



# Sustainability Academy's Newsletter

February 22, 2019

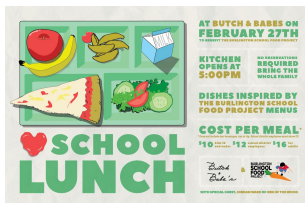
**No School  
February 25th - March 5th  
Winter Break**



**School Resumes  
Wednesday, March 6th**

## Burlington School Food Project

**At  
Butch & Babes**



**When:** Wednesday, February 27th

**Where:** Butch & Babes Restaurant  
258 North Winooski Ave, Burlington VT

**Time:** 5:00pm

Staff Bring your ID and get a discount.

## Town Meeting/Election Day

**Bake Sale**



**When:** Tuesday, March 5th

**Time:** 7am - 7pm

**Where:** SA Cafeteria

*(Please note that school is not in session that day).*

## Curriculum Corner



### News from the Library

By Sharon Hayes, Librarian

This past trimester, Nicholas Chmura and Catherine Kane, from the AfterSchool Program, and I have teamed up to host Reading Buddies 3-4 times a week. A special thank you to our reading mentors: fifth graders Abdi, Apsa, Azriel, Besasta, Ella Mae, and Sangita as well as third-graders Pujan and Shopia. These students have been dedicated reading mentors for their younger buddies. Thanks to Belise, Collin, and Pradiwal for filling in as reading mentors. These readers deserve a hearty congratulations having diligently worked on their reading fluency: Ausbin, Blaize, Ashis, Bella, Bibesh, Elura, Peaches, Nevaeh, and Victor. Collectively, these children have read at least a hundred books during this program!

### Reading at Home

At SA, we have programs to encourage students to read at home: Bee Readers, for students in Grades K-2 and Truffula Reading, for students in Grades 3-4. Please encourage your student to participate in at-home reading. Students in the Bee Reading program earn a Bee card each time they read their just right book at home.

Meanwhile, Truffula readers earn truffulas (pom poms) referred to in Dr. Seuss's book, The Lorax. Mrs. LaChance's readers have earned enough truffulas to plant a tree in the spring. Ms. Deirdre's and Mr. Gallagher's class are racing for second and third place and will also plant trees in the spring.

Finally, fourth-and fifth-grade readers are eligible for participation in the Dorothy's List program. We have a number of students reading at least five of these 30 books so they can vote in the spring for their favorite Dorothy's List book.

### Digital Reading is No Substitute for Print

I recently read an article by Naomi Baron in the New Republic that found that students do not learn as much

Town Meeting / Election Day is coming up and so is our bake sale. Please consider signing up to donate a baked good and/or volunteer for a table shift. In order to meet our goal of \$1000, we need help from all of you!

The bake sale fundraiser was a huge success last November, and is a fun and easy way to raise money for our school. If you are able to donate a baked good and/or volunteer for a shift, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044FA4A92AA1FC1-town> or email Cayenne at [cayennem@gmail.com](mailto:cayennem@gmail.com)

Thank you for your participation and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions;  
Val Esposito (mom of Mirabelle, Mrs. Brown's 1/2 class)  
and Cayenne MacHarg (mom of Calvin, Mrs. Seitz 1/2 class)

### **Children's Art Exhibition** **Award Ceremony**



**When:** March 12th

**Where:** Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall

**Time:** begins promptly at 5:30pm

*Light refreshments will be served from 4:45pm-5:30pm*

A select number of art made by Sustainability Academy students will be included in the Burlington City Arts (BCA) Children's Art Exhibition. This exhibition features student art created at Burlington Elementary Schools. Art will be on display from **March 7<sup>th</sup> - March 26<sup>th</sup>** on the 2nd floor of **Burlington City Hall** and can be viewed during business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm).

At the award ceremony the SA students in this special exhibition will get to see their art on display, shake hands with the mayor, Superintendent Obeng and receive a certificate of participation.

We have many talented and hard working students at SA. I sincerely wish I could have included a piece from each and every child. Unfortunately, I was limited to the amount of space to hang art and I could only include 2-3 pieces per class. I selected art based upon effort, completeness, uniqueness, following instructions, and whether the student participated in the art show last year. That means some awesome artists didn't get picked this year.

Even if your child's art was not selected for the art show, I highly encourage you to bring your child to see the Children's Art Exhibition at City Hall. It is exciting for them to see their classmates' art on display outside of the school

when they read digitally as they do in print. Ms. Baron gathered data from 429 university students from five countries -- Germany, India, Japan, Slovenia, and the United States. When asked to reconstruct a plot sequence after reading in print or on a digital device, print yielded better results.

She reported that researchers found that students "devoted less time to reading passages onscreen -- and performed less well on a subsequent comprehension test."

In terms of critical thinking, the researchers concluded digital reading is "not the sort of reading likely to nurture the critical thinking we still talk about as a hallmark of university education," Baron said.

As we teach our schoolchildren to be deep and thoughtful readers, this study is an important one. Digital reading tends to be a medium for skimming, not a platform for in depth concentration and critical thought required for reading and learning.

