



Sustainability Academy's Newsletter

May 4, 2018

Order Your Yearbook



Order forms for The Sustainability Academy Yearbooks are due today. You can order online at YBPay.lifetouch.com with Yearbook ID Code 13448218. 5th graders will receive one copy at no cost.

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## PTO Sponsored Schoolyard Stewardship Day

Saturday, May 5th



If you have some time on Saturday, please stop by and join us in the cleaning up our school grounds.

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

For additional information please contact Julie Norman  
[jnorman@bsdvt.org](mailto:jnorman@bsdvt.org)

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Spring Music Concert **Tuesday, May 8th 1:30pm**



Please join us on **Tuesday, May 8th** starting at **1:30** in our cafeteria for a musical concert with our K-5 students. They will be sharing songs they have learned this year with Ms. Scherwin.

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## Curriculum Corner



## Physical Education Notes

By Justin Bissonnette

### Bike Weeks



That's right! Our Bike weeks are almost here! SA has been granted the Kohl's/Local Motion Bike Trailer from **May 7th through May 18th**. This is a fun PE activity for grades 2 through 5. I am always looking for volunteers that would like to help out with bikes and helmets and maybe even ride with the kids between 8:30 and 11:00am Monday-Friday.

We will be working with students on bike safety skills such as performing bike checks, helmet checks, riding at different speeds, turning, braking, stopping-starting and using hand signals. If you can help out or know someone who may be interested in volunteering during those weeks, please let me know. You can email me at [jbissonn@bsdvt.org](mailto:jbissonn@bsdvt.org).

### FitnessGram Testing



This year is the first year in the State of Vermont that the FitnessGram is now a required test for all 4th graders. As usual, the 5th graders will also be taking the FitnessGram Assessment. In addition, 3rd graders will also be taking the FitnessGram test within their  $\frac{3}{4}$  classrooms. In grades 3-5 FitnessGram reports will be

## **School-Family Style Lunch**

**Thursday, May 10th**



Join us for our next *school-family style dining* in the cafeteria on **Thursday, May 10th**. We are **looking for volunteers** to help students during this event. If you can help during any or all of the lunch shifts, please email Julie Norman at [jnorman@bsdvt.org](mailto:jnorman@bsdvt.org)

The lunch times:

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. Exact change is appreciated.

## **Mrs. Mack Is Retiring!**



Mrs. Mack is retiring and as a special surprise, her sister Miss Mary Mack has agreed to join us on Wednesday, May 30th at morning meeting.

She will be able to answer any and all questions about Mrs. Mack so come and bring your questions. It's sure to be an awesome fun filled event!

## **School Based Health Center News**



After more than 20 years of caring for the children and families in our community, Mary Lee Ritter, our provider in the School Based Health Center (SBHC) has retired. We are very pleased to now have Libby McDonald, FNP also from UVM Primary Care Pediatrics join us. Starting in May the schedule will change slightly. After the first week of May, SBHC hours will now be:

Every Thursday morning from 7:45 am - 10:15am

sent home with their June report cards. This information is used to enhance and evaluate PE programs, help students self monitor their physical activity and help create health and physical activity related standards for schools.

Students in these grades will be tested on the following areas: Flexibility (Sit and Reach), Abdominal Strength (Curl ups), Upper Body Strength (Push ups) and Cardiovascular Endurance (PACER). Completing these tests will happen in Physical Education class throughout the month of May and will be worked around our Bike Trailer.

## **School Expectations**

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

## **Bee Card Winners**



**April 18th**



**KDG.-Ethan & Nima  
1st- Sophie G & Amim  
2nd- Dayton & Iris  
3rd/4th- Pradiwal, Quinn, Gabe & Janisha  
5th- Khamis & Kamea**

**May 2nd**



**KDG - Ashis  
1s t- Chris  
2nd - Habiba  
3rd/4th - Jasmine & Sangita  
5th - Sharmarke**



Dear Burlington School District Parents and Guardians,

BSD continues to work towards building a stronger relationship with all parents/guardians, students, staff and teachers throughout our school community. As part of this work, we will be conducting a district-wide climate survey this month. This survey is a direct response to the District's Strategic Plan forums and the focus on some of the goals which came out of that process regarding Equitable Culture and Climate and Inclusive Teaching and Learning. Research proves positive school climate is recognized as an important target for school reform and improving behavioral, academic, and mental health outcomes for students (Thapa et al., 2012). Therefore, we have sought and received grant funding to work with the National School Climate Center (NSCC) to plan, administer, and analyze a district-wide survey that will provide benchmarks across several demographics (employees, parents, and students) regarding the current state of the culture and climate throughout our district.

