



The Pomfret School

CHALLENGING THE MIND ★ ENCOURAGING THE HEART

Box 130, South Pomfret, Vermont 05067

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Grades: K-6

Students: 89

School History

The town of Pomfret has a proud tradition of commitment and support to quality education. Prior to 1991, the children were educated in a number of one-room schools throughout the town. In 1989, the school directors began to explore the possibility of a building project that would consolidate all the one-room schools. The result was the development of a beautiful, new kindergarten through sixth grade school located in South Pomfret on approximately 36 acres of land.

Annual Goals

Our annual goals outlined in our Action Plan address curriculum, instruction and professional development in the area of science and writing.

Program Structure

The Pomfret School kindergarten through sixth grade program of studies emphasizes an integrated approach to learning across all fields of knowledge. Teachers incorporate a variety of learning opportunities that support all students and address access, instruction, assessment, and connections. We endeavor to achieve a balance between content (what we teach) and process (how we teach).

Curriculum Highlights

The Pomfret School has an articulated curriculum across all academic areas based on Vermont's Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities. Some of the projects that help to deepen the children's understanding of curricular connections throughout their areas of study include a gardening program, sugaring, chess, rocketry, musical theater, brook and soil studies, astronomy, and heart and lung dissections. Older and younger children work together on a variety of projects.

Community Outreach Initiatives

Community programs include PTO, an annual Harvest Supper, a large group of community volunteers including many senior citizens, Helping Hands Club, and a weekly newsletter. The school building and grounds are used for a variety of events such as square dancing, adult basketball and volleyball, a well developed nature trail system for hiking and nature study and weekly star gazing evenings at our Horizon Observatory teaching and resource center.

Long-Term Goals

Continue to provide an outstanding instructional program based on assessment data and current best practice. We will develop curriculum in the area of solar and stellar astronomy for K-6 and provide opportunities for area schools to visit the observatory.

Did You Know?

- The Horizon Observatory teaching and research center is up and running. Saturday nights the Observatory is open to the public for stargazing with knowledgeable docents on site.
- Our extensive nature trail system is well marked with points of interest and our students have even developed a "Quest" activity for school and community members to use on our trail system.