

# Academy Award



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# ACADEMY CALLER

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## WELCOME BACK ACADEMY FRIENDS

Dear Families,

It is wonderful to have all of our students back at Academy School. We opened with 367 students, all of who seemed very excited to be here. We are all very excited about our school year, which has to be one of the hottest weeks that we have ever had for an opening week of school. Nonetheless, we have had a great opening and we're off to a terrific start to the 2010-2011 School Year. We have a busy fall schedule starting next Tuesday at 7:00 pm, with our first ACT meeting of the year. The meeting will be held in the library. The annual Open House/ Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14. We will begin with a barbeque at 5:30. Teachers will be available in their classrooms starting at 6:00-7:00 pm. We have good and bad news in terms of grants for this year. As you may know we have lost our 21Century Grant funding which paid for our after school enrichment program. However, we will continue to receive money from a School Improvement Grant, which will allow us to continue our extended day program, which allows us to offering tutoring for students in literacy and mathematics. As we did last year we will provide bus transportation at 4:30 for students who are in the program. We are working on securing funds to offer several after school enrichment programs such as, Lego Mind Storm and Mad Science. More information will be forth coming within the next two weeks.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments or thoughts about these or other topics.

**ACT**  
Is our awesome  
parent group. Come  
join "Academy  
Community Together  
(ACT).

**First meeting 9/7 at 7 pm**  
**More info below**

## THANKS TO NOLA & THE CAFÉ SERVICES CREW!

**What a lovely breakfast spread that we parents were invited to the first day of school while we met Jen O'Neill, our new vice principal. Thank you!!**

**Welcome back** to school—and a special welcome to all new families! Academy Community Together (ACT) is the parent group here at Academy. This group supports academic teaching by creating a strong school community with opportunities for all to learn more about Academy and its staff, parents and students. We are also the fundraising arm for the school, providing all funds for classroom projects, field trips and other extras that happen in your child's classroom.

To: All Parents of students in Title I Schools  
From: Windham Southeast Supervisory Union  
Date: 9/3/10

As a parent of a student at Academy School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers, and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner, if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the Vermont Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the Vermont Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please call Andy Paciulli at 254-3743.

### This Day in History

On this day in 1969, America's first automatic teller machine (ATM) makes its public debut, dispensing cash to customers at Chemical Bank in Rockville Center, New York. ATMs went on to revolutionize the banking industry, eliminating the need to visit a bank to conduct basic financial transactions. By the 1980s, these money machines had become widely popular and handled many of the functions previously performed by human tellers, such as check deposits and money transfers between accounts. Today, ATMs are as indispensable to most people as cell phones and e-mail. Several inventors worked on early versions of a cash-dispensing machine, but Don Wetzel, an executive at Docutel, a Dallas company that developed automated baggage-handling equipment, is generally credited as coming up with the idea for the modern ATM. Wetzel reportedly conceived of the concept while waiting on line at a bank. The ATM that debuted in New York in 1969 was only able to give out cash, but in 1971, an ATM that could handle multiple functions, including providing customers' account balances, was introduced. ATMs eventually expanded beyond the confines of banks and today can be found everywhere from gas stations to convenience stores to cruise ships. There is even an ATM at McMurdo Station in Antarctica. Non-banks lease the machines (so-called "off premise" ATMs) or own them outright.

### **WELCOME BACK SUPPER**

Mark your calendars! On September 14<sup>th</sup>, ACT will host a cookout, along with the Farm to School program, just prior to the Open House. The cook-out begins at 5.30 PM in front of the school—bring the family for good food and fun! Then go on to the Open House and meet the teachers and staff that work with your kids all day. Get the inside scoop and hear all about homework, special activities, and plans for the year. Please contact Julie Potter, ACT president, if you are able to help set-up, decorate, grill, or be on the clean-up crew. Julie can be reached at 257-7674 or email at [j2m2glen@comcast.net](mailto:j2m2glen@comcast.net).

### **Making Math Real - will be coming soon**

(in the meantime try to figure out this math riddle)

#### **Two Trains**

Trains travel from Foodletown to Myerville all day, always on the same track, always going nonstop and at the same speed. The noon train took 80 minutes to complete the trip, but the 4 PM train took an hour and 20 minutes. Why?

#### **Hey, Hay**

If 6 horses eat 6 bales of hay in 6 days, how many bales will 12 horses eat in 12 days?  
(Stop in the office to check your answer)

### **School Meals Lunch Prices**

Breakfast	Full Pay	\$1.00
Reduced breakfast is free		
Lunch	Full Pay	\$1.75
Lunch	Reduced	\$ .40
Milk		\$ .50

### **Attendance Procedure**

If you child is going to be absent or tardy please call the school by 9:30. BPD will be called for students who are not accounted for.

### **SEPTEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
ACT meeting	9/7/10	7:00 (school library)
Welcome Back Supper	9/14/10	5:30
Open House	9/14/10	6:00
School Picture Day	9/22/10	9 - 12

**Have a great school year!**

**Oh yah! Oh yah! Oh yah!**