

# Education

## REACH OUT AND READ PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Indian Stream Health Center staff and its Board of Directors announced this week the start of the Reach Out and Read program. This program promotes early literacy and school readiness by giving new books to children from six months to five years of age when they come in for their well child visit. It also encourages families to read to their children.

Gretchen Hunsberger from the Reach Out and Read Program visited ISHC on Nov. 12 to provide training on the program for all interested ISHC staff members. There was a strong turnout for the program and an even stronger response from interested staff members.

"With the staff being so passionate about the program we are certain that it will be a success," said Shirley Powell, CEO of ISHC. The providers at ISHC will be giving children a book with their well child visit that complements their developmental level. For in-

stance, six month to 18 month olds will receive board books. These are books that are designed with infants in mind as they are made of sturdier material in the event something gets spilled on them, they get tossed around the room, or they get put in the child's mouth. In the books there are pictures of babies' faces which fascinate the infants. The books are designed for all the various developmental levels between six months and five years. The reading level of the book expands as the child ages.

In response to the program, ISHC has expanded its waiting room library to include more updated children's books. The waiting room is now more reader friendly with plenty of books for parents to choose from while waiting for their child's appointment. Also, the surplus of books in the waiting room will be used as an extra supply for older siblings of children that come in for their well child visit. That way all children that come in to visit, even those that are past the age



Dr. Peter Moran hands a book to Lucie Smith, shown with her mother Christine Knapper, as part of the Reach Out and Read program at Indian Stream Health Center. Courtesy photo.

## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #58 Northumberland-Stark-Stratford PUBLIC NOTICE

The school districts of SAU #58 announce the following details regarding the filing of candidates for public office. Information for the filing of candidates will be available in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 15 Preble Street, Groveton, NH 03582 (tel. 603-636-1437).

### FILING OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

**Filing period: January 20, 2010 through January 29, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Northumberland** - Positions open: Moderator, one year term; Clerk, one year term; Treasurer, one year term; School Board, two 3-year terms.

**Stark** - Positions open: Moderator, one year term; Clerk, one year term; Treasurer, one year term; School Board, one 3 year term.

**Stratford** - Positions open: Moderator, one year term; Clerk, one year term; Treasurer, one year term; School Board, one 3 year term.

The SAU #58 school districts operate under the non-partisan ballot system for the election of school officials. Filing forms for candidates for Northumberland School District positions may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 15 Preble Street, Groveton, NH; filing forms for Stark and Stratford positions should be obtained at the respective Town Clerks' offices.

**NOTICE:** School district officers for all three districts are to be elected at the Town Meetings in the respective towns on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, in accordance with the statutory election procedures adopted by the school districts.

limit to qualify for the program, can still leave the health center with a book.

Reading is a fundamental skill in the learning and education process. Developing a love for reading from an early age helps children to succeed in school. Also the process of families reading to their children encourages a stronger family dynamic. ISHC provider Mary Judd said, "Reading is a great way to strengthen families and help children to grow. I am very happy to participate in a program like this one and look forward to the effect it has on the children that we serve in the community."

If you would like to learn more about the Reach Out and Read program, call Danielle Hibbard at 388-2485.

### WENDY'S HEISMAN HONORS FAIRHEAD

Chelsea Fairhead of Colebrook Academy was honored by the Wendy's High School Heisman program. Fairhead is a member of the Class of 2010 and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brett Fairhead of Colebrook.

To be considered for the award, students are judged on their academic achievements, community and school service and athletic accomplishments. The award was created in 1994, with more than 6,200 nominations submitted in the first year from high schools nationwide. Since then, more than 150,000 students have been nominated and 26 have joined the prestigious Heisman family.

The finalists were named in early December for this award.

As a nominee, Chelsea was presented with a certificate of nomination and a Wendy's gift card.

### ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE AWARD PRESENTATION

St. Michael's College has announced that Aimee Berry and Cormick Frizzell, graduates of Colebrook Academy, are the 2009 recipients of the St. Michael's College Book Award for Scholarship and Service.

This award recognizes outstanding students who demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism and leadership in their community service endeavors. The college's founders had a special commitment to serving others as an extension of their

Catholic faith. Today, the Book Award represents just one way in which St. Michael's fulfills its mission to better the human condition by honoring those who demonstrate the true spirit of volunteerism.

The Book Award recipients must be inductees of the National Honor Society or an equivalent honors organization sponsored by the school. In addition, the student(s) must demonstrate a sustained and sincere commitment to community service activities through their high school or organizations within the local community. Preference is given to students who have taken on leadership roles within their

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Chelsea Fairhead of Colebrook Academy, at right, was honored by the Wendy's High School Heisman program. She is a member of the Class of 2010. Also shown is Colebrook Academy Principal Joanne Melanson. Courtesy photo.

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At Groveton Elementary School, Jeff Warner demonstrated how sails were hoisted to songs in the days of sailing ships. Helping him demonstrate are Madison Hopkins, Elizabeth Stinson, Corey Gadwah, Seth Haskins, Noah Covill and Christina Asher. Vicky Bailey photo.



Jeff Warner performed during winter activities at Groveton Elementary School recently. Vicky Bailey photo.



Jeff Warner sings a song with the help of Caitlyn Cassady, Katie Woodworth, Lane Kuchinsky, Paige Roy and Colby Stinson. He introduced the students to old, traditional songs and instruments during his presentation for winter activities at Groveton Elementary School. Vicky Bailey photo.

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community service endeavors.  
The book that has been presented to Berry and Frizzell is **First They Killed My Father: a Daughter of Cambodia Remembers** by Loung Ung, a recognized author and graduate of St. Michael's College. A moving and inspiring work, the book is a riveting memoir about the survival of a Cambodian family and, in turn, the development of Ung's crusade for a landmine free world.



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**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #58  
Northumberland-Stark-Stratford  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The school districts of SAU #58 announce the following details regarding the school budget hearing dates and petitions for warrant articles. Information for the submitting petitions will be available in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 15 Preble Street, Groveton, NH 03582 (tel. 603-636-1437). In addition, budgets and warrant articles will be posted in two public places in each town, according to RSA 197:7, prior to the meetings and voting dates.

**BUDGET HEARINGS**

Budget hearings will be held at the dates, places, and times listed below. All questions relative to the operating budgets of the school districts for the 2010-2011 school year will be discussed at the hearings. The public is urged to attend to receive information and to comment on the budgets at the hearings.

**Stratford** – Wednesday, January 13, 2010 - 6:00 p.m. – Stratford School Multipurpose Room  
**Stark** – Tuesday, February 2, 2010 – 6:00 p.m. – Stark Village School.  
**Northumberland** – Tuesday, February 16, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. - Groveton High School Library.

**PETITIONS FOR WARRANT ARTICLES**

Any voter may petition for a school warrant article if the petition contains the signatures of 25 or more voters, or 2% of the school district's voters. Petitions for all three districts must be submitted to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools by Monday, February 8, 2010.