Dear Rivendell Families,

There has been much to celebrate at the Academy over the last month:

- Everyone that I spoke to loved the senior trip to New York City. A special thanks goes out to Senior Class Advisors Bob Thatcher, Silas St. James, and John Bristol; Nancy Thatcher, Nancy Hall, and parent chaperones Dawn Stever, JJ Hebb, and Don Mitchell. We would also like to thank all the families and individuals who helped with fundraising, most notably, the special individual contributions.
- The NECAP results showed that our combined 11th grade reading and writing scores were the highest in Vermont. As a community member pointed out at the school budget meeting, our math and science scores need to improve. We hope that increased attention (especially in science) may start to show in our scores in the spring science tests (May 8th and 9th).
- Numerous students have received awards and recognition from several outside organizations. You will find a listing further in this newsletter.
- Congratulations go out to Rivendell junior, Christina Moreland. Christina met the requirements to enter the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program based on her PSAT scores.
- Big thanks go out to Rivendell junior, Kelsi Nanatovich, for organizing a very successful Ghost Out. A Ghost Out is a school-wide simulation focused on raising awareness of deaths related to drunk driving.
- A special thanks to Denise Riordan for organizing and chaperoning the trip to Spain.
- Thanks to Jenny Silverstein for organizing a special NYC art field trip for a select group of Rivendell artists.
- Each 7th grade student has been assigned a netbook that they will eventually be able to take home. The netbooks will follow students until graduation.
- Thanks to Christian Knowlton and volunteers from his Scout troop for cleaning and repairing the greenhouse. Brynne MacMurtry has plants almost ready to be moved.
- The school budget passed with a solid majority. Next year it would be great to have a larger turn out for the vote. It is an important part of our local democratic process.
- Thanks to Carol Sobetzer and students for completing the yearbook. We look forward to seeing it later this spring.

**Work Underway**

Rivendell Academy received its accreditation four years ago by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Our first ever five-year report is due to NEASC in March 2013. As schools move through the process, the evaluators expect to see growth and development in key areas.

Specifically, NEASC is looking for us to design a school with a clear rationale and strong connections across the following areas:

1. Stated values and beliefs
2. Learning expectations
3. Overall curriculum structure in the school
4. Pedagogy
5. Assessment of student understanding and skills
The connections must be clear on paper; understood by students, staff and families; and observable to visitors. In effect, we are being asked to demonstrate that we know who we are and to show that what we do improves the life and learning of our students. These are good things for us to think about.

Next year will be the second year of our new curriculum structure and schedule. In science and math, the courses will not be properly sequenced until the fall of 2013. Our Learning Expectations focus on seven areas (based on Rivendell’s Profile of the Graduate and the Strategic Plan):

1) Literacy skills
2) Math reasoning to analyze problems
3) Effective communication
4) Problem solving across disciplines
5) National and global interconnections
6) Personal responsibility
7) Action on issues of public concern

Our work for the remainder of this year and next involves building more explicit links between these six areas, teaching and learning, and assessment in every classroom. As mentioned, curriculum will be integrated in several classes. We will work on improving the quality of projects that allow students choice in demonstrating their understanding. Teachers and students will use the Learning Expectations rubrics to evaluate the quality of major projects. We will try to link our students and curriculum to the world outside of the classroom. Our students will give more public presentations of their work and should want to do those presentations because their work has been truly meaningful to them. We will experiment with some type of portfolio that asks them to reflect on how work relates to learning expectations (areas of strength based on rubric performance criteria and areas for growth).

Everything that I described above already happens at Rivendell Academy. Our goal is to deepen and expand the good work that is already happening. Here is a very brief summary of some of what’s been going on in classrooms:

