

Peacham School

Peacham Preschool Registration

Preschool registration will take place on Thursday, April 1st from 8:00 to 11:30 AM. Please plan to attend if your child will be three or four years of age by September 1st AND will be new to the preschool program. Contact Sarah Parker, at 592 3513, if you are not able to attend on April 1st and other arrangements can be made.

School Surveys

If you have not had a chance to fill out a school survey, I have attached another form. We'd like all surveys to be returned by April 9th so we can use the information as we begin planning for next year. Surveys can be returned to classroom teachers or dropped in the box in the hallway. Thanks, in advance, for taking the time to complete the surveys. We greatly appreciate your feedback.

PTF "Mud and Muck" Auction Update

The PTF auction was a huge success and raised just over \$3,900. Thank you to all of you who contributed and to all of you who shopped for a very worthy cause. Everyone had a great time.

Upcoming Dates

3/26	Swim for Gym – Grades 1-6
4/1	CREEP Registration for incoming 3 year olds, 8:30AM-
11:30AM	
4/2	Swim for Gym – Grades 1-6
4/9	Swim for Gym – Grades 1-6
4/12	School Board meeting 6:00PM at Peacham School
4/16	Activity Night 5:30-8:30 – Sponsored by Grades 5/6
4/19-4/23	School Vacation – School resumes Monday, April 26 th
4/27	Vermont Symphony Orchestra visit at 1:00PM

Attachments

- Letter from Principal Mark Peabody
- School Surveys
- School Board Minutes

SPECIAL MEETING
March 23,2010
5 PM

Unapproved minutes

PRESENT: Board—Jo Anne Post, Wynne Browne, David Stauffer; Superintendent—Martha Tucker; Public—Rose Nunn, Justin Walters, Laura Walters, Jackie Tillotson, Wendy MacKenzie, Matthew Langham, Cheryl Stevenson, Michael Tillotson, Gloria Tillotson, Dennis Tillotson, Pam Kimball.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:04

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Entered 5:05. Topic-- Personnel

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Exited 5:16. Action taken—Wynne moved that the Board accept with regret the resignation of Principal Mark Peabody, effective June 30, 2010. Dave seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: The public raised concerns about cuts in the support position for next year in conjunction with the proposed increase in the administrative hours for the principal which reduces the special education instructional hours now handled by the principal. The public felt these changes would not be beneficial for the students. The need for earlier and more detailed information concerning staff changes and budget changes was expressed. Also requested was a more informative recording of School Board Meeting minutes in general.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Entered 5:37. Topic—Personnel

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Exited 8:10. Action taken—The Board authorized Martha to find a consultant to lead a Principal Search Committee.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:11

April 6, Tentative Special Meeting to be held at the school with the staff
April 12, Next regular School Board Meeting—6 PM

Respectfully submitted,
David Stauffer



Peacham School
Mark Peabody, Principal

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Tuesday March 23, 2010

March 24, 2010

To the Town of Peacham

After working for the Peacham School for nine months, I have concluded that the staff and I are unable to move forward together and that it is not possible to fulfill the duties as I understand them. I have decided with regret to resign from the position of principal of the Peacham School effective June 30, 2010.

I would like to offer my sincere and heart-felt apologies to the children and their parents for not being able to fulfill the job they had entrusted me to do. Please understand that I care for your children and your school very deeply and it is with a very heavy and sad heart that I make this decision.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your children.

Mark Peabody

Name: _____

Date: _____

(optional but appreciated)

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2009 – 2010 Parent Survey

Each year we survey parents to gather information about our school programs. The survey information will be reviewed and discussed by the school staff as we continuously evaluate the quality of our programs. Your constructive feedback is crucial to this process.

We ask that you consider your experiences this school year when responding to the following questions. Please return school surveys no later than April 9th. Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Additional Comments
Peacham School is an inviting, friendly place; a place we feel welcome.				
At Peacham School, children learn respectful behavior and learn to accept responsibility for their actions.				
The school is clean and well maintained.				
Peacham School considers children's needs when making decisions.				
Friday Notes, the school website, and weekly class letters keep me informed of school events.				

1. What are the qualities you most value about Peacham School?

2. Areas for Improvement:

Please rate the following aspects of our school organization – 1 = needs improvement to 5 = great.

						Additional Comments
School Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	
Administrative Support Front Office	1	2	3	4	5	
Busing	1	2	3	4	5	
Hot Meals Program	1	2	3	4	5	
Student Support Services (Math, Reading, Writing, Speech)	1	2	3	4	5	
Library	1	2	3	4	5	
Extension/Enrichment	1	2	3	4	5	
Music	1	2	3	4	5	
Art	1	2	3	4	5	
Physical Education	1	2	3	4	5	
Health Services/School Nurse	1	2	3	4	5	
Guidance	1	2	3	4	5	
Technology	1	2	3	4	5	
Parent/Teacher/Friends Group	1	2	3	4	5	
School Board	1	2	3	4	5	

Other Comments: