



Sustainability Academy's Newsletter

September 22, 2017



**Don't Miss
out on
Sustainability's Academy 5th Annual
Harvest Run / Walk**

**Sunday October 15th
9- 11:30
In the Intervale Center**

Have Fun helping to raise money for our school !

Romp through farm fields and dirt roads on your way to completing a 5k run/walk or kids fun run. Register today!

Race Day Information and registration available here:
<https://www.citymarket.coop/harvestfunrun>

Celebration and Volunteer:

Don't feel like running? That's okay! Join us for live music, kids' activities, a raffle, and door prizes.

Looking for City Market Member Hours? Register as a volunteer for the event.

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Dear Families,

The S.A. farmer's market is back, and ready to rumble! The farmer's market is opening next Thursday, September 28th. There will be all kinds of items available, like baked

## Curriculum Corner



### **Introducing the New 3/4 team**

The new 3/4 team teachers are:  
Erin Webster, Joby Gallagher and Deirdre Morris



Erin has taught  
Prosper Valley

fifth grade at The  
School in Pomfret,

VT and grade 5/6 at Lincoln Community School in Lincoln, VT. She is thrilled to work with students in grade 3/4 and be a part of the school.



Joby is excited to return to the Sustainability Academy, having taught here for three years as an ELL Teacher and on the 4/5 Team.

Deirdre has taught at the SA for many years as a second and third grade teacher. She is looking forward to changing things up this year by working with fourth graders for the first time.

The team met for some creative and productive planning sessions this summer.

Three-four students will kick off the year with a **Sustainability Unit**: Building community through exploring engineering and social justice. Students will study social justice through community building. They will discover science through STEM activities with whole

goods and fresh organic produce. It will be in the back of the school from 2:50-3:20. The S.A. fifth graders are running the farmer's market and are thinking of some cool ideas of how to make it better. Let us know if you have ideas! If you have extra vegetables or other items we happily accept donations (room 201).

**MAKE SURE TO CHECK IT OUT!**

**THURSDAY 28, 2017**

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Morning Move It!

Is open to **ALL** students and families members and are encouraged to join in as well. Movers travel around the back track in a safe way that feels good. Every time a mover makes one lap she/he receives one popsicle stick from a volunteer. At 8:05 all movers are invited to report their numbers of sticks to the person with the clipboard. All sticks are returned to the MMI! Bucket to be reused. We use a speaker to project some fun music that makes moving more fun! The more laps movers get the more chances for cool prizes. Morning Move It! happens every Monday and Thursday mornings from 7:50 - 8:05.

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International Walk to School Day, October 4th, is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation – each October.

team, class and individual activities. One interesting project students will conduct is a boat building challenge. Students will be asked to build a boat from aluminum foil that will carry as many pennies as possible without sinking!

The first science unit is Land and Water, which will study the effects that that land and water have on each other, as well as how both have a great impact on our environment and our communities. We are hoping to take walking field trips to local streams and Lake Champlain, as well as looking into a Service Learning Project of stream bed restoration. The engineering component of this unit will have the students designing and building their own model of a town with a river to study the effects that we can have on our environment and what we can do to have a positive impact.

Reading and writing will follow the fourth grade Lucy Calkins curriculum from The Teachers College at Columbia University. The first unit explores a thorough understanding of character development within a text. Students will then practice these skills individually and in small groups.

Students will have two math and reading blocks per day. They will be work with different team teachers during the first and second instructional block. The team is excited to welcome Tim Fitzsimons, our school math interventionist, to co-teach third and fourth grade math.

The team feels privileged to work with all our wonderful families at the Sustainability Academy and we look forward to a great year.

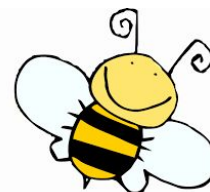
Deirdre/Erin/Joby

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Bee Card Winners

School Expectations

**Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful
Do Your Best**



Burlington Kids After-School



Dear SA Community,

We welcome you to a new school year! Our staff, both new and returning, are looking forward to being part of such a great group of learners, educators, and community members. Please check out our bulletin board in the lobby near the gym doors throughout the year. The afterschool program will be starting our Session 1 classes soon! Keep an eye out for our course selection guide to see what learning opportunities will be available this fall.