- Stephen Johnson uses art and memoirs to teach history.
- Jenny Silverstein has students write a great deal in art skills.
- Eric Reichert’s students explore literature, the world, and themselves in their writing in Writer’s Café.
- Doc Browne’s students use math to solve engineering design problems.
- Rachel Sanders’ students recently completed a unit based on simulations of epidemics.
- Rich Steckler’s students did outdoor field work to learn about stream ecology.
- Chris White has math students work to solve sequences of problems that require them to create algebraic equations.
- Christina Robinson and Meredith Hyder have created several integrated units focused on research, writing, and presentations.
- Joe Beasley and Dan Newsted give students word problems that require multi-step mathematical reasoning.
- Silas St. James’ students explored setting, theme, character, and conflict in dramatic performances of novels they’ve read.
- Students in Kirsten Surprenant’s American History course are currently researching Westward Expansion topics that will be presented at EXPO in May.
- Bridget Fariel has placed juniors and seniors in job sites across the Upper Valley.
- Denise Riordan has students write and perform skits in Spanish.
- Gail Keefer’s two-way exchange program with the school in Saverne, France takes our students to France and brings French students and teachers to us.
- Bob Thatcher’s students learn to apply principals of physical development to programs that target their personal fitness goals.
• Shawn Clough keeps students moving with numerous outdoor activities throughout the year, using the Cross Rivendell Trail and Lake Morey as an extension to his classroom.
• John Bristol’s students learn video techniques and apply them to their own productions.
• Anna Alden’s students in History Through Music create radio shows that link music to world events in the 1950’s and 1960’s.

There are two other areas that we will need to work on next year. First, we need to write a clear and concise statement about our values and beliefs related to our students’ learning. And second, we need to get more Rivendell Academy families and our communities involved in understanding and participating in the academic mission of the school.

If we have done our work well, we will graduate students who have confidence in themselves because they know how to apply knowledge and skills and directed their own learning, taken college courses, explored the world of work, and been active in their communities and the larger world.

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**Spring Science NECAP Schedule**

**8th Grade**
Proctored by Mr. Steckler & Mr. White

**Tuesday, May 8**

**Wednesday, May 9**

**11th Grade**
Proctored by Ms. Sanders & Dr. Browne

**Tuesday, May 8**

**Enchanted…**

**Rivendell Academy Prom 2012**
Saturday, May 5, 2012
6:30-11:00pm
Buffet dinner served at 7:00pm
Lake Morey Resort, Waterlot Room, Fairlee, Vermont

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Guests of Rivendell students must have their paperwork submitted to the RA Office prior to Wednesday, May 2nd. Guests cannot be admitted to the Prom without submission of the proper paperwork.

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**What’s New in the Health Office?**

The Academy Health Fair will be held Wednesday, May 2nd, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The Health Fair has expanded from a middle school endeavor to include all Academy grades 7 through 12. There will be booths staffed by professionals, students, and staff with topics including blood pressure checks, vehicular safety, nutrition (including healthy student/staff-created snacks made from our own school grown ingredients), dental, and other wellness promotion booths. The entire Rivendell community is invited!

At the Academy, we are fortunate to have had very few of the illnesses that have been in the community recently. There have been a very few cases of flu, which did not occur in New England until late March this year. Flu includes body aches and weakness, along with the likelihood of fever. Stomach bug symptoms include nausea AND either vomiting or diarrhea; there is often no fever. The stomach bug tends to last 24 hours, while the flu usually lasts 2-4 days.

Please DO let the school office know of any reason for absence due to health. And please, DO call or send an e-mail about any illness or injury that your student may have so that we can provide the best environment possible at school while they recuperate.
A reminder that handwashing (20 seconds of good, sudsy handwashing followed by a thorough rinse; and coughing and/or sneezing into one’s own inner elbow) is the best protection against catching or spreading illnesses.

**TICK SEASON HAS RETURNED – NO NEED TO WORRY!**
**MOST TICKS AND THEIR BITES ARE HARMLESS.**

If you think you have, or might have had, a tick, come to the Health Office to have the nurse check the tick or the bite area. If you find a tick that is not attached to you and you would like to have it identified by the nurse, please place it between 2 pieces of clear tape (sticky sides together) and take it to the health office.

Please contact the health office **anytime** at cmoffatt@rivendellschool.org or 603-353-4321 X 7 if you have any questions or concerns.

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**News from the School Counselor’s Offices**

**8th Grade Job Shadow Photo Gallery**
Greetings! Your 7th or 8th grade daughter has been invited to attend the third annual Sister-to-Sister conference, held on Thursday, May 17th, 2012 at Dartmouth College. Sister-to-Sister is a full school day event, beginning at 8:30am and ending at 2:00pm. There is no charge for middle school girls to participate in the conference. Dartmouth students plan and organize the conference through Link Up, an on-campus, student-run mentoring program that aims to connect freshmen women with senior mentors and sustain connections through engaging events. We are a unique organization helping to strengthen the female community of guidance and empowerment at Dartmouth and beyond.