We would like to hear from as many students, parents, and adults in our district as possible, so we are asking all parents/guardians to complete the Comprehensive School Climate Inventory (CSCI) survey. There will be different versions of the survey for students, parents/guardians, and BSD employees and we have developed an additional strategy that includes working with members of our community who do not primarily speak English or have easy access to the Internet. The survey is designed to assess perceptions of school climate, including feelings about safety, relationships, learning, the environment, and communication within the school.

The survey should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Your feedback is imperative to helping Burlington School District understand and improve the specific climate issues in our schools and district. All responses are strictly anonymous. There are no names or other personally identifying information attached to the survey. Furthermore, results will not be broken down to sub-groups with ten or fewer respondents to protect their confidentiality.

The survey will be open for responses between May 7, 2018, and May 27, 2018. All surveys must be completed no later than May 27, 2018.

***Details on how to access and complete the survey will be sent out early next week and will be shared throughout BSD's various communication channels.***

## **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

## **Free Food! - FairShare CSA**



The Intervale Center is now enrolling families for their Fair Share program. It's a free 18 week CSA for income eligible Vermonters. The CSA consists of fruits and vegetables from local farms and some pick-your own crops. Pickups take place July-October, every Monday from 4-6pm, at the Intervale Center. Nutrition education, culinary tips and recipes are provided at every CSA pickup. Signing up is easy and only takes 5 minutes! To sign up contact Sarah Alexander at [sarah@intervale.org](mailto:sarah@intervale.org); 802-660-0440 ext. 120 or ask the School Nurse if you have any questions!

NSCC will compile all of the results, conduct a thorough data analysis, and send us a detailed report. These findings will then be analyzed by District administrators, teachers, staff, students and parents. Once we have identified our strengths and weaknesses, we plan to share the findings and engage the greater community in creating action steps based on the results beginning at the start of the school 2018-2019 school year.

Thank you for your help in this critical exercise.

Sincerely,  
Superintendent Obeng and the BSD Climate Team

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Upcoming Events:

Schoolyard Stewardship Day

Saturday, May 5th
1:00pm - 3:00 pm
SA grounds

PTO meeting

Monday, May 7th
5:45pm - 7:30pm
Community Room

Spring Music Concert K-5

Tuesday, May 8th
1:30 pm
SA Cafeteria

Walk at Lunch

Wednesday, May 9th
Whole school will walk once around the track then come in for WMM

National School Nurse Day

Wednesday, May 9th

Parent Coffee

Friday, May 11th
8:15-9:00
Library

SBAC testing for 3rd & 4th Grade Only

May 14th - 22nd
Various times during the day

Treehouse Meeting

Thursday, May 17th
6:00pm
SA community room

Kindergarten Visitation Day

Friday, May 18th
9:00am - 10:00am
Kindergarten Room & Library

Incoming 6th grade Parent Information Night

Wednesday, May 23rd EMS cafeteria 6:00-7:00 pm
Thursday, May 24th Hunt cafeteria 6:00-7:00 pm

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**Step Up to Middle School**

Friday, May 25th  
12:30-2:00 pm EMS & Hunt

**No School**

Monday, May 28th  
Memorial Day

**PTO End of Year Cookout**

Friday, June 1st  
5:45pm-7:00pm  
SA grounds

**PTO meeting**

Monday, June 4th  
5:45pm - 7:30pm  
Community Room

**Partner & Volunteer Appreciation**

Last Wednesday Morning Meeting  
Wednesday, June 6th  
8:15am  
SA Cafeteria

**SA North Beach Day and School Cookout**

Friday, June 8th  
9:00am - 2:00pm  
North Beach

**Dance for 4th/5th grade**

Friday, June 8th  
6:00pm - 7:00pm  
SA Cafeteria

**5th Grade End of Year Trip**

Monday, June 11th  
Shelburne Farms

**5th Grade Banquet (Graduation)**

Tuesday, June 12th  
5:30pm - 7:00pm Parents arrive at 6:30pm  
SA Cafeteria

**Last Day of School**

Thursday, June 14th / 11:30 dismissal  
Bag lunches will be provided

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PTO Flynn Theater letter