Greetings Doty Families!

It is so nice to have the building filled back up with kids! We all came back to a couple of changes in the building. We have two additional basketball hoops hung in the gym and our PA system was installed. The PA system is a big step forward in terms of overall safety in the building.

Over break I spent time working on a second draft of our master schedule for next year. We are all about growth at Doty. All students have talents and gifts, they just don’t all have the same ones. Sometimes a student just needs a little extra time or support on a certain skill. The teachers and I are working on developing a schedule that allows us to give students that “extra” quickly and for however long that student needs it. Sometimes a student will need only a couple of weeks, sometimes it’s longer. We want to be able to have the space and flexibility to meet student needs because every student will have a need at some point.

I know that the coronavirus has been dominating the news lately. I wanted to take a minute to reinforce Debra Taylor’s letter. We are receiving daily emails from the Vermont Agency of Education and are following their guidelines. Please know that the health and safety of your students is always the first thing on our minds.

As always, thank you for sharing your students with us!

Gillian
Important Dates

Wednesday, March 18 - 6:30-8:30pm, WCUUSD Board Meeting at Doty

Wednesday, April 1 - 6:30-8:30pm, WCUUSD Board Meeting at U-32

Friday, April 3 - Parent Teacher Conferences, No School

Saturday, April 4 - 6:30pm, Worcester Variety Show

Worcester Mud Season Variety Show

Spring is right around the corner and so is the annual Worcester Mud Season Variety Show, Saturday April 4th, starting at 6:30 at Doty. This will be the 8th year! One of my favorite things about the show, and for many people I have talked with, are the many children/family acts. I love that kids plan what they want to do, sometimes with another friend, or they do an act with parents or the whole family. If you’ve never attended, just let me say that we are a very warm and appreciative audience! Kids have performed original little skits, done hula hoop routines, sang songs, played instruments, performed dances and puppets shows, and recited poetry. Other ideas could include performing simple magic tricks, juggling (even simply scarves) to background music, or telling jokes. YouTube is a great source of inspiration for more elaborate ideas. (Acts should be 5 minutes or less). Look for permission slips coming home with your child soon.
Friday, April 3 is our Spring Parent-Teacher Conference day. We highly encourage all families to sign up for a conference. It is an important time for your child's teacher to connect with you on your child's academic and social progress.

Click [here](#) to go to our online signup or contact Mona in the Main Office for help.

The 5/6 basketball team pulled it all together for a fantastic last game and beat the Calais boys team 36-22. This hard-earned win came at the end of a fun season that finished with a record of 6-6 for our coed team. Good job team and thanks coaches!!
Talent Development Institute
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• A variety of unique classes, including Game Show Design, Rube Goldberg Machinics, Fabric Arts, Writing and Laughing, Life-Sized Board Games, Gravity-Powered Catapults, Meme-making, Starting a Business, and Powerful Podcasts.

• A place where gifted kids go to “find their people”—to learn, grow and have fun with other bright and gifted children, and with teachers who are understanding and supportive of their gifts and talents.

Please post or pass on to a family who could benefit!

The Talent Development Institute is under the umbrella of the Green Mountain Center for Gifted Education, and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, with the mission of affirming, educating, and supporting Vermont’s gifted and talented youth and their families. We welcome participants and staff of all colors, creeds, ethnicities, nationalities, orientations and socio-economic backgrounds.

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Central Vermont Raiders Youth Lacrosse

Registration for the Central Vermont Raiders Youth Lacrosse program is now open! The Central Vermont Raiders Youth Lacrosse (CVRYL) program will teach teamwork and the fundamental skills of lacrosse in a supportive, safe, and fun environment open to youth in the Central Vermont area currently in grades 3 through 6.

There will be four teams in the program; one 10U boys team and one 10U girls team as well as one 12U boys team and one 12U girls team. Both boys and girls compete in the Northern Vermont Youth Lacrosse League (NVTYLL). More info about the league can be found at nvtyll.org

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<td>The regular season concludes at the end of May and playoffs are the first weekend in June.</td>
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<td>Girls only require a stick, goggles, and cleats, while boys are required to have a stick, helmet, chest protector, elbow pads, gloves, protective cup, and cleats. Game jerseys and mouthguards will be provided by the program. Jerseys are to be returned to the program at the conclusion of the season. Equipment rentals are available on a first come, first serve basis and have a fee of $20.</td>
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<td>To register, go to <a href="http://www.eastmontpelierrecreation.org/lacrosse/registration">www.eastmontpelierrecreation.org/lacrosse/registration</a>. The fee to register is $15 for the 3/4 program and $25 for the 5/6 program. Players are also required to register with US Lacrosse at <a href="http://www.uslacrosse.org">www.uslacrosse.org</a>. Registration questions can be sent to the Program Director, Bob Fitch, at <a href="mailto:bobfitch.vt@gmail.com">bobfitch.vt@gmail.com</a> or 802-279-1560. Please return registrations as soon as possible to Bob.</td>
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<td>Coaches and volunteers are always needed, so please notify Bob of any interest in helping! To learn more about the sport of lacrosse, go to <a href="http://www.uslacrosse.org/about-the-sport">www.uslacrosse.org/about-the-sport</a> or contact Bob.</td>
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Go Raiders!