Sister-to-Sister began in 2000 as a way for Dartmouth students to encourage local middle-school girls to pursue interests in science and mathematics. It has since expanded to become a preeminent forum for discussing the many issues confronting young women, such as health and fitness, self-confidence, and relationships with friends and family.

This year’s conference will focus on the topic of societal expectations with a talk given by guest speaker Kate Rohdenburg, of the Upper Valley’s WISE nonprofit organization. We are expecting 150 girls from six area middle schools.

Link Up is proud to host the Sister-to-Sister event again this year. We are excited for this year’s conference and hope that your daughter is able to join us! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (805) 722–4103 or Kelsey.A.Stimson.15@Dartmouth.edu or Rivendell Academy School Counselor, Kris Widmann at (603) 353-4321 or kwidmann@rivendellschool.org.

Seniors ~ Please join Ms. Hall and Moira Valenti from NHHEAF (New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation) on Wednesday, April 25th, as Ms. Valenti explains how to interpret the Financial Aid Award Package letters that seniors will be receiving from colleges. The meeting will take place in the Academy Library, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Morgan Movelle, Stefanie DeSimone, Tala Wilson, Meg McCormack & Cassie Gray enjoyed this Jackson Pollack painting during their recent Art trip to NYC.

Cassie Gray, Meg McCormack, Morgan Movelle, Tala Wilson & Stefanie DeSimone taking the subway on their recent NYC Art Trip.
**Summer!**

Start thinking ahead to how you will spend your summer. Many programs and opportunities are available for grades 9-12 from camp experiences to post-college programs and employment. Visit the RA Daily Announcements. Also, keep in mind community service opportunities.

**Girls/Boys State**

Great opportunity for junior girls and boys to learn about citizenship and state government.

- NH Junior Girls State will be held at Franklin Pierce University. The only expense is a $50 processing fee for an entire week (June 12–19) of room, meals, and programming.
- Green Mountain Boys’ State will be held at Lyndon State College. There will be a visit to the State House in Montpelier. The program runs from June 17–22.

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**Juniors!**

Hopefully you have registered for the SAT or ACT by now? If not, there’s still time for the June dates! Go to www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org.

- If you are a NH resident, you can take a free online SAT Prep class at www.vlacs.org.
- Free SAT Study Plan for students (sophomores and juniors) who have taken the PSAT. Access your individualized practice tests by visiting www.collegeboard.org/quickstart. Enter the access code found on the bottom of your PSAT Score Report. See Ms. Hall if you can’t find your code.
All money to be applied to your child(ren)'s Café account should be submitted to Tracy Page in the office. Checks must be made payable to "RISD" and can be dropped off with Mrs. Page at any time during the day. For your convenience, you can send one check for multiple children. It’s very helpful to include your child(ren)'s name(s) in the memo line.

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**Student News & Events**

**Student Awards & Recognitions**

**Hope Amanatidis** – Inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at HACTC  
**Scott Calhoun** - Accepted to Attend the Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Conference  
**Troy Collins** – Silver Medal in VT Skills USA Competition for Firefighting at RBCTC  
**Miranda Garrow** – Accepted into Upward Bound Program at LSC  
**Meg McCormack** – Accepted to the Advanced Summer Program at St. Paul’s School  
**Christina Moreland** - Accepted to the Advanced Summer Program at St. Paul’s School  
**Ryan O’Leary** - Accepted to the Governor’s Institute of VT (Winter Session) – Current Issues Program  
**Richard Otis** – Accepted to Attend The Mountain School for a Semester Next Year  
**Megan Perkins** – Accepted to Attend the Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Conference  
**Shamus Peyton** – Accepted to the Governor’s Institute of VT (Summer Session) – The Arts Program  
**Alex Rand** - Accepted to the Governor’s Institute of VT (Summer Session) – Current Issues & Youth Activism  
**Tyler Wertman** – Accepted to the Governor’s Institute of VT (Summer Session) – Information Technology  
**Amber Wolf** – Accepted into Upward Bound Program at LSC

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**Greenhouse Restoration Project**  
- by Christian Knowlton

