

HOLLAND – MORGAN ENCORE PROGRAM

Hello to all parents new and former. We are eager to embark on this year's after school programs. We are very excited to have the opportunity to be collaborating with the Morgan school this year. It was wonderful to hear about the tremendous success for all of our students with this summer's collaborative program. I know from talking to those students they are eager to continue the collaboration with the new friends they made over the summer. As programs will be happening at the Holland school we want parents to be aware of the contact people and their numbers. Vicky Lewis is one of the co-coordinators and can be reached at home at 895-2781 or via cell at 673-2756, Claudine Currier is the other co-coordinator and can be reached at the Holland school at 895-4455 or at home at 895-4603. If you have any questions or concerns regarding programs please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always eager to hear any suggestions from parents, students and community members regarding programs, if you or your student has an idea or request for a program please let us know as we want to be offering programs of interest to students.

In the past 7 years, ENCORE After School Programming has been funded through federal and state grants, which has allowed us to offer wonderful programs at virtually no cost to parents. However, these grants were accepted under the condition that we gradually become more self-sufficient. We have been able to provide significant support over the last few years with additional grants, however we are finding it increasingly difficult. It has become necessary to consider charging a small fee.

In May of 2010 we conducted a parent survey and asked for your thoughts on a per day charge; out of 138 responses 27% of the parents stated that they thought \$2.00/day was a fair amount to charge, 29% thought \$4.00/day was fair, 13% thought \$6.00/day was fair, and 36% thought basing the fee per day on a sliding scale was fair. Therefore, ENCORE has made the decision to implement a fee based on your child's hot lunch status. We understand that these are challenging economic times, however, we also realize that in order to sustain programs we will need your support.

Students attending after school that receive free lunch – no charge

Students attending after school that receive reduced lunch \$1.00/day (an additional .50 for families with two or more children attending)

Student attending after school that receive full price lunch \$2.00/day (an additional .50 for families with two or more children attending)

By comparison, we researched what other after school programs throughout Vermont charge: the average cost for a family was \$7.00 per day. If you have any questions about the fee structure please feel free to call Beth Brookes, 802-334-8598 ext 2033. Thank you for your continued support of ENCORE After School Programs.

