



Sustainability Academy's Newsletter

January 12, 2018

Martin Luther King Day Event at ECHO



On Monday, January 15th, students in 2nd through 5th grade are invited to perform in an optional singing event at the ECHO center. SA students will also be performing with students from IAA. This event and other events at the ECHO center are **free** for the day.

There is a free shuttle bus that will meet in the front of the school going from SA and IAA to the ECHO center starting at 10:00 am and concluding at 4 pm.

Students should arrive at the ECHO center by 11:15 am.
Performance will start at 12:00



We've been busy in fifth grade. For example, in Science, we are just wrapping up our land and water unit. In Math DIBS, our pillows are almost done. We will be selling them at our winter farmers' market along with other items. Money from the pillows goes to UNICEF's efforts in Puerto Rico. Decisions about when and where the farmers' market is will be made soon. We will keep you posted! As for regular Math, we are in the middle of a multiplication and division unit.

In Science, we have been learning how land affects water and water affects land. We've been learning about weathering and erosion and how to protect villages from weathering and erosion. We learned about a village in Alaska that was nowhere near a river but now, the river is only a short distance away because of erosion. We have been using stream tables so we can learn how to slow down the process of erosion. We are also going to write reports on what we learned.

The fifth grade will be writing on the school website. So don't be surprised if you see a lot of fifth grade events. This is a special opportunity for the fifth grade. We will also be reporting on what other classrooms are doing.

In addition, fifth graders are learning about keeping an open mindset and thinking about what learners do. Keeping an open mindset is being open about learning, because if you have a closed mindset and are grumpy, you can't learn as much and you can miss out on important information. If someone next to you is being distracting instead of listening, you can ignore him/her or tell him/her to stop. If you're being a learner you are in the green zone.

Lastly, we are starting two new units: U.S.A Geography/History and Understanding Differences. In

History we're mostly focusing on the Westward Movement and how it affected Native Americans. Our class will be starting a Social Studies unit called Understanding



FREE Family Celebration

What: CLiF Family Literacy Celebration

When: Friday, January 19th 5:30 pm

Where: SA cafeteria



Duncan McDougall, founder of CLiF, will share his storytelling techniques with the adults starting at 6:00pm. During the presentation the children can be entertained in

the Community Room with books, blocks and simple art projects.



Free Dinner and
Two free books for each child.

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**Fall 2018 Kindergarten Registration**



**Deadline Feb 23rd**

Kindergarten Registration for the Burlington School District will open on January 3, 2018 and close on February 23, 2018. Children must be 5 years of age by September 1st, 2018.

Applications must be completed online by going to the BSD web page [www.bsdtv.org](http://www.bsdtv.org) and clicking on 'Students and Families' then 'School Registration'. The Link for 2018/19 School year will not be available until January 3, 2018.

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Tour Dates for Incoming Kindergarten

Please call the school at **864-8480** to let us know that you are coming.

Wednesday 1/17 9:00am
Friday 1/26 Noon
Tuesday 2/6 8:30am
Thursday 2/15 6:00pm

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**Upcoming Events:**

**Parent Coffee & Chat**

Friday, January 12th 8:15-9:00  
Library

**Martin Luther King Day Event**

January 15th noon  
ECHO

**No School**

Monday, January 15th in observance of MLK Day  
Tuesday, January 16th Teacher Professional Development

Differences (it's a mystery for now). We are also going to be exploring Spelling and Grammar two days a week. Hope you enjoyed this 5th Grade update by Penelope deRosset, Pramudita Kuikel, and Branden Smith

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School Expectations

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

Bee Card Winners



December 20th



**KDG - Ilyas & Nima
1st- Nevaeh & Wren
2nd- Tate & Belise
3rd/4th - Mr Gallagher's class
3rd/4th - Talulla, Ellamae & Apple
5th- Ajang & Alina**

January 10th



**KDG.- Fivel
1st- Jasper
2nd-Habiba
3rd/4th- Srya
3rd/4th-Niilo
5th-Willow**

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## Tough Talks in Tough Times

### Treehouse Meeting

Thursday, January 18th 5:30-7:00

Community Room

### CLiF Family Celebration

Friday, January 19th 5:30

SA cafeteria

### Multicultural Dinner

January, 25th 6:00pm

SA cafeteria

### Tough Talks in Tough Times

January, 31st 6:15-8:00

SA Cafeteria Pizza at 5:45

### March Calendar Corrections

March 6 FULL school all day

March 22 FULL school all day

March 23 HALF day of school. Dismissal at 11:30am

Please join us for an information session & community discussion on how to respond to our kid's hardest questions and support them through stressful school and community events.

**When:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018  
6:15 - 8:00

**Where:** Sustainability Academy  
123 North Street



Free pizza and childcare will be provided starting at **5:45** in the cafeteria.

We will be giving away gift cards throughout the evening

### Learn and Talk about:

- Toxic stress and how it impacts our children
- How to develop kids' curiosity, strength and ability to thrive
- What to say when you don't know what to say
- People and places that can support you and your kids during challenging times at home, in school or in the community
- Struggles, hopes and stories

**An RSVP is requested but not required.**

Childcare and translation available ; Help us plan by letting us know if you plan to attend. Contact Monica Gragg in the Sustainability Academy front office at [mgragg@bsdvt.org](mailto:mgragg@bsdvt.org) or (802) 864- 8480

This event is a collaboration of:

The Burlington School District, Howard Center School Services and the Burlington Community Justice Center

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