



# Sustainability Academy's Newsletter

April 13, 2018

## Sustainability Academy and Very Merry Theatre Presents



### ***Robin Hood and Maid Marian***

#### Show dates:

**Friday, April 13 at 6:30 pm  
Saturday, April 14 at 4:00 pm**

All performances take place at  
O.N.E. Community Center / Formerly known as St. Joe's  
20 Allen St., Burlington

## Summer Camp Fair 2018



Burlington Afterschool Coalition in collaboration with Child  
Care Resource presents Summer Camp Fair 2018 on

**Tuesday, April 17th from 5:30-7:30pm**  
at the Sustainability Academy

For questions please contact  
Ali Dieng at [adieng@bsdvt.org](mailto:adieng@bsdvt.org) or 802-318-2527

## Curriculum Corner



### Learning to Create Justice

By Julie Norman

People often ask, "What does it look like to teach elementary students about sustainability?" One way to conceptualize this is that at the Sustainability Academy, students learn to create justice. In age appropriate ways economic, social and environmental justice are explored throughout the grade levels.

Economic Justice: First graders learn about local resources and products, such as the maple sugaring process and industry. Second grade ties the math study of money in with learning about local credit unions and the opportunities they afford people. Fifth graders study business, then run a fall and spring farmer's market, investing profits into community revitalization projects. Through our school gardens, students of all ages learn to grow their own food.

Social Justice: In kindergarten and first grade students learn to care for themselves so that they are later able to recognize and care for the needs of others. Self-regulation techniques and conflict resolution strategies are explicitly taught and practiced in the primary grades. Second graders explore the cultural diversity of Burlington through investigating businesses in the Old North End. Third and fourth graders analyze strengths and opportunities in their neighborhood through the Healthy Neighborhoods, Healthy Kids curriculum. Fifth graders study current issues of injustice and build awareness that by honoring diversity, we can support prosperity for all. Additionally, at SA we promote student voice in decision making, as practiced through our student leadership council.

Environmental Justice: Kindergarteners and first graders spend time making connections to the natural world during their weekly outdoor classroom programs. Once we encourage in our students a love for nature, students

## **Family Style Lunch!**

**Thursday, April 19th**



Join us for our next school-family style dining in the cafeteria on **Thursday, April 19th**. We are looking for volunteers to help students during this event. If you can help during any or all of the lunch shifts, please sign up in the office.

The lunch schedule:

Kindergarten & Grade 5: 11:00-11:30

Grades 1 & 2: 11:35-12:05

Grades 3 & 4: 12:05-12:40

If any family members would like to eat school lunch, it is a great deal at **\$3.75** per meal.

## **Class Placement Parent Input Form** **for the** **2018/19**

The optional class placement parent input form for the 18/19 school year is due by next **Friday, April 20th**.

If additional forms are needed please call the office.

## **April Vacation**



No School Monday, April 23rd - Friday, April 27th  
School Resumes Monday, April 30th

## **Community Dance and Dinner at BHS**



Burlington 3rd, 4th and 5th graders from across the district have been learning contra dances in their music classes and are ready to pass on that learning to their families!

The dance will be called by Burlington Elementary School music teachers, and the live music will be played by a combination of teachers from Young Tradition Vermont and students from Burlington Elementary Schools.

are eager to become stewards for place. Second graders lead the school's recycling program and also follow the VT Harvest of the Month garden-to-table cooking curriculum, developing the understanding of the interconnectedness of humans and the planet. Third and fourth graders dive deep into renewable energy as well as the relationship between land and water. Fifth graders harness their power as changemakers and practice going public with their sustainable goals. Our community practices habits of environmental sustainability such as composting, gardening, and using Earth-friendly cleaning products.

In the words of theologian Matthew Fox, "Sustainability is another word for justice, for what is just is sustainable, and what is unjust is not." At the Sustainability Academy, our students become changemakers who view the world through the lens of justice.

## **School Expectations**

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

## **Bee Card Winners**



**April 4th**



**KDG.- Blaize**  
**1st- Alexis**  
**2nd- Smarika**  
**3rd/4th- Liam & Jordan T**  
**5th- Sharmarke**

**When:** Thursday, May 3rd 5:30-7:00pm  
**Where:** Burlington High School Cafeteria

**What:** Free Meal 5:30-6:15pm / Dancing 6:15-7:00pm

Please join us for this special opportunity to eat and dance with community members from all across the city.