I started out in the Scouting organization as a Cub Scout when I was 7 years old and have continued right through to earn my rank as an Eagle Scout. When it came time for me to choose an Eagle Project, I decided I wanted to do something that would help benefit our school. Throughout several meetings with our principal, Mr. Gelenian, we
decided that our school community could benefit from my Eagle Scout project in restoring the greenhouse at Rivendell Academy. The greenhouse has been used for years as a storage space for many different things. With the restoration of the greenhouse, it will become functional in classroom learning, fundraisers, afterschool programing, and even possibly growing some fresh vegetables for our cafeteria. In the fall of 2011, I organized a group of Rivendell students (Dylan Pelletier, George Dyke, Dave Gritsavage, and Weston Knowlton) to pick up potting table materials that had been donated. Then, on March 24, 2012, I organized another group to help with the actual restoration ... we cleaned the greenhouse out, broke down the old potting tables and de-nailed the wood to reuse, set-up of the new potting tables, and organized the inside for a more functional space. We also fixed the doorway entry and taped up the tears in the plastic. We had 28 people in all show up over the course of the day, giving 80 ½ man hours and were able to complete the project. We had three people from Rivendell Academy who came to help - Ethan Jayne, Jacob Welch and Weston Knowlton. The project went really well and was a great success. Here are some before and after pictures to see the transformation.
Spring Sports Schedules

Click on any of the links below to see the most current game schedule.

Varsity Baseball
IVY Baseball

Varsity Softball
JV Softball

MS Baseball
MS Softball

VISIONS Program - This year seems to have flown right by. On Thursday, April 12th, Visions students got a chance to swim at the Aquatic Center in White River Jct., VT. Twelve students from the Academy joined students from Westshire Elementary School and Samuel Morey Elementary School for an afternoon of splashing. We had a great time.

The last session of Visions will start on Monday, April 23rd and run through Wednesday, June 6th. We are very excited to have students from Dartmouth College coming on Mondays to run a mentoring program. They will meet as a whole group and then break off into a boys’ group and a girls’ group. Together, they will explore the academic, social, and emotional challenges that adolescents face.

We will end the Visions year by having our traditional picnic at the Pastures Campground. More details about that will come as we get closer to the end of the year.

- Laura Wheeler, RA Site Coordinator

Please click here for SummerScapes information and registration paperwork.

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Rivendell's
SummerScapes
is back!

Offering more than 20 exciting camps during July 2012!

Morning Academic Camps:
July 2-27th – Mon-Fri – 8:00-12:30pm  FREE to RD students
Academy Challenge Camp: Grades 7-10 (weeks 1 thru 4)
Nature's Neighborhood: Grades 4-6 (weeks 1 thru 4)
Wild Things: Grades 1-3 (weeks 1 & 2) Full day 8:00-3:00 pm
Swimming Program: Grades 1-6 (weeks 3 & 4) $60 per week

Afternoon Fun Camps (tentative schedule):
Week #1: July 2-6th – Mon-Fri – 12:30-3:00pm  $60
Theater Workshop  * Kayaking  * Rockclimbing  * Scrap & Stamp Camp
Week #2: July 9-13th – Mon-Fri – 12:30-3:00pm  $60
Video Production  * Mountain Biking  * Project Recycled Runway  * Farm to Table
Week #3: July 16-20th – Mon-Fri – 12:30-3:00pm  $60
Tennis  * Creative Cooking  * Digital Photography  * Chemistry
  * Theater  * Jungle Book Production (week 1) *
    * Intro to Trails Crew *
Week #4: July 23-27th – Mon-Fri – 12:30-3:00pm  $60
  Abstract Art  * Lego Robotics  * Geo Caching
  * Theater  * Jungle Book Production (week 2) *

***No camp on Wednesday, July 4th. There will be an additional cost for Kayaking and a supply fee for both Rockclimbing and Scrapbook.
The Jungle Book production requires a two week commitment.

Registration forms will go home next week!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Tammy MacQueen at 603-558-2170 ext. 210
tmaqueen@rivendellschool.org or visit www.rivendellschool.org

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ORDER YOUR 2012 TALON YEARBOOK

Pick up your order form during lunch at the school store. The base price of the yearbook is $45.00. You can turn your orders in to the front office or order online at www.jostensyearbook.com.
Rivendell Academy students have worked hard on the Greenhouse this spring and are beginning to see the fruits of their labor, as seen in the photo to the left.

