a letter of interest by April 30, 2015 to Mary Lou Mullens at Mmullens@sprise.com, or mail to Mary Lou Mullens, C/O Souhegan School Board, 412 Boston Post Road, P.O. Box 1152, Amherst, NH 03031. Please state the reason for your interest, and any related background experience.

All applicants will be interviewed at the Souhegan Cooperative School Board meeting on May 7, 2015. An appointment will be made, and applicants will be notified soon after the interviews are completed. The appointment to the Board will remain in effect until the March 2016 election, at which time the appointee can run for the remainder of the term if he or she so chooses.

SHS Community Council Seeks New Community Members

The Community Council of Souhegan High School is currently looking for interested Amherst and Mont Vernon community members to serve one year terms on the Council.

The Community Council, with its authority derived from and delegated by the school board, is charged with the purpose of acting as the governing body of all school affairs at Souhegan High School. It operates as a link between students, the community, the school board, and the faculty/staff of the school. There are 48 voting members of the Community Council with the majority being students. Of the adult members, ten are faculty or staff, 5 are members of the communities of Amherst or Mont Vernon, one is a Dean of Student's position, and the remaining seat is held by a school board member.

The Council meets as a body at Souhegan every Monday. Three

Mondays a month the meetings are held from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. One Monday of the month, Council meets in the evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. As a member of Community Council, you will have the opportunity to interact closely with students and faculty, be at the center of important deliberations and decision making and, most importantly, provide the vital communication link between the high school and the community. Not only is it rewarding, but it's also a great way to get to know Souhegan High School better.

Please e-mail or send a letter of interest by May15, to Mary Lou Mullens at Mmullens@sprise.com, or c/o Souhegan School Board, 412 Boston Post Road, P.O. Box 1152, Amherst, NH 03031. Please also direct any questions you have to Mary Lou by e-mail or phone (424-0687). Thank you in advance for your interest and involvement.

Amherst Lions Club to Grant Two \$1,500 College Scholarships to SHS Class of 2015

At the Souhegan High School Senior Scholarship and Awards' ceremony scheduled for Monday, May 18th, the Amherst Lions Club will once again award two individual \$1,500 college scholarship to two graduating seniors who have excelled both academically and in the area of Community Service. Applications for the Amherst Lions Club scholarship as well as all other available scholarships can be obtained through the Souhegan High School Guidance Department or by contacting Maren Petropulos at the Souhegan High School, (603)673-9940 ext 5309.

Camp Invention is Coming to Amherst Middle School in June

AMHERST -- Camp Invention, the nation's premier summer enrichment day camp program that is supported by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF), is coming to Amherst Middle School the week of June 22. The weeklong day camp for students entering grades one through six fosters innovation and creativity while also building self-esteem, teamwork, persistence and goal-setting skills.

Selection of the right summer camp for children can be intimidating and overwhelming as the options continue to grow and become more niche. Camp Invention not only encourages inventive young minds through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in a fun and creative atmosphere, it also incorporates outdoor activities as part of its curriculum.

Camp Invention students experience winning, success and victory, along with an adrenaline rush that comes with competition among students and successful completion of challenging projects. Camp Invention provides a great opportunity for inventive young minds to ex-

ercise their creativity and use their imagination in ways they don't normally get to -- through real-world problem-solving challenges, they build things, take things apart, explore different types of technology and so much more.

This year's Camp Invention curriculum is called "Illuminate" and was inspired by some of our nation's most brilliant minds including experienced educators, Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame and members of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. "Illuminate" will encourage children to explore their inventiveness in the Design Studio: Illuminate module, investigating circuits and taking on a nature-inspired design challenge. As they dream, build and make discoveries, children will have a chance to build a prototype from scratch and explore math from a new angle when they create origami flight models during team-building exercises.

Local programs are facilitated and taught by educators who reside and teach in the community. For additional information, or to find the nearest location for registration, visit www.campinvention.org.

From the Office of The Superintendent of Schools SAU 39

Dear Community Members,

I am pleased to invite you to a public forum to discuss cost per pupil. Our SAU #39 Board will be hosting this event on Thursday, April 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Info Center at Souhegan High School. (Please see the invitation below.)

At the forum we will discuss how cost per pupil is calculated and share strategies that the boards are implementing to lower the costs in this area. I sincerely hope you can join us.



Sincerely,
Peter Warburton,
Superintendent of Schools

The SAU #39 Board

Presents

School District Cost Per Pupil Forum



You are invited to attend a community forum for an explanation and discussion of cost per pupil for the Amherst, Mont Vernon and Souhegan Cooperative School Districts presented by SAU #39 on

Thursday, April 23
6:00 P.M.
Souhegan High School Info Center

Destination Imagination Team

made the team so successful.

Other team members are third graders Ava Bawell, Hannah Lorschbach, Gabriella Purvis, Marjorie Vincent, and fourth grader Teresa Krawiecki.

The D.I. program encourages teams of learners to have fun, take risks, focus, and frame challenges while incorporating STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), the arts, and service learning. Participants learn patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and their ideas, and the collaborative problem solving process.

Each year more than 200,000 students from all over the world participate in D.I. Tournaments include both a Team Challenge, which is a several page written problem that teams work on over several months, and an Instant Challenge in which each team is given only a few minutes to solve a problem that they have never seen before.

D.I. teams must design and build all of their own props, scenery, and costumes used to demonstrate their Team Challenge solution during a brief skit. They are supervised by an adult team manager who only acts as a facilitator. Students are not allowed to accept help from anyone outside their team, except for instruction in basic skills, such as the use of power tools. This emphasis on self-reliance is intended to create a strong sense of pride and teamwork.

Both Wilkins team managers stressed that Global Finals is less about winning and more about the team feeling as if they have done their best and feeling good about their solution to their chosen challenge.

The Queen of Marshmallowland and her entourage make an official visit to The Fluff Factory at the NH-DI State Tournament in Hampton.

Behm said, "Everyone keeps telling us that just to have made it to Globals means they have already won. Now, they get to spend time bonding with thousands of the most creative kids in the world."

With less than two months to prepare and gather funds for the trip to Tennessee, parents, students, and coordinators are doing everything in their power to raise the required money for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. On average, each team has to raise around \$8,000 for expenses related to travel, registration, and lodging.

"The girls show up to every team meeting full of creative ideas and energy," said Behm. "Now, they are turning that enthusiasm to fundraising and fine tuning their presentation and acting skills."

After taking first place at our regional tournament, they kept working on improving visual aspects of their challenge solution. They also decided on an entirely different group approach to the Instant Challenge portion of the competition and more than doubled their Instant Challenge score at the state tournament. This is a team that knows how to set and work toward a goal."

If you would like to help them reach their Globals fundraising goal of \$1,000 per team member, any tax-deductible donation would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to "Amherst School District" with the memo "Wilkins D.I." and mailed to: Amherst Destination Imagination (D.I.), PO Box 153, Amherst, NH, 03031-0153.



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