

**Bellows Falls Middle School Principal's Report
Rockingham School Board – October 3, 2011**

Enrollment: The enrollment at BFMS is 259 students. The distribution of students is: 5th grade – 43 students; 6th grade – 62; 7th grade – 86; 8th grade – 68. Currently we are at 65% free/reduced lunch. Students with and IEP (SPED) number 49 (18%); students with a 504 plan number 20 (8%); and students with an EST plan number 21 (8%).

Events:

At the writing of this report the BFMS advanced band students are on their way to the “Big E.” We wished them a safe and happy trip. I do believe we have the greatest middle school band in Vermont!

September 30th: On the 30th we will be hosting our school wide PBIS reward day. Students will have to choose between hiking Fall Mountain, apple picking in Westminster, basketball and kickball. The school met the goal of obtaining 12,000 punches in the first month.

October 5th is open house, we will begin with the street side picnic from 5-6pm and then into the school for open house from 6-7. We will be posting additional information on the website as we finalize plans.

Thanks to Mary Lou Massuco and her students for writing to National Guard troops thanking them for their efforts in helping to repair Vermont's roads after Irene.

Curricular Updates:

September 28th: This is an in-service that is planned at the building level. Some teachers will be working on curriculum with Lyn Haas. At the middle school we are using the day to revise our EST process and our emergency procedures. We will also be conducting training around Study Island. As you can see teachers will be very busy doing a variety of things.

The NECAP Science scores show that BFMS has made minimal progress from 2010 to 2011. In 2010 6% were proficient and 94 % of our students were below proficient. Our 2011 scores show 16% proficient and 84% of our students below proficient.

Local Assessments: We are in the process of completing our falls assessments on students. These assessments will help drive teacher instruction.