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for parents and  
educators

JULY



A Monthly Newsletter of the Parent Information & Resource Center - PIRC Vermont

## Upcoming Events

JULY-  
OCT Parent Advisory Meetings  
Vermont Adult Learning Center  
of Franklin/Grand Isle Counties  
5 Lemnah Drive, St. Albans  
6:00-7:30 PM  
07/14, 08/11, 09/08, 10/13

SEPT *Principals Matter* Reading Circle  
Vermont Family Network, Williston  
In-person or via conference call  
Noon-1:00 PM or 3:30-4:30 PM  
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OCT 22 VT Afterschool Conference  
(for afterschool program facilitators,  
partners, advocates, and educators)  
Killington Grand Resort  
Contact: Holly Morehouse  
802/598-4005  
<http://vermontafterschool.org/>

OCT 26 Making Communication  
Happen Worldwide Conference  
(for people who support adults  
and transition age youth with  
communication challenges)  
Hilton Hotel, Burlington  
Contact: June Bascom  
802/241-2644

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## A Message from the PIRC Director

Please Join Us in Welcoming  
**Dr. Jay Morris**  
the New Director for PIRC Vermont



*Dr. Jay Morris and Kathleen Kilbourne at  
the PIRC National Conference in Nashville.*

In June, I learned that I would be embarking  
on a new adventure as Associate Principal for  
Milton Elementary School. It has long been  
my dream to be a school principal and I am  
pleased to announce that, beginning August  
1st, I will take this important step.

I am also pleased to report that Dr. Jay Mor-  
ris will be moving into the directorship in my  
place. Dr. Morris will be familiar to many of you  
as the Program Manager and School-Based  
Parent Involvement Coordinator for the PIRC project. This is a logical transition  
that will ensure the seamless operation of our work.

Dr. Morris brings a wealth of experience as both an educator and a school prin-  
cipal to this position, as well as a passion for the mission and goals of both PIRC  
Vermont and Vermont Family Network who administers our grant. I will miss my  
work with PIRC Vermont, but am confident that family involvement will thrive in his  
capable hands. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Morris to this new position.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**  
for Graduate and Undergraduate Education Majors  
and there is still time to apply!

Just a reminder about our two scholarship opportunities for college students.  
**Deadline for submission is July 23, 2010.** The scholarships (\$1000.00 each)  
will be awarded to one graduate student and one undergrad majoring in elemen-  
tary, middle, or secondary education; special education; early education; or  
educational administration. Candidates must demonstrate an understanding and  
appreciation of the correlation between family and community engagement and  
increased academic student achievement in schools.

Please visit our website at [www.pircvermont.org](http://www.pircvermont.org) for instructions and to print the  
application. The scholarship award winners will be notified and announced in an  
upcoming issue of the *PIRC'olator*. If you have questions, please call Jay Morris  
at 800-800-4005, x256 or e-mail [jaym@PIRCvermont.org](mailto:jaym@PIRCvermont.org).



# "Hit The Books" Summer Reading Program



The Vermont Lake Monsters believe that reading is essential for children all year long. This summer, they are teaming with Price Chopper to reward kids for summertime reading!

Any student in grades K-8 who reads four (books) by August 1 is eligible to receive a FREE child's general admission ticket to 2010 Lake Monster's regular season home game. And, all participating students will have the opportunity to be part of a group photo with Champ at 11:45 AM on Sun, August 22, at Centennial Field.



Just mail the completed reading log along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Vermont Lake Monsters, Attn: Reading, 1 King Street Ferry Dock, Burlington, VT 05401.

Qualifying readers will be sent a ticket voucher valid for one child's general admission ticket to any Vermont Lake Monsters home game during the 2010 regular season. Only ONE entry per student is allowed. Reading logs must be postmarked by August 1, 2010 to qualify. No late arriving entries will be accepted.

If you have questions, please call Connor at 802/655-4200 or e-mail [connor@vermontlakemonsters.com](mailto:connor@vermontlakemonsters.com)

For additional information and to download the reading log visit their website at:

<http://web.minorleaguebaseball.com/index.jsp?sid=t462>

and click on the link in the "Monster's Care" section.



## Reading Circle Rescheduled

### Join the discussion!

Our group read and discussion of *Principals Matter: A Guide to School, Family, and Community Partnerships* by Steven Sheldon and Mavis Sanders has been rescheduled. New dates are September 16, 23, and 30 from Noon-1 PM or 3:30-4:30 PM at our Williston office.

You may join us in person or via conference call. Phone-in is easy. Using the toll-free number dial 866-651-4901 and enter conference code #8028766291. Follow the prompts and your call will be connected as soon as the moderator joins the call.


When two or more professionals sign up from the same district, your book is FREE (compliments of PIRC VT). For more information contact Dr. Jay Morris at 800-800-4005, x256 or e-mail [JayM@PIRCvermont.org](mailto:JayM@PIRCvermont.org).



PIRC Vermont's Dr. Jay Morris with the founder of Academic Development Institute, Dr. Sam Redding, during his recent visit to Vermont. PIRC Vermont uses Solid Foundation, a comprehensive tool to help schools increase Parent Involvement, in a number of Vermont Schools. Solid Foundation was developed by ADI.

## PIRC VT is a Project of Vermont Family Network

### Supporting Families Across Vermont!



Vermont Family Network serves families statewide around issues related to education, health, and advocacy with a strong focus on supporting families who care for children, youth, and adults with special needs. Both VFN and PIRC VT are committed to the success of Vermont's young people. Our shared mission extends to ensuring that families, educators, school administrators, and community partners receive the supports and tools necessary to work together and communicate effectively. We recognize the importance of community involvement in creating successful partnership to support families across all settings. Look for our new Vermont Family Network logo, coming soon!