

# FCS BACKPACK EXPRESS

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Ferrisburgh Central School meets the requirements of No Child Left Behind as assessed using the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). NECAP assessments were developed based on the current Vermont educational standards and are given to students in third through 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Vermont is one of 46 states across the country that has adopted new standards and will be changing to a new assessment system in 2015. That may seem like a long time from now, but our current kindergarteners are the first group of students who will not take the NECAP assessments at all. So it is time to start that planning.

Ferrisburgh Central School, along with all the schools in Vermont and across the country will need to change to meet these new Common Core State Standards (CCSS). At Thursday evening's Board Meeting I will provide an overview of the new standards and discuss the ways that the Ferrisburgh Central School and the supervisory union will be working toward these new standards.

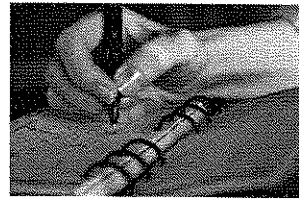
Please visit (<http://www.corestandards.org>) for information and materials related to these new standards.

Hope to see you at the Board Meeting.

JoAnn Taft-Blakely, Ed.D.  
Principal

## Outdoor Dress Code

Even with the warmer than usual weather students should come to school ready to be outside, including boots. Our playground and fields are muddy when there's a thaw and students need warm, dry shoes in the classroom so boots are a must to be outside. As we wait for snow, please keep your child(ren) dressed to be outside each day with snow pants, hats, mittens, jacket and boots. Unless it is raining hard, extremely icy or below zero, our students will go outside to get exercise and fresh air that help them with the rigors of learning. Please contact me if you have any questions.



## Mark your Calendars:

**Feb. 28 Safe Routes to School Meeting**  
4-6pm Library

**Feb. 29 Basketball Celebration**  
6:00pm Cafeteria



## FCS Basketball News

The Ferrisburgh School Basketball players are having a great season. They are learning new skills, playing teams from other schools and talking about good sportsmanship. The new basketball jerseys arrived in time for the season and the players look terrific. This Saturday (2/4) is the Vergennes Basketball Jamboree. This is a fun event with lots of great basketball.

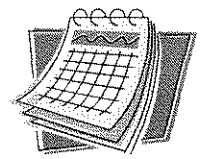
There are many volunteers that help make the basketball season happen. Thank you to the coaches, our referees, Mr. Stapleford and the sixth grade score board keepers and parents who all chip in to make this activity available to 53 Ferrisburgh youth. Thank you also to FCS staff --Loretta Lawrence, Mrs. T, Anne Cohn and Mr. Wayne whose efforts help support FCS basketball.

**Basketball players and volunteers—Save the date—our basketball potluck banquet will be on 2/29 beginning at 6pm in the FCS cafeteria.** Dinner will begin at 6 pm with coach's remarks beginning at 6:30 pm. Come celebrate.

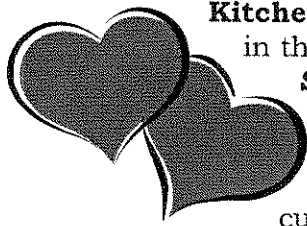
For those of you who would like to see a fantastic game of basketball the Vergennes Varsity boys play Middlebury at VUHS tonight (2/3) and on 2/9 against Mt Abe (JV begins at 5:30with the Varsity game following). Both JV and Varsity have many talented players! Come cheer them on! Thank you.

Sherry Carlson and Sue Bergmans

## A Note from the FCS Food Service Program...



### Just a reminder...



**Kitchen Fund Raiser** - "Love is in the Air". Please join us **on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.**

Let's make cards, decorate cookies, cupcakes, and do some

coloring. Admission is \$5.00 per child. Please turn in your registration form before February 10<sup>th</sup>

**The Vergennes Area Youth League** (little league baseball, softball and t-ball) will hold their second organizational meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 PM, in the VUES Library. Anyone interested in becoming part of the process is welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Andy Smith, [mightybass@hotmail.com](mailto:mightybass@hotmail.com) or (802) 759-3303.

### Vergennes Opera House Presents:

Friday Night Flick: Blazing Saddles on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00pm. Join us for a very special FNF just for grown-ups! This great night out includes a classic Mel Brooks comedy, cash bar, and tasty treats. Tickets are \$12/person and include snacks provided by The Antidote & non-alcoholic drinks. Beer & wine cash bar, 18+ only. To purchase tickets visit, please go to [www.vergennesoperahouse.org](http://www.vergennesoperahouse.org), Classic Stitching or call [802-877-6737](tel:802-877-6737). Need a babysitter for the evening? The Boys & Girls Club will be providing sitting services from 7:30-10:00pm. For more information contact the Boys & Girls Club at 877-6344; [bgcvergennes@comcast.net](mailto:bgcvergennes@comcast.net)

## Calendar of Events

- Feb. 4 - Vergennes Basketball Jamboree
- Feb. 6 - Ferrisburgh Children's Theater, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Gym  
Grades 5/6 Trip to Flynn Theater 8:30 am - 11:30 am  
5/6 Girls away/Charlotte, 6:15 pm
- Feb. 7 - Math Club, 3:00 - 4:15 pm  
3/4 Girls away/Addison, 4:30 pm  
3/4 Boys away/Vergennes, 5:00 (Red)  
5/6 Girls home/Addison, 5:30 pm
- Feb. 8 - 3/4 Boys away/Bristol, 5:00 (Black)  
5/6 Boys away/Bristol, 6:00 pm
- Feb. 9 - School Board Meeting, 6:30, Art Room  
3/4 Girls home/Monkton, 5:00 pm
- Feb. 10- Tot Gym, 9:00 - 10:30 am, Gym  
3/4 Boys Practice, 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
5/6 Girls Practice, 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- Feb. 11 - 3/4 Boys away/Charlotte, 11:30
- Feb. 13 - VSO Ah! Capella All School Performance, 1:30 pm  
Ferrisburgh Children's Theater 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Gym
- Feb. 14 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Trip to the Flynn Theater, 8:30 - 12:00  
3/4 Girls Practice, 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
5/6 Girls away/New Haven, 5:00
- Feb. 15 - 5/6 Boys away/Bristol, 6:00 pm
- Feb. 16 - 3/4 Girls away/Monkton, 5:30  
5/6 Boys away/Starksboro, 6:00
- Feb. 17 - Tot Gym, 9:00 - 10:30 am, Gym  
PTO Movie Night - VUHS, 5:00 pm
- Feb. 20 - 24 - Winter Recess - No School
- Feb. 27 - Ferrisburgh Children's Theater 3:00 - 5:00, Gym
- Feb. 28 - Safe Routes to School Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Library
- Feb. 29 - Basketball Potluck Banquet 6:00 pm, Cafeteria