FAIR HAVEN GRADE SCHOOL

JUNE 2026

Principal's Message

Dear FHGS Families,
As we close out another successful school year, we reflect with pride on all that our students, staff, and families have accomplished together. The 2025–2026 school year has been filled with learning, growth, and countless moments that strengthened our school community.

We are pleased to share that students demonstrated strong academic growth in both reading and mathematics this year. Through high-quality instruction, focused interventions, collaborative planning, and students' dedication to learning, we saw encouraging progress across all grade levels. Our annual school climate survey also highlighted the positive, supportive environment that exists at FHGS—an achievement made possible through the collective efforts of our staff, students, and families.

As the school year comes to a close, we extend our sincere gratitude to staff members who will be leaving FHGS. Their dedication, compassion, and commitment to our students have made a lasting impact on our school community. We thank them for their service and wish them every success in the future.
Lori Renninger, Grade 5 Teacher
Joanne Higgins, Instructional Assistant
Noor Hussnane, Student Support Center Coach
Courtney Mingo, K-1 Teacher is transitioning to a Slate Valley Instructional Coach.

Although the hallways will be quieter without students each day, FHGS will remain busy throughout the summer months. The Fair Haven Recreation Program will once again make use of our facilities, while the Boys & Girls Club Summer Program will be hosted at Castelton Elementary School this year. Summer will also provide an opportunity to complete several important building projects, including roof and plumbing improvements, relocating our fourth-grade classrooms to the main floor, and carrying out our annual maintenance and deep-cleaning efforts to prepare for another successful school year.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support throughout the year. It has been a privilege to work alongside our students and families. We wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming students back in the fall for another great year at FHGS.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Infurna
Principal



Calendar of Events

June

8th - 6th grade move up to middle school
12th - Grade 6 celebration 11:00, 5th & 6th grade family BBQ 12:15
15th & 16th - Falcon Fest
17th - 5/6 Beach Day
17th - Preschool last day
17th - Move Up day for K-4 - 9:00 a.m.
18th - Early Release (Last Student Day of School)

SUMMER SCHOOL BREAK

August

25th Open House 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
26th Student first day of school

September

7st - Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)



Distribution
June 25th
July 17th
August 14th
September 18th

10:00-11:00 a.m.
Fair Haven Union Middle & High School





Grade 1

“First grade students enjoyed exploring and discovering sounds & vibrations in the music room with Mrs. Hutchins. Students just completed a science unit on Sounds and Vibrations. This was a very cool way to end their unit!

















NURSE'S OFFICE

Enjoy summer time fun!
Get outside, stay active and remember:



Use sunscreen
Stay hydrated
Protect from ticks



Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all in AUGUST!

Student Support

As the school year comes to a close, we wish all of our students and families a wonderful summer break! Summer is a great time to relax, explore, and make special memories with family and friends.

Stay active by playing outside, riding bikes, swimming, and enjoying nature. We encourage students to keep their minds active too—read a good book, write about your adventures, draw pictures, or learn something new.

Summer is also a great time to keep kindness shining bright. Help a neighbor, include others in games, and use kind words wherever you are. Small acts of kindness can make someone's day!

Thank you for a wonderful school year filled with learning, growth, and friendship. We hope your summer is full of fun, laughter, and kindness.

Have a safe and fun-filled summer break!!
We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!!



Early Middle Level Happenings

During May, the fifth and sixth graders worked together to create decorations for the annual 5/6 dance, which was held on Friday, May 22nd. This year, students voted on the theme “Cities.” They wanted a variety of dress options, so the featured cities included Boston, New York, Las Vegas, and Hollywood. There truly was a little something for everyone! The dance was enjoyed immensely by all who attended.



The Early Middle Level students (fifth and sixth graders) also participated in, or will soon participate in, end-of-year field trips to connect with and celebrate their learning throughout the school year. Fifth grade visited the Granger House at Vermont State University Castleton as part of the Hidden History program, while sixth grade will travel to the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum on June 5th.



At the Granger House, fifth graders rotated through several archaeology-themed stations. Students had the opportunity to dig and sift through dirt for artifacts while learning how archaeologists carefully observe and record information. They explored the history of the Granger House and the people who lived there in the past. Students also examined Native American artifacts and listened to an Abenaki chief share his experiences as part of a local Abenaki tribe.



At the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, sixth graders will participate in activities focused on environmental stewardship and the importance of keeping Lake Champlain free from pollutants. One activity includes canoeing, weather permitting, while recording and examining water temperature and clarity. Students also studied macroinvertebrates by using nets to collect samples from the lake. They learned that the types of macroinvertebrates present can help determine the overall health of the water ecosystem. Another activity focused on plankton studies, in which students used a large microscope to observe collected plankton and identify species using guidebooks. If time permitted, students also explored invasive species found in Lake Champlain and discussed ways to help prevent their spread.













LET'S Dance



Fair Haven Grade School

MEMORIAL DAY Program

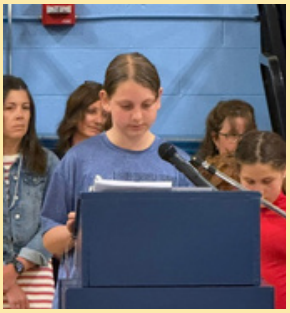


Our Memorial Day Program was a beautiful ceremony! Thank you to all of our students for your heart-felt performance under the leadership of Mrs. Hutchins.

A special Thank you to our local Color Guard members of American Legion Post #49 for being a part of making our program so special!











Grade 4

The fourth graders recently had a special visit from the Fair Haven Historical Society. The presenters taught students about the American Revolutionary War and what life was like during that time period. Students rotated through different stations where they learned hands-on skills such as how to grind seeds and grain for food and how to wrap a bandage. They also talked about what soldiers may have brought with them to war and discussed famous and well-known people from the Revolutionary War era.

Students especially enjoyed the many interactive experiences throughout the visit. They had the opportunity to try on historical costumes, play instruments, and carefully handle artifacts from the time period. The interactive stations allowed students to step back in time and imagine what life may have been like during the Revolutionary War. The visit was both educational and engaging, and students were excited to ask questions, participate in activities, and learn through real-life experiences.















Congratulations
to our 6th graders
as you transition to
Middle School!
We are very proud of
your accomplishments
and wish you the very
best in your future
endeavors!

(Remember - keep SOARING,
assume good intentions,
ask questions to seek
understanding, and what you
permit you promote)

The Faculty and Staff of FHGS
wish you all a safe and happy summer!
We look forward to seeing you
all on August 25th for our open house
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
and for our first day of school on
August 26th!!



ENJOY YOUR



