

Fire Safety Month

Defreestville Firemen Visit WHMS

By Delia McEwan and Sage Banta

October is **Fire Safety** Month. As most of you know, on family fun day there was a fire truck outside our WHMS building. It was here to teach us about fire safety and to show us how they work.

There were about five firefighters from the Defreestville Fire Department who gave up their day to spend time with us and teach us what they do. These firefighters were volunteers; they are not paid for fighting fires! I interviewed one of the firefighters – a man named Lieutenant Dave Cone. He explained to me that even though you can start to be a firefighter at the age of 16, which he did, you are not allowed to enter a building or actually fight fires until you are 18 years old and earn your badge. On their coats there is a hanging red badge that has their name on it. They have these badges because, before they go in a building to fight a fire, they hand them off to someone at the truck. So in the event that any one of them goes missing they will know who to look for.

“Why do you like being a volunteer firefighter?” I asked Lieutenant Cone. He told me that it was because he “enjoys the satisfaction of saving people.” Inside the fire truck, you could see where the fire fighters sit and prepare. There is space for six people in the back of the fire truck and two in the front. They showed us all their gear. In the seats, when everything is buckled together and you sit up, the oxygen tank attaches to their backs. Another fireman showed us how to hook the oxygen up to his mask.

I’m glad the fire fighters came to our school and we got to tour their truck. I know that many of the younger kids learned a lot from their visit.

At school we have scheduled fire drills. The alarm can go off at any time, any place and any day. During fire safety month it’s important that we learn to always make sure an adult knows where you are. If there is a fire and there is no adult around, quickly find somebody to tell. If you are in a fire and there is a lot of smoke, the best thing to do is get on your knees and crawl. All schools conduct fire drills. When we have drills we must be very quiet. You need to be quiet because if there are directions being given you should hear what is being said. I hope you never have to experience a fire!



Delia interviews firefighters.

Photos by Conor McGinn

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Your home address
- Your phone number
- Parents phone numbers
- Where to meet your family



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Fire Safety Tips

- 1.) When there is a fire go outside. Fires can be very scary, but you should **NEVER** hide in closets or under beds when there is a fire. You can get trapped.
- 2.) To get out of a fire **Crawl**. It is easier to breathe in a fire if you stay low while getting out. Use the back of your hand to test if a door is hot before you open it. If it is hot, try to use another way out.
- 3.) Always have an escape plan and practice it with your family. Find two ways out of every room in case one way is blocked by fire or smoke. Practice escaping by windows and doors to be sure windows are not stuck and screens can be taken out quickly.
- 4.) Choose a meeting place outside, such as a big tree or the end of the driveway, so you will know that everyone has gotten out safely. If someone is missing, tell the firefighters. They have the clothing and equipment to safely rescue people. Don't EVER go back into a building that is burning.

Adirondack Extreme Adventure

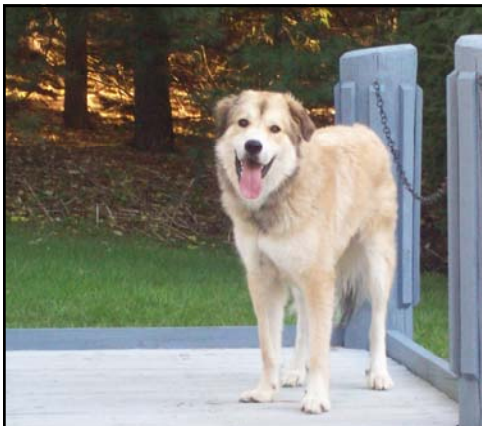
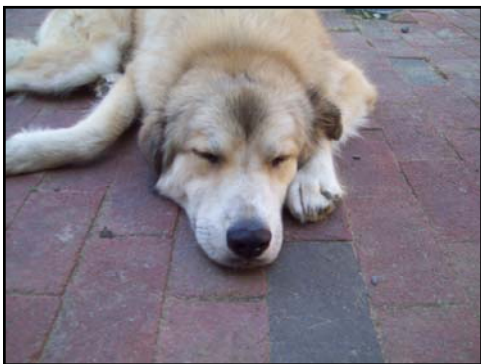
By Conor McGinn

Have a thirst for fear? Then go to Adirondack Extreme Adventure course. AEA is a high wire adventure course set in the forest in Bolton Landing, New York. There are two different courses, one for kids and another for adults. There is an observation area along the trail so parents can watch their children from the ground.

Once you arrive and get fitted for a harness and take the training session, you're ready to zip away into the forest. You start your ascent by climbing up a rock wall onto a platform with a bunch of swinging bridges, climbing nets and other challenging obstacles. For the price of admission you can go through the course more than once.

