

# SAXTONS RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# Newsletter

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 3rd—next Walk to School, 7:45-8:10 AM, general store

Feb. 3rd—roller skating, 3:15-4:30 PM, SRES gym

Feb. 8th—next PTO meeting, 7 PM, SRES Library

Feb. 18-26—Winter break, no school for staff or students, school resumes Monday, Feb. 27th.

## FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

We are almost halfway through the year! At this point in time if you have any questions regarding programs or your child's progress, please come see a teacher. Also, I'm always available for conversations on school wide or bus issues.

### Winter sports:

As of today we will have completed 3 of our 7 winter sports days. Despite the lack of natural snow for the first 2 outings, the programs successfully continued with snow shoeing became hiking. Now, with the advent of snow, we expect to finish out the season in true Vermont winter fashion. Students are doing great, and we really appreciate the assistance of the many chaperones in all programs. We couldn't do it without you.

### PTO:

The next meeting is on Wed., February 8th in the library. Their next fundraiser is the calendar raffle. Look for it to come out soon, and support the

school, while possibly winning \$\$\$.

### Rockingham School Budget:

The final budget is almost ready to go to the voters in March. To see a copy of the proposed, 2012-13 Rockingham school budget, see me, or the SU office.

### Winter Recess:

If there is ever snow on the ground, all students who wish to play off of the paved, shoveled areas will need to wear boots and snow pants (optional for 4th and 5th graders but recommended). Gloves/mittens and hats/hoods are also highly recommended. We go out in all but the most extreme weather conditions!



### Curriculum:

All SRES students have had a mid-year check on their math and reading progress. We use this information to determine SKILL group placement, and how to adjust their classroom program to meet their needs. The assessment tool we use is called AIMSweb.

The state of Vermont, along with the majority of other states, has agreed to adopt a common core of standards for primary subject areas including literacy, math, science and social studies. Over the next few years you will hear much more about the common core and the implications on what and when we teach material and skills to students. By 2014 there will also be a new annual assessment to replace the NECAP. Stay tuned, and we will keep you well informed!