A brief introduction of our new head staff:

Catherine Cane- SA Assistant Site Director:

ccane@bsdvt.org

I grew up here in Burlington, VT, although I did spend a few years living in Germany with my family. After I graduated high school, I moved back to Germany for a gap year before I attended college in Canada. I graduated in 2016 from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with a degree in International Development and a Minor in Chinese Studies. After graduation, I came back to live here in Burlington. Over the last year I have served the Burlington community through an AmeriCorps year. During this service year I worked with Burlington Parks and Recreation to help develop programs for Seniors and New Americans.

In my free time I like to go paddle boarding, camping, going to the beach, and spending as much time outside as possible. I also enjoy, cooking, reading, and traveling whenever I get the chance. I am excited to be joining the SA community this year and look forward to working with the After-School program!

Philip Stetson- SA Site Director: pstetson@bsdvt.org

I grew up in Addison County, VT and graduated from The University of Vermont in 2011. After teaching Computer Science for three years in Vermont, I moved to Berkeley, CA for my wife to attend school. In California I was able to share my love of programming and web development with 9th grade students at Oakland High. We recently moved back to Vermont to be closer to our family.

I also have a three year old daughter and our family loves reading, drawing, playing soccer, camping, hiking and skiing together during our free time.. I am excited to be joining the SA community this year and look forward to building Cece's amazing work. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with

September 6th



1st- Arlo

2nd- Iris

3 /4-Ella Mae

5th- Sanish

September 13th



Kdg.-Viola

1st- Abdalla

2nd-Dalib

3 /4- Krrish, Quinn

5th-Rory

September 20th



Kdg.- Ashis

1st - Mirabelle

2nd- Dayton

3 /4 - Antonia and Kali

5th- Musa

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**KIDS OUT LOUD!**

***Song for a Strong Vermont***

**Sunday, October 1, 2017, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**<http://www.letsgrowkids.org/kids-out-loud>**

This fall, 1,000 community members from around the state will gather on the Church Street Marketplace in Burlington to sing a new anthem for kids as a show of support for a strong start for all children. The event features a meet-up with music at the Hood Plant, a community walk down the Church Street Marketplace and, at the top block, a kids' "flash mob" performance of

any questions or concerns. Looking forward to working with you and your students!

All the best,

Phil and Catherine

**Upcoming Events:**

**PTO Meeting**

Monday, October 2nd

5:45 - 7:30

Pizza and Childcare are provided

Meeting in the community room

**National Walk to School Day**

Wednesday, Oct. 4th

**Open House / Community Dinner**

Thursday, October 5th

5:30 - 6:15- Visits Classrooms

6:15 - 7:00 - Dinner provided

**Picture Day**

Friday, October 6th

Whole School Picture at 8:10 by the front playground

the anthem and extended concert sing-along with Vermont musicians and featured speakers.

Free action hero capes will be available for children at the event. Sign up to reserve your capes!

<https://secure.everyaction.com/BKKjiHji5k-RJEH5wrOJmQ2>

At the Sustainability Academy students are practicing the chorus of the song with Ms. Schwerin, so that any interested students will have had some preparation to participate in the flash mob.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:**

10:30 AM: Registration opens at the Hood Plant parking lot. We are anticipating large crowds, so please arrive by 11 to register in time for the walk!

- live music for kids
- free action hero capes for kids ([sign-up to reserve!](#))
- snacks
- water
- sign-making station

11:30 AM: Parade to Church Street Marketplace! [Map of route](#)

12:00 Noon: **Flash Mob on the top block of Church Street!**

12 - 12:30 PM: Anthem in concert with Vermont musicians (top block of Church Street)

Lyrics to the chorus of "[Something Beautiful](#)" anthem for kids:

I hear something beautiful.

**I hear something beautiful.**

To give it life, to help it grow.

**To give it life, to help it grow.**

I hear something beautiful.

**I hear something beautiful.**

Open up my heart, open up my mind to something beautiful.

**Open up my heart, open up my mind to help it grow.**

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