### **PTO Sponsored Schoolyard Stewardship Day**

Saturday, May 5th



We all have the ability to make a difference!

**Saturday, May 5th from 1:00 - 3:00pm**

Volunteers are spending the afternoon to care for our schoolyard.

For additional information please contact Julie Norman  
jnorman@bsdvt.org

### **Spring Music Concert**

**Tuesday, May 8th 1:30pm**



Please join us on **May 8th at 1:30** in the SA cafeteria as all SA students share their voices and positive messages with the community. We hope to see you there!

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Robin Hood and Maid Marian Play**

Friday, April 13 at 6:30pm

Saturday, April 14 at 4:00pm

O.N.E. Community Center – 20 Allen St., Burlington

#### **SBAC testing / 5th grade**

Monday, April 16th

8:30-10:15 and 1:30-2:30

#### **Summer Camp Fair**

Tuesday, April 17th

5:30-7:30 PM

SA cafeteria

#### **Student Council Meeting**

Thursday, April 19th

8:00am - 8:45am

Staff Room

**April 11th**



**KDG - Ethan**

**1st- Oliver**

**2nd- Kaylee**

**3rd/4th - Soneya & Jordan**

**5th- Prabina**

### **Sustainability Academy**

#### **Book Fair**

#### **At Phoenix Books**

*Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>*



Support the Sustainability Academy (SA) in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to Phoenix Books during the week-long Book Fair and make your purchases (all books count).
2. **Important:** Tell the cashier you want your purchase to support SA.
3. **Spread the word!** Send your family, friends and neighbors. Send those away to the online store. All purchases in the name of SA during the week help out!

**Phoenix Books will donate 20% of your purchase to SA!**

**Shop Online:** Can't make it to the store in person? Have family far away who want to help?

**Order online at [phoenixbooks.biz](http://phoenixbooks.biz) and be sure to enter "For SA" in the Comment field when you check out.** Phoenix Books Online : [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz)

#### **Book Fair:**

**When:** Monday, April 9th thru Sunday, April 15th

**Where:** Phoenix Books at 191 Bank Street, Burlington, 802-448-3350 (Shop at the Essex Store, too - it counts!)

**Hours:** Monday - Saturday 10am-9pm and Sunday 11am-6pm

**Thank you for supporting our students!**

### **Treehouse Meeting**

Thursday, April 19th

6:00 pm

Community Room

### **April Vacation**

No School

April 23-27

### **Student Council Meeting**

Tuesday, May 1st

8:00am - 8:45am

Staff Room

### **Community Dinner and Dance**

Thursday, May 3rd

5:30-7:00pm

BHS Cafeteria

### **PTO meeting**

Monday, May 7th

5:45pm - 7:30pm

Community Room

### **Spring Music Concert**

Tuesday, May 8th

1:30 pm

SA Cafeteria

### **SA North Beach Day and School Cookout**

Friday, June 8th

9:00am - 2:00pm

North Beach

### **5th Grade Banquet (Graduation)**

Tuesday, June 12th

5:30pm - 7:00pm Parents arrive at 6:30pm

SA Cafeteria

### **Last Day of School (subject to change)**

Thursday, June 14th / 11:30 dismissal

Bag lunches will be provided

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## **The PTO Calls for Nominees for the SA Award of Service**

The Sustainability Academy's Annual Award of Service, founded in 2011, celebrates a member of the greater SA community for their contributions of service to the school.

The winner of this award is selected by the Principal and PTO leadership, and is awarded at the all school celebration of community partners in June.

### **Criteria include:**

- 1) Active participant in the greater SA community
- 2) Goes above and beyond to help fulfill the [school's mission](#)
- 3) Does not necessarily have to have children attending the school
- 4) Is not awarded to a [member of the PTO leadership team](#) during their term of service

Please submit your nominees by using a form found at <http://bit.ly/SAServiceAward>, send an email to [sustainabilitypto@gmail.com](mailto:sustainabilitypto@gmail.com) OR write a note and put it in the PTO mailbox in the SA Office with your name, name of the person you are nominating and a sentence or two on why you are nominating this person? How did they serve the Sustainability Academy this year?

**Nomination deadline: Wednesday, May 9th**

Thank you!  
Christina Erickson, on  
behalf of the PTO leadership team

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