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Sutton Central Elementary Thanks the Community and Supporters

It Takes a Truly Takes a Village to Partner with and Support the Education of Students at Sutton Central

Sutton Central benefits from community support year-round to supplement the outstanding teaching of the incredible staff. Fire fighters and police visit, local organizations donate books, and resident canine, "Vito", listens to student readers. As the beneficiaries of a regional foundation grant, the school acquired new technology resources. Neighbors and family collect soup labels and box tops, bake cookies, attend concerts, and help with homework. Beyond these essential periodic efforts, scheduled seasonal activities generate support.

Winter Wonders

Annual Make-a-gift Fair - This winter favorite pulls in countless Sutton alumni and parents to lead craft activities and sell tickets and treats.

Winter Activities - Always a highlight for our students. Whether skating at Proctor, skiing at Sunapee, or pursuing winter activities led by local volunteers, students experience our unique winter community.

Thursday's Child @ the NL Inn's Coach House Restaurant

This annual fundraiser caps the winter season. Allowing community and staff to support the school while enjoying culinary delights. (March 7th this year!)

Spring into Action

Grandparents Lunch - Each May students invite Community Friends and Grandparents to a luncheon to express gratitude and enrich the relationship between generations.

Garden of Eatin' - Local gardeners donate plants, mulch, manure, equipment, and time to enhance the learning adventures of the students. Classes plan, test soil, plant, weed, water, harvest, and produce canned goods. Thanks Mrs. O'Neil!

Summer Superstars

The Garden doesn't sleep during summer vacations...community volunteers weed and water through the break.

Fall Foundations

Strut in Sutton 5K - From local Sutton businesses to regional and national supporters - capital sponsors are the cornerstone of this event. "The Strut" highlights community organizations and partners with exhibit tables on display for hundreds in attendance.

Year-round Supporters

Library Volunteers - arrive weekly to lend support in the Sutton Central stacks.

Musterfield Farm Museum - provides hands on exploration of historic lifestyles and our natural environment. The staff and grounds at the Farm are an amazing asset to the school and the region.

Sutton Free Library - hosts kindergarteners weekly and provides research resources for older students.

Vernondale Store - A favorite bus stop and supporter of school events. This fall they donated proceeds from their 1st Annual Halloween contest to the Friends of Sutton Central School/PTO

Speaking of Friends - The Friends of Sutton Central School puts many of these efforts together and is community driven... contact the school to get involved.

We know "it takes a village" and Sutton has an amazing one! Thank you.



Early Literacy and the Educational and Social-Emotional Benefits of Full Day Kindergarten

Providing our students with a strong educational foundation is paramount as we prepare students for colleges and careers. With the global market constantly changing and competition ever increasing, the importance of early education is heightened. Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) will allow KRSD students increased time to build early literacy and fluency.

A longer day affords FDK students and teachers more time to focus on Reading, Writing, and Math concepts and skills. Numerous research studies extol both the educational and

social-emotional benefits of FDK. FDK students score higher on academic tests than their half-time peers. FDK allows for more time for structured play, which leads to great advancements in social-emotional development.

With the support of both the KRSD Board and Municipal Budget Committee, Full Day Kindergarten will begin in the Kearsarge School District in the 2013-2014 school year. Stay tuned for further information on Full Day Kindergarten and registration information.

Upcoming District Events

Mark Your Calendars - KRSD Events

- 1/03 & 1/17 - School Board Meetings - KLC @ 6:30 PM
- **1/05 - ANNUAL MEETING - KRHS @ 9:00 AM**
- 1/18 - End of Second Quarter
- 1/21 - No School-Observance of Martin Luther King Day
- 1/25 - Report Cards Available on Power School
- 1/28 - Report Cards Go Home
- Visit <http://www.kearsarge.org> for more information



Newtown, Connecticut

The tragic events in Newtown, CT have shocked us all. Our hearts and thoughts go out to all those affected. KRSD wants to assure you that our administrators and staff take very seriously the immense trust and responsibility that you place in us each day for protecting the safety of your children.

This tragedy reminds us to look at our circumstances to determine how to best support our students and families, and it is also a stark reminder to remain diligent in our own procedures. Our most important mission is to educate our students in a safe and secure environment.

Our continued focus on this mission is one way we can pay homage to Newtown.