If you have any questions about these reading programs, please contact me at [shayes@bsdvt.org](mailto:shayes@bsdvt.org).

### **When should my child stay home from school?**



It can be hard for parents to know when to keep their children home from school. Everybody has busy schedules and we understand that mornings can be very hectic. If you aren't sure, the School Nurse can help you determine if it would be better for your child to come to school, stay home sick or possibly see their doctor.

#### **Top 5 Reasons to Keep Your Child Home from School**

- **Fever-** Your child should be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medication, before returning to school.
- **Vomiting-** In the case of illness, your child should be free from Vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Diarrhea-** In the case of illness, your child should be free from diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Cough-** If your child has a severe or persistent cough that is keeping them from sleeping at night or would significantly impact their classroom learning, please keep them home until improved.
- **Antibiotics** - If your child is taking antibiotics for a condition or illness that is contagious and could be spread to others, it is generally recommended that

environment and it sparks a dialogue about the importance of the arts in school and the community.

-Joanne Kalisz  
Visual Arts Teacher

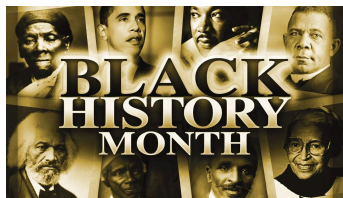
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## Black History Month



### **District Celebration**

### **Beyond Black History Month**



**When :**Friday, March 22nd

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:30pm

**Where:** Burlington High School Auditorium

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## Bee Card Winners

### **School Expectations**

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be Respectful**

**Do Your Best**



### February 20th



**K - Ari**

**1st/2nd - Judith & Sabin**

**3rd/4th - Evie & Adele**

**5th - Katie**

your child stay home from school for 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Other situations may apply, check with your child's doctor for their recommendation.

**Please contact the Main Office at 864-8480, if you know your child will be absent.**

The most important way to stay healthy and prevent the spread of illness is to teach your child to wash their hands with soap and water frequently throughout the day and especially before eating.



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## Girls on the Run



Attention SA girls in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade, [Girls on the Run](#) is coming to SA! Girls on the Run is a non-profit with a mission to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident. By using an interactive curriculum that creatively integrates running, it helps to positively impact girls in 3rd to 8th grade.

The 10-week program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health, compassion, and community. The 10-week program **begins March 18th** and ends with the 5k celebration on **June 1st at Champlain Valley Expo**

### **Practices**

**will be at**

**SA from 4:15pm - 5:45pm**

**on**

**Mondays and Wednesdays**

**starting**

**Monday, March 18th**

Registration is at: [www.gotrvt.org/girls-registration](http://www.gotrvt.org/girls-registration).

The deadline to register is **March 17th**

Questions Contact Maricela Constantino at  
[maricelaconstantino72@gmail.com](mailto:maricelaconstantino72@gmail.com)

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## Upcoming Events:

### Report Cards Go Home

Friday, February 22nd

### Winter Vacation - No School

February 25th - March 4th

School resumes Wednesday, March 6th

### Town Meeting/Election Day Bake Sale

Tuesday, March 5th

7:00am - 7:00pm

SA Cafeteria

### PTO Meeting

Monday, March 11th

5:45 - 7:30 pm

Community room

Food and Childcare

### Student Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 12th

8:00 - 8:45 am

Staff Room

### Beyond Black History Month

Friday, March 22nd

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Burlington High School

### Early Dismissal

Thursday, March 28th

Dismissal at 11:30am

Bag lunches will be provided

### Parent Teacher Conferences

March 28th beginning at noon

March 29th - all day

### No School-Parent Teacher Conference

Friday, March 29th

## Lost and Found



We have a number of items in the lost and found that want to be found. Feel free to check the lost and found, located on the first floor near the health office, anytime you are visiting the school. Items not claimed by **Friday, February, 22nd** will be bagged up.

## Spirit Week



Crazy Hair Day

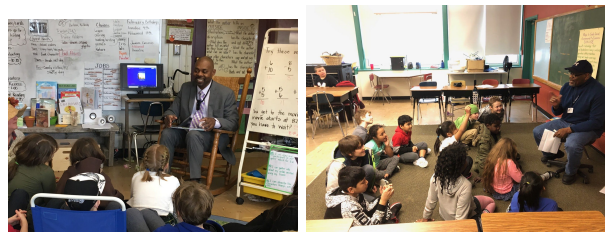
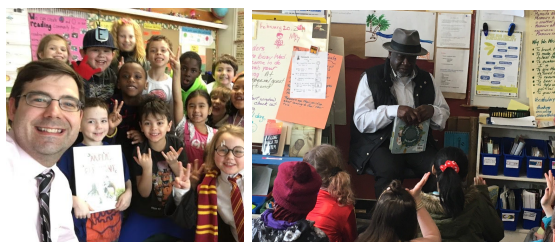


Recycle Day



PJ/Comfy Clothes/Stuffy Day

## Reading to End Racism (RER)





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