

Entering into this holiday season, I hope that we can all take the time to be with family and friends and reflect on the past year. In many homes Thanksgiving is a time for extended families to come together and enjoy this special time of year.

The District has been working on preparing its budget for the 2015-2016 school year. This process takes many months before a final budget is sent to the voters in March. The process starts in early October for the teachers and administration. They work on determining the goals for the upcoming year and make recommendations based on what will be required to help achieve those goals. The administration and department directors reflect on past years' spending and look for areas in which to reduce or increase specific budget lines. Once that process is approved, the draft school budget is sent to the Business Administrator who assembles the whole district budget. The draft budget is then sent to the Superintendent who meets with the administration and department directors to review each budget in depth. Once it is determined that the draft is ready, the Superintendent will present the budget to the Sunapee School Board who will review the entire budget with the administration and department directors. The School Board will make any recommendations to the Superintendent who will then work on these changes with the administration and bring a revised budget to the Board. The School Board will then meet with the town Budget Advisory Committee to review the draft budget. The Budget Advisory Committee will review and make recommendations to the School Board about any possible change they feel is needed. After this process is completed which generally happens in January, the School Board will then adopt a budget which will appear as a warrant article. The warrant articles will be revealed to the voters in February at the Sunapee School District Deliberative Session where the Sunapee Community will have the opportunity to ask questions of the School District about the budget and vote to approve or amend the warrant articles before they appear on the town ballot. After the Deliberative Session is completed, the final warrant articles are placed on the ballot for voting in March. As you can see, this process takes many months; the public is welcome to attend any of the Sunapee School Board or Budget Advisory Committee meetings. We hope that by reading about this process you will better understand how the annual budget is developed.

Last year the Sunapee School District met with representatives from SPIRAL International about the opportunity to host a

summertime language and culture camp with students from China. The camp would allow 30 Chinese students to spend two weeks in Sunapee with 15 different host families. We feel that this would be a wonderful experience for our students and the Sunapee Community. To get this program started, we are looking for a Coordinator to help with arranging host families and to work with the school to develop what the two week program would look like here in Sunapee. If you have an interest in hearing more about the international summer camp or would like to become the Coordinator or a host family, please contact Russell Holden, rholden@sunapeeschools.org or 763-4627 at SAU 85.

The Sunapee School Board is committed to improving communication with the Sunapee Community. To facilitate this goal, the School Board remains committed to numerous media resources to reach the Sunapee Community effectively and efficiently:

- Local newspaper coverage
- Monthly board meetings with a public forum
- Informative website at [www.sunapeeschools.org](http://www.sunapeeschools.org)
- Twitter - Follow us @sunapeeschools @sunapeecentral @smhsoffice @sunapeesports
- Email List Serve

For the most up-to-date information, please always refer to our website. The other communication tools will be used to distribute general information to the public in a way best suited to individual tastes.

Twitter accounts will be used by different users within the District to send information about a specific school or activity in the schools, athletics, library and technology departments, SCES, SMHS or District information. Our goal is to use Twitter to introduce you to educational happenings in our schools, state and country.

Email List Serve will be used to send more general School Board information and highlights from our schools. This would not be a good tool to use, for instance, to stay current with our sports or school calendars or to find details about course or grade level specifics. You may sign up for the Email List Serve on the district web site under district links: Communication Methods. [www.sunapeeschools.org](http://www.sunapeeschools.org),

While we do our best to communicate in many ways about many things, we know that from time to time we may miss an opportunity that the Sunapee Community feels we should have focused on more. Our goal is to get as much information out in ways that work best for all members of our Community. We are always open to your feedback.

The Sunapee Players performed *Into The Woods* on November 21st & 22nd. In the story a witch conspires to teach important lessons to various characters of popular children's stories including Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk and Rapunzel.

Strong performances and cast support were given by:

Narrator.....	Renee Brandon
Cinderella.....	Sierra Tiffany
Wolf/Prince.....	Kevin O'Brien
Cinderella's Stepmother.....	Dorothy Currier
Florinda/Granny.....	Robyn Salvitti
Lucinda.....	Rylee Coelho
Cinderella's Mother/Steward.....	Keryonna Wood Baker
Baker's Wife.....	Dillon Boardman
Little Red Riding Hood.....	Hannah Drummond
Rapunzel.....	Madison Giberson
Rapunzel's Prince.....	Aubrey Porter
Witch.....	James McAlister
Jack.....	Sam Hagan
Jack's Mother.....	Sean Shisko
Mysterious Man.....	Jess Berio
	James O'Brien

Stage Manager .....Emma Platt

Crew.....Savannah Meech, Amanda Hanson, Abby Hanson



*This is our second episode of Inside SCES. Meredith Blewitt is a fifth grader in Sunapee studying newscasting for the Genius Time project. She recruited a group of fifth graders and together they independently wrote, created, recorded and edited the whole thing!*

*Genius Time is a project that the fifth graders are taking part in this year. Each fifth grader has a different focus where they have chosen a topic to study. We have budding chefs, woodworkers, sports enthusiasts, dog trainers, crafters, computer programmers and several others. Enjoy this episode by scanning the QR code with your smart device or find it on our classroom YouTube channel by using this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhGcrAnPXCm>*



*Mary reported on new staff at our school, books that fifth graders are reading and a wonderful science program that the SPTO is funding this year. Enjoy!*

### Our Girls

**Soccer Team had another strong season** finishing as the second seeded team for the Division VI State Tournament. The girls had a good run in the playoffs beating Lin-Wood and Littleton to advance to the semifinals. This makes the fifth straight appearance in the semifinals for the girls' team. They were knocked out by Derryfield who went on to win the state title.



**Congratulation to our Girls' Volleyball Team** on a terrific season! The girls advanced to the semifinals for the second year in a row where they were knocked out by Nute who went on to win the state Division III title.