On Wednesday, April 4th, four of our eighth grade students attended the Winooski Junior High Music Festival at Randolph Union High School in Randolph, VT. Jennifer DeBois, Quenla Haehnel, Tali Gelenian, and Shania Garrow performed five choral pieces with 100 other junior high school students across Vermont. Students received a standing ovation under the direction of Roger Grow, the teacher at Crossett Brook School.

Rivendell Academy College Acceptances
Class of 2012

Art Institute of Boston
Boston University
Case Western Reserve University
Castleton State College
Champlain College
Chester College of New England
Coastal Carolina University
Colby-Sawyer College
College of New Jersey
College of Saint Rose
Community College of Vermont
Elmira College
Gettysburg College
Hofstra University
Johnson State College
Keene State College
Lesley College
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Meredith College
Merrimack College
New England College
New Hampshire Technical Institute
Old Dominion University
Paul Mitchell School (NC)

Plymouth State University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
River Valley Community College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Michael’s College
Salon Professionals
Southern New Hampshire University
St. Lawrence University
Universal Technical Institute
University of Alabama
University of Northwestern Ohio
University of Hartford
University of Louisville
University of Maine at Bangor
University of Maine at Farmington
University of Maine at Fort Kent
University of Maine at Orono
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of Southern Maine
University of Vermont
Vermont Technical College
Washington County Community College
Western New England College
Last month, four Academy Art students were selected to participate in a group show at AVA Gallery in Lebanon, NH. The show was the 4th annual *Best of the Upper Valley High School Art Exhibition*. Morgan Movelle, Amber Brooks, Marshall Ivey and Stefanie DeSimone showed their work alongside other high school artists from all over the Upper Valley! Their work looked so incredibly professional hung in the gallery and Marshall Ivey received an Honorable Mention award for his painting!

At the end of March, Ms. Silverstein and five high school Art students took a two day trip to the museums in New York City. Cassie Gray, Tala Wilson, Stefanie DeSimone, Morgan Movelle and Meg McCormack spent a wonderful morning at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Their excitement was tangible as we perused the exhibits filled with new works they had never seen before, cultural art from around the world and famous works we have studied in class. The evening was spent at the Museum of Modern Art looking at an interesting photography installation, a printmaking exhibition and the excitement of coming face to face with such favorites as Van Gogh's "the Starry Night" and Picasso's "Maidens of Avignon" among others! On Saturday morning, we headed down to SoHo to look for some interesting street art (we saw some great pieces, including a Shepard Fairy "Obey") and ended our trip with a visit to the famous Pearl Paint art store. A wonderful time was had by all – they seemed right at home in the city after a few hours and did a great job on the subway! Please contact Ms. Silverstein if you are interested in donating to next year’s trip; we are hoping to make this an annual event! Look throughout this newsletter for some of the photos we took on the trip.

**Community News & Events**

**Click here** to see what’s happening at the Fairlee Public Library.
Of special note, spend an evening with author Reeve Lindbergh at the Library on Wednesday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m.

*Ryan’s Story* Presentation
Rivendell Academy Gymnasium
6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3rd
Community Members are Encouraged to Attend - No Admission Fee
Rivendell District Family Meeting

Tuesday, May 15 – WES Library

The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.
Please join us for conversation about topics relating to education in the Rivendell District.

The Music and Theater Department has been very busy preparing for the Spring Musical Production of Footloose which will be performed Thursday, May 17th through Saturday, May 19th. The curtain will rise at 7:00 p.m. each evening in the Rivendell Academy gymnasium. Ticket prices are $5 for students and $10 for adults. This year students from grades 7 – 12 are in the production with rehearsals happening after school as well as during class time.

When Ren and his mother move from Chicago to a small farming town, Ren is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. What he isn’t prepared for are the rigorous local edicts, including a ban on dancing, instituted by the local preacher who is determined to exercise the control over the town’s youth that he cannot command in his own home. When the reverend’s rebellious daughter sets her sights on Ren, her roughneck boyfriend tries to sabotage Ren’s reputation, with many of the locals eager to believe the worst about the new kid. The heartfelt story that emerges is of a father longing for the son he lost and of a young man aching for the father who walked out on him. To the rockin’ rhythm of its dynamic songs for the stage musical, Footloose celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind.

