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EXCLUSIVE NEWS TODAY

Hurricane Sandy Hits East Coast

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New School Lunch Program:

An interview with SoRo School's Head Lunch Lady Linda Wheelock

Changes in the Federal School Lunch program made it so that we can't eat as much food and we are eating healthier food also. Linda Wheelock said it is much harder to make the lunches with the new program because of different minimum and maximum green vegetables. All of the different ages have different requirements. When we asked her if she would like to change back to the old lunch plan, she answered that she would like to, "Go back to the old meal plan and to have a grill to smoke and grill meat." When we asked her what her favorite meal to prepare was, she said that her favorite meals to prepare were pasta sauce and lasagna. We asked if she would like to go back to the old meal plan and she responded, "Tough question, nutrition is important."



Irene Victims Reach Out A Knowing Hand

Last year on August 27th, 2012, Hurricane- turned- Tropical Storm Irene hit the small town of South Royalton, Vermont, causing many hardships and losses. Even though this unfortunate event happened, it has proved that even though they're a small town, they have a big heart, because everyone in and outside the community pitched in to help with the town's many fatalities after the storm. Some of the casualties the community endured from Irene (which also made the White River flood) were lost crops and farming land, sport playing fields and equipment, river banks, flooded roads, houses, and the bottom level of the K-12 South Royalton School.

Many people that lived in houses along the river were flooded, and one was the school's music teacher Anita Duffy. Not only did she lose her house, but she also lost her music room, since it was located in the school's bottom level. So, this year, when Hurricane Sandy hit the East Coast, (especially hard on New York and New Jersey), the Irene victim decided to help the Sandy victims because she knew exactly what it felt like to lose everything.

So, Duffy decided to set up big boxes

to collect donations of toiletries, clothing, bottled water, non-perishable food, and a few other categories of things that would help the hurricane victims. Duffy explained, "When I lost all of my everyday necessities in Irene, it was very helpful to go visit one of the many donation-shelves set up in town and get what I needed, whether it was food, water, or anything else. I couldn't have survived such a hard time in my life without that help, I'm still quite grateful. That was why I knew that I wanted to do the same for the Hurricane Sandy victims."

Once the boxes are all filled and put on a truck, they will be delivered directly to the unfortunate Sandy victims in Staten Island. Duffy is now back in her repaired home and music room, happy to be doing something she knows will touch the Sandy victim's hearts, maybe even giving inspiration to someone there to help those in need next time, just like she did.



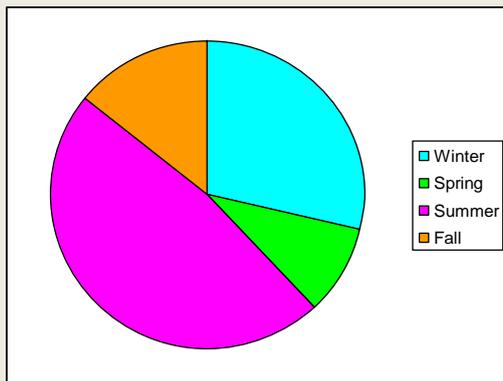
Pictured Above: The donation bins are filling-up to head down to Staten Island for the Superstorm Sandy victims. Courtesy of: Maegan Carbino



A new program has been set up for 7th-12th graders at SoRo School. The program is for music lessons, all taught by professional musicians from around the area. They cost ten dollars each and are available once a week, thanks to Dick Ellis' generous donations. The teachers for this program are: Barb Smith (woodwinds), Scott Paulson (percussion), Phyllis Kadlub (brass), and Lindsey Warren (voice), (pictured right). 100% of the people interviewed stated that the private lessons are fun and that their musical abilities have improved greatly since they've started taking the lessons.

The Royal Gazette writers, editors, journalists, publishers, and photographers include: Emily Ballou, Autumn Wing, Jackson McClain, Josh Scoskie, and Andy Moore. (Eighth- grade students in Ms. Jessica Smith's 2012-13 English Class.)

Poll: Favorite Seasons Of SoRo School's 8th Grade



8th Grade Class Trip to D.C.



The eighth-grade class at South Royalton School is taking a field trip to Washington D.C. in April. To raise money for their trip, they have done a number of fundraisers already and will continue to, right up until

the spaghetti dinner and silent auction took place at school. The spaghetti dinner was served from 5-7pm and raised about \$800. The tickets were sold for \$20/ family, \$7/adult and \$5/student. The silent auction was from 4-7:30pm, and raised about \$1300. All of the items auctioned off were donated by different businesses around the area. Together, the two fundraisers raised a total of about \$2,000. Other than those two fundraisers, there have also been Little Caesar's Pizza sales, ice cream sales, and car washes. The wreath sales will start on November 15, and will be sold for \$20 apiece. Other upcoming fundraisers include movie night on Friday, November 30, from 6:00– 8:30.

The Taming of the Shrew

From Thursday, November 8th until Saturday, November 10th, the high school play cast at South Royalton School will be performing *The Taming of the Shrew*. They have been practicing for around 3 months. The play is about a mother who needs to, (by tradition), marry her eldest daughter before her youngest. However, the eldest is rather feisty while the youngest is delightful and pretty. All of the men longing to marry the youngest daughter scam another man into marrying the eldest. He believes that he can "Tame the Shrew". I recommend this play to anyone, it's a definite must-see!



The South Royalton Players present Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. Pictured above: The cast during their curtain-call.

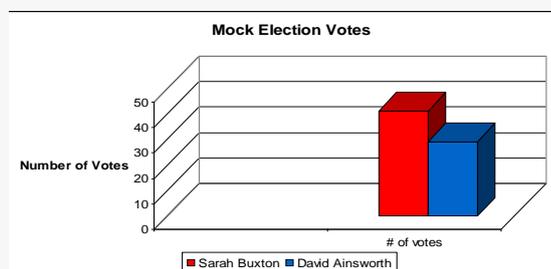
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Next Generation Votes

The small town of South Royalton, Vermont, takes its elections quite seriously, because they know that just one vote makes a difference. Last election, Sarah Buxton and David Ainsworth battled head-to-head for South Royalton's State Representative. Buxton won only by a mere one vote. That proves why elections are so important: Your vote, your voice, can make the difference. So in honor of election day, students in the 7th-12th grades at South Royalton School took part in a mock election between Vermont State Representatives Buxton and Ainsworth, who were running for the Royalton Representative spot, again.

Out of the seventy total mock ballots taken, 58.6% of the voters chose Sarah Buxton, and 41.1% chose David Ainsworth, (see graph right). Just like in the real election, Buxton was the favored vote and was re-elected this year for the town's Representative, (don't worry, it wasn't by one vote this time around).

With this we can now conclude that for the most part, the next generation of voters, our generation of voters, match up with the same political opinions of the legal-aged, eighteen years and older, voters of today. Just think- in four years, those of us who will be of legal age to vote, will have a real vote, a real political say, and maybe, just maybe, will be the one vote that decides the election.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Thursday, November 8th, from 1-7 pm, there were parent-teacher conferences at the South Royalton School, along with fundraisers for the 8th grade trip and the High School play that was performed later in the evening.

Hunting Arrives in Vermont



Deer Hunting began on Saturday, November 10, 2012. It goes for three weekends, (16 days total), and ends on Sunday, November 25, 2012.

Just remember that a buck needs to be a three pointer or bigger, not a spike horn, and you can't shoot a doe.

BE SAFE HUNTING, have fun, and good luck fellow hunters!