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Parents and Adults Celebrating Children and Teens

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Please join us on Thurs., Oct. 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m., SB High School: PACT Neighborhood Meeting and Potluck. High school cast members from the fall musical *Guys and Dolls* will provide entertainment!

Questions about PACT? Please e-mail Susie Merrick (merrick@champlain.edu) or Steve Loyer (sloyer@tgvt.net).

PACT Website to Launch!

PACT will launch its website on **Monday, September 14!** We invite you to take a look at **www.pactvt.com.** Our intent is to allow this site to be user-friendly and helpful to teens, children, and community members. As the site grows and develops over the next year, what information would you like to see posted?

Teen Designers Create PACT Logo

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South Burlington junior Nora Rogers received an invitation in May 2009: to design the PACT logo.

Nora is a member of the Design Consortium, a team of students who apply their design-related skills to real-world opportunities with the guidance of advisor Philip Galiga. Students who made up the 2008-2009 Design Consortium were Dan Barrett, Sarah Cutler, Emily Dumas, Maria Dustira, Chelsea Giroux, Sarah Kjelleren, Zach Martinez, Hiro Soga, Jamie Wetzel, and Nora.

The resulting design – a broad-limbed tree with branches reaching to the sky – was the perfect fit for PACT.

Nora explained, "I thought the tree symbolized growth, and I thought that was appropriate for PACT because it was starting out and because it is an organization about creating relationships between adults and teens."

Cyberbullying

This excerpt is taken from an article written by PACT Board member Basundhara Mukherjee, Grade 8, a Peer Leadership Student. According to Glenn Stutzky of Michigan State University, cyberbullying is "the use of modern communication technologies to embarrass, humiliate, threaten, or intimidate an individual in the attempt to gain power and control over them."

Cyberbullying can take place in e-mail, chat rooms/IM-ing, cell phones/text messaging/photos/videos, social networking sites (Facebook, MySpace), websites, and blogs/message boards/gaming sites. Cyberbullying can affect someone badly. It can ruin relationships and reputations. It can be an extremely serious matter.

A good way to prevent cyberbullying is to stop anyone who you see doing it by being assertive or not sending something mean. Cyberbullying is very common, and it can be prevented. The best thing you can do is to stop yourself every time you are tempted to cyberbully someone. Think about if you have ever used one of these forms of cyberbullying or if you have ever seen it. Let's do our best as a school to stop this!