

Caledonia Cooperative School District

December 8, 2025

		
<p>Barnet School 163 Kid Row, Barnet, VT 05821</p>	<p>Walden School 135 Cahoon Farm Road, West Danville, VT 05873</p>	<p>Waterford School 276 Duck Pond Road, Waterford, VT 05819</p>

Principals Report to School Board

Place: Walden School and Zoom

Time: 6:00 pm

Barnet School

Recent Events:

St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltones

On Wednesday December 3rd Allan Rowe and the St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltones, which included Barnet School Alumni, performed for our school at an all school assembly. It was an amazing event and I am grateful to Allan for bringing joy and beauty to our school.

Winter Concert

We will host our Winter Concert on Thursday December 11th.

- Music, Band, and Chorus students will perform a dress rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. in our Gym. The dress rehearsal is open to the public.
- Our formal Winter Concert is also open to the public and will be held at 6:00pm

Community Dinner and Food Drive

On November 21st, we hosted a free community meal and food pantry. The meal was well attended by the broader Barnet community with many in attendance not having a current connection to the school. Our food drive and food distribution was very successful. We were able to distribute and deliver food to many local families in need

Student Council Update

The student council will be hosting a winter bake sale on December 17th through the 19th during all lunch periods in the school gym. We are raising money for our next PBIS school wide celebration!!! Also, Student Council is collaborating with Up For Learning in order to develop effective leadership skills to support our students having a voice. Our next retreat is Tuesday, December 16th 8:30 to 11:30.

Upcoming Events

We are focusing on the themes of service and giving in the month of December. As a schoolwide focus we are continuing our food drive and will distribute food to those in need again on December 20th. The food distribution will take place through deliveries and we will have a physical site either at the school or at the Fire Station.

Our class groups are all focusing on student collaborative service projects in our local community.

Pre-K This month our school is focusing on encouraging children to participate in some form of service to our community. The preschool team has decided that we would like to recognize and thank the people who help to keep our community a safe place to live. We plan to have the children create a banner and cards for our local police. We also thought it would be really nice to add treats to our messages of thanks, so families are invited to join us in this service project by making something yummy, like brownies, cookies, or a different treat if they would like.

The kindergarten and first graders are partnering with Locally Social Gives, Inc. to donate toys to their annual 12 Nights Of Christmas. All children are welcome to attend the event where for 12 nights, kids can stop at Locally Social in Saint Johnsbury and will have a pick of a free toy, book, or game. The students worked together as a team with their teachers to brainstorm a list of possible gifts that they can donate. Cari Carlet, the owner of Locally Social, will come to the school and we will put forth our donation to their event.

2nd grade is planning on baking cookies and making cards for the town road crew and our bus drivers. We will also be inviting them to a Holiday Service Lunch here at school!

The 3rd and 4th grade students will be caroling in the community at designated locations. I will be driving them around in the bus!

The fifth and sixth graders are working on building community for their service learning project. Students brainstormed ideas on what they could do to build relationships with community members. We ended up breaking up into three groups. One of the groups is decorating and clearing a nature trail that people can walk on. We will fix the story boards and talk about our outdoor learning, classrooms, and projects. A second group will be baking bread and making butter for our guests. And the third group will be leading various games for students and community members to play together inside. This community event will be held on Wednesday December 17th at 10:30am.

The 7th grade group is going to be making homemade dog treats and will distribute them at Dog Mountain in St. Johnsbury.

Our 8th grade team will be visiting the Senior Citizen's Center in St Johnsbury to play board games with senior citizens.

Walden School

Updates:

Winter Activities

Walden's Winter Activities Programming will be expanding this year. In addition to skiing and riding, students will have the opportunity to participate in off campus activities, such as, ice skating, bowling, and gymnastics, or students can stay on campus for snowshoeing, knitting or Social Games such as Magic The Gathering and Dungeons and Dragons. Skiing and Riding will be available for students in grades 4–8 as in past years, while all other activities will be open to all grade levels. Winter activities will take place on the following Mondays: January 12th & 26th, February 2nd & 9th, and March 9th & 16th. We are also thrilled to announce that all activities will be free of charge this year, thanks to outstanding fundraising efforts.

Winter Concert

Our Winter Concert will take place on Wednesday, beginning at 1:30 PM. On the day of the performance, both Scott and Mike will be on campus to lead practice and support students in preparing for the concert. Teachers will follow the early release schedule for their planning period; all remaining time will be dedicated to helping students participate meaningfully at their developmental level. We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration of student learning and music.

Winter Events

We will host an Up-Cycled Toys for Kids event to support families during the holiday season. We are collecting gently used toys and games for children. Our donation drop-off is December 8th through December 12th, with a Community Shopping Event on December 13th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All items will be free for families. Additionally, there will be a Lunch & Bake Sale to support the Walden 8th Grade Trip.

We will host our annual Gifts 101 event on December 18. During this event, students have the opportunity to shop for thoughtful gifts for family members at a fraction of typical store prices. Items are donated or purchased at low cost, allowing every student to participate and experience the joy of giving.

Staff and volunteers help students select and wrap their gifts, making this a meaningful and accessible holiday tradition for our school community.

Our Community Library will host its annual Cookie Swap Party on Saturday, December 13th, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. (cookie exchange at 1:30). Community members are invited to bring three dozen homemade or store-bought cookies to exchange for a variety of treats from neighbors. This year's event also features an Ugly Sweater Contest with a chance to win a prize.

Waterford School

St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltones

On Wednesday December 3rd Allan Rowe and the St. Johnsbury Academy Hilltones, which included Waterford School Alumni, performed for our school at an assembly.

Winter Concert/Arts Celebration

We will host our Winter Concert on Tuesday December 9.

- Pre-k - 4 Music and Band Prep students will perform at 1:30 p.m. in our Gym. This will be followed by an arts walk for parents from the gym into classrooms where student art will be displayed. Refreshments will be served.
- Grade 5 - 7 Music and Band students will perform at 6:00 p.m. in our Gym.

Winter Holiday Celebration

On Thursday December 18th we will have our annual Winter Holiday Celebration. From 9:00 - 11:00 students cycle through stations. This year the stations will be:

1. Holiday cookie decorating/Christmas
2. Diwali
3. Hanukkah
4. Movement Break
5. Ramadan

Thank you to Angela Miller Brown and Jenelle Noble for taking the lead on this fun event!

Craft Fair

On Saturday December 6 we hosted our Annual Craft Fair. Organized by WSA we welcomed 20 vendors to our school from 8:30 - 2:00. All vendor fees will benefit the Winter Activities fund. The 8th grade students and their parents as well as Waterford School staff volunteered time to donate food and drinks, run the kitchen, 50/50 raffle, silent auction and baked goods table as an 8th Grade Class fundraiser.

Mini Spirit Week

On November 24 and 25th our 8th grade class organized a mini spirit week with "Wear a Hat/Hoodie" and PJ Day along with a food drive for Sid's Pantry (located at the Concord Health Center). The class was able to collect three large boxes of non-perishable food to donate and raised \$ for their class.

The Eagle: Student Newspaper Issue #8

The latest issue of The Eagle is hot off the presses. Highlights include updates on the Book Fair, Trunk or Treat along with Staff and Student Spotlight's. Latest Hair Trends and a Comic Strip are not to be missed. The issue can be found at [this link](#).

Respectfully Submitted,

Samuel McLeod, Barnet School

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