Cast members include Kelsi Nanatovich, Andrew Stimson, Dylan Pelletier, Meg McCormack, Amber Brooks, Molly Pierson, Christina Moreland, Katie Ruff, Cameron Day, Emily Colonese, Scott Calhoun, Morgan Movelle, Shannon Robbins, Emily Spaulding, Alex Rand, Gabby Miles, Tali Gelenian, Kimberlie Sobeck, Amanda Otis, Jessica Noyes, Jeremy O’Leary, Brian George, Shania Garrow, Lauren Holt, and Giovanna Carlson, all under the direction of Anna Alden, Silas St. James, Cami Buster, Tiana St. James, Jen Bottum. Band music is supplied by staff members John Bristol, Joe Beasley and Tom Dubois.
The Allen Avery Memorial Raptor Run (AAMRR) is a 5 mile run or walk around Lake Morey and/or a 1 mile Fun run. The event is an annual fundraiser for the Rivendell Intersate School District and the Community School Organization (CSO). The AAMRR takes place each May in memory of Allen Avery. Allen Avery was dedicated to educating the young people in our community. He worked effortlessly to develop our school district and sustain programs. He was generous with his time and resources and will be remembered and appreciated always. In the spirit of Allen Avery’s generosity, we come together each May to celebrate and enjoy time with family, friends, and community. This year the CSO will organize the event with support from Rivendell students.

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WHAT IS THE AAMRR?

The Fifth Annual
Allen Avery
Memorial Raptor Run
Saturday, May 19, 2012

SCHEDULE

► 8:30 ◄
Registration

► 9:00 ◄
One Mile Family Fun Run

► 10:00 ◄
Five Mile Race/Walk

► 11:00 ◄
Celebration and Musical entertainment!!!
Hot dogs, hamburgers
and ice cream provided.

FEES

In Advance  Day of Event
$15.00 - Individual  $20.00
Includes entry fee and one t-shirt.

$30.00 - Family  $35.00
Includes entry fee and two t-shirts.
T-shirts guaranteed only if registered by April 1, 2011. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for only $7.00 more! Donations above the entrance fee gladly accepted.

Parking is free!!!
Not interested in walking or running? We’re looking for volunteers to help with registration, parking, setup & cleanup.

May 19, 2012
Events for the Whole Family:

► 5 Mile Running Race
► 5 Mile Walk
► 1 Mile Fun Run
► Musical Entertainment
► Food, Prizes & More!

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April 24, 2012

Dear Rivendell Families:

As you know, Rivendell Academy has implemented a comprehensive bullying prevention program. We are committed to taking serious, proactive steps to curb a problem that is found in schools everywhere. Our efforts this year have focused on raising awareness about bullying and cyber bullying with students and parents.

We have recruited Mr. John Halligan to conduct a presentation at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2012, for the students; parents and community members are welcome to attend. He will also conduct a presentation later that evening for community members. He will relay his own tragic experience as a dad whose 13 year old son took his own life in 2003, after incessant bullying by peers since the 5th grade, both in school and online. His story is riveting and powerful, and reminds students that there is a face, a person, a heart, on the other end of the computer screen.

His presentation will begin with a short video collection of home movie clips and still pictures of Ryan. Mr. Halligan will then begin to tell the story of Ryan and the factors that led up to his suicide. The students will gain a perspective from inside a family of a child who is a victim of bullying and cyber bullying. They will also gain awareness about the signs and risk of teenage suicide and how best to help a friend. As part of Mr. Halligan’s presentation, students will have the chance to ask him questions. We encourage you to visit a website named for his son: www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org for more information.

Because of the sensitive nature of the topic, we wanted to inform you about it in advance. We encourage you to ask your child about the presentation and discuss it together. If for any reason you would prefer that your child not attend this presentation, please send a written note (or email note) to Mrs. Tracy Page at Rivendell Academy at tpage@rivendellschool.org, prior to May 1, 2012.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact our School Counselors, Nancy Hall or Kris Widmann at 603-353-4321 and/or nhall@rivendellschool.org or kwidmann@rivendellschool.org.

Sincerely,

Keri Geleman
Head of Schools / RA Principal

Fairlee, Vershire, West Fairlee, VT and Orford, NH
## UPCOMING EVENTS
(Dates and times are tentative and subject to change.)

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