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# Quarry Hill School News

To all our friends and families,

This year we have 32 preschoolers who love to play, explore, learn, make friends, and think deeply about the world around us and what we are doing.

Throughout our days, we paint, sing, draw, hike, run, swing, dig and imagine make believe worlds. Our collective efforts are reflected in artwork on our walls and in smiles of caring as we feed our animals and tend our garden. Our authentic relationships and friendships are rooted in the shared expression of our feelings and ideas about what we are doing and what we are learning.

We are so happy to spend our days together and celebrate the start of another year at Quarry Hill! Our wonderful new play structure was purchased with funds raised in celebration of our 50th year. We LOVE it! Thank you for

participating in the effort and joining us for a great celebration in May. We had a great time reminiscing and thinking about what the future may hold. Quarry Hill School has held memories in our community for so long and we are overjoyed with your ongoing interest and support.

I recently had the honor to share a "Moth-style" story about Quarry Hill School and how Vermont is leading the nation in supporting early childhood education. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on my experiences and the many amazing people who have been part of Quarry Hill since 1972. If you would like to watch or listen, you can find the link on our website, Facebook and Instagram page. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Quarry Hill!



Baking with Emily



Our new play structure!



The view from the rowboat



Reading with Keele



# Thank you for the support!!

Our deep bench of reliable and enthusiastic volunteers are amazing additions to every morning! **Debi Gordon, Shea Bartlett, Rachel Klatzer and Vela Remaniak, Becci Gordon, Faith and Abigail Gong, Helen Young and Deb Tetreault** support the school with their enthusiasm and interest in our preschool friends and everything we do. We are so grateful for these supportive educators, parents, grandparents and alumni homeschoolers!



Rachel & Vela



Water color and sharpies



Becci



Debi



Helen



Shea



Deb



Faith & Abigail



**Janelle Higden** joins us every Friday morning to round out the teaching team. Janelle's experience as a long time volunteer and sub are invaluable.



Singing together at circle  
Rini on ukelele



# Quarry Hill Teaching Team

**Keele, Rini, Emily, Su, and Erin** spend every Monday afternoon together in addition to our time team teaching throughout the week. Deep conversation, planning, and considering what we do and who our students are, are all rich pursuits that inspire and direct the development of curriculum and the many activities we create for Quarry Hill School. We inspire each other as well as draw from the natural world, the many art materials and other resources available to us.



Keele



Rini



Emily



Su



Erin

We welcomed **Erin Davis** to the teaching team at the start of the school year. Erin has joined us with open hearted curiosity and interest in all that we do. She offered these reflections on the past few months-



Spiralizing apples

People ask me all the time, "How's it going at Quarry Hill?" and the answer comes so quickly and easily: "It's great. So great. I love it every day" - and I do! My work with the children, families and teachers at Quarry Hill this Fall has been restorative and energizing. The team has been welcoming and supportive, sharing their expertise and allowing me to be present at Quarry Hill as my full self. The students are dynamic and smart, creative and brave. They work hard every day and it's a joy to be a part of it. There is so much to look forward to. Thank you, Quarry Hill!

**Many thanks to  
American Flatbread, Middlebury Hearth**  
for the warm welcome, delicious food and  
generosity we enjoyed in September at our annual  
Benefit Bake.



We love this event that brings  
together current and former  
families and teachers for a meal  
and community. It is such a  
great way to start our year as we  
renew our connections and  
include new members into the  
ever expanding Quarry Hill family!

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# ***THANK YOU!***

## *~Friends of Quarry Hill School ~*

*Generous contributions of time, talent and treasure make our Quarry Hill School community strong and cohesive. We are so grateful for your support and interest. With your help, we are proud to be continuing a long tradition for child centered and joyful programming.*

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