I was there this summer and I highly recommend it. The course is open from April to November. There's still time to check it out this fall!



Buddy and his stuffed friend

Buddy

By Christine

Buddy is my dog. I got him in September 2009. He was born in July and is a Great Pyrenees mix. Even though he is one year old he is still a puppy. A pure bred Great Pyrenees male can weigh up to 160 pounds but since Buddy is a mix, he might weigh less than that.

We got Buddy from Homeward Bound Dog Rescue. Before he was in Homeward Bound he was in a shelter in the state of Washington as were his siblings. First he and his big brother, Albert, came to Homeward Bound because they were the healthiest out of the litter at that time. About a week after that, the rest of the litter came. There was Peach, Blueberry, Pumpkin, Lemon and Pecan. Albert was the oldest. Then Buddy (who was called Tam before we adopted him), and Blueberry, the youngest and the runt of the litter. Albert was the only one who was pure white. The rest of them were EXACTLY like Buddy: Big fluffy tail with a big black spot smack in the middle, big floppy ears, a big nose, an upside down black triangle on forehead, big paws, and the SAME tan colored coat. Once we got Buddy and heard that his other siblings had arrived, we went to Homeward Bound with Buddy for a visit. They all had been adopted except Pumpkin and Blueberry. Someone was walking out with Peach when we arrived. Buddy and Peach played for a while, but then we had to watch Peach go. We got their phone number, so hopefully we can get the two

pups together someday.

After Peach left, we went over to see Pumpkin and Blueberry. Buddy was more excited to see Pumpkin than he was to see Blueberry, probably because Blueberry was the runt of the litter.

Buddy is not only pretty, but he is also smart. After only one year, he knows a lot of commands. He knows "sit," "stay," "come," and "down." He can jump through hoops, and if you throw a treat up he can catch it in mid-air. Also he can speak (*bark*) on command.

He loves to eat eggs. He paws at them, rolls them around, and then finally eats them.

Buddy loves other kids and dogs. He does NOT, however, like daddy long legs. He paws at them. One day when my mom, brother, and I were cleaning the backyard, a daddy long leg inched toward me, Buddy, knowing his "duty" pounced on it and started pawing at it mercilessly. Goodbye daddy long legs!

He DOES like frogs. In the wooded part of our backyard there are several frogs. Whenever Buddy finds one, he paws at them LIGHTLY and runs around like crazy.

Last week I was sick. I was lying in the living room; Buddy walked in quietly and gave me some doggie kisses on my arm, then he lay down on the floor near me. He is a very good buddy.

Buddy is my dog. I'm glad we rescued him.

Middle School Coffee House

By Dixie Law

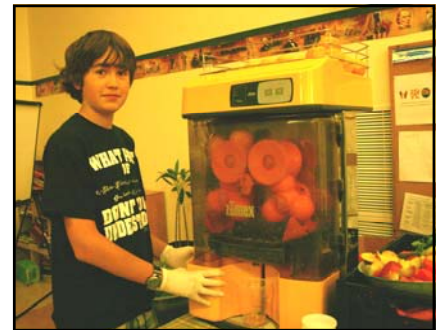
On Monday, Tuesdays and Fridays, the Middle School holds community meetings about the coffee house. It takes two weeks to plan the event. Even though they use the same prices monthly, there is a lot of planning and preparation.

After deciding the menu items, Cora decides the budget for **the** coffee house. The money **that** they raise goes to the big field trip at the end of every year. Cora also assigns the jobs to the middle school students. They decide by calling out a job and whoever raises their hand first, gets the job. There are many jobs that help make the coffee house run smoothly: juicers, bagel slicers, set up and clean up crews and cashiers. Every job is important. Also, there are managers to solve any complaints. The managers last month were Kylie and Patrick. They are usually in the schools kitchen. They have had no complaints this year.

It was very successful. Last month they raised nine hundred fifty dollars. Their net profit was five hundred and fifty dollars.

Patrick one of the managers last month said, "It's fun when it all comes to life." Jaxon, says, "Saying its fun is cheesy, but it is."

The next coffee House is scheduled for November 18.



Video Game Review Wii Sports Resort

By Conor McGinn

Wii Sports Resort, I think, it's the best game on earth. You can fly a plane, sky dive, go wakeboarding, and my favorite – go site seeing. You can fly your own plane around a volcano and over the sparkling water and you can land your seaplane on the water without leaving the couch. You need a Wii Motion plus, a Wii Motion Plus is something you attach to the space where the nunchuk goes, it is included with the game.

- Release date: July 26, 2009
- Genre: Sports
- Rated E for Everyone

