



Sustainability Academy's Newsletter

February 11, 2019

Parent Coffee **Annual Title 1 Meeting**



When: Tuesday, February 12th

Where : Library

Time: 8:15am

We will review:

Title 1 policy

The Home School Compact

District Parent's Involvement Policy

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## **FREE** **PTO Movie Night**



**When:** Friday, Feb 15th, 6:00pm

**Where:** SA GYM

**What:** *Hotel Transylvania 3*

Children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the whole movie.

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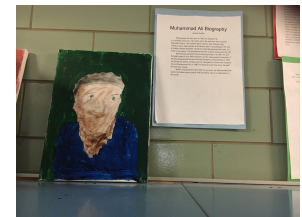
Curriculum Corner



News From the 3/4 Grade Team

By: Joby Gallagher, Amy LaChance and Deirdre Morris

As the days are getting longer again, the 3 / 4 Team has been very busy. We have just finished our unit on biographies, focusing on changemakers in our world. The students learned about a diverse group of people, all of whom demonstrated great perseverance and dedication to their cause, and then wrote their own reports about these people. They focused on events in their lives that showed how they changed the world and what lessons we can learn from them. Each student also chose a quote that they felt best demonstrated the person's ideas and impact on the world around them. To illustrate these change makers, each student created a portrait of their person, using canvases with acrylic and watercolors. These reports and portraits can be seen on display in the second floor hallway. As a culmination of their hard work, we invited families and friends to join us at an end-of-day celebration of learning to see all of the work and to share some food and drinks.



We are now in the middle of our Urban Animals unit, where the students are learning about the different animals we have living right here in Burlington, and how the animals and humans interact with and impact each other. Students will be working towards creating a google slideshow presenting their learning about an urban animal of their choice. Our trip to Shelburne Farms today allowed us to explore different wild animals in a rural setting so we can compare them to animals we see in our more urban setting. We also enjoyed some sledding and warming up with hot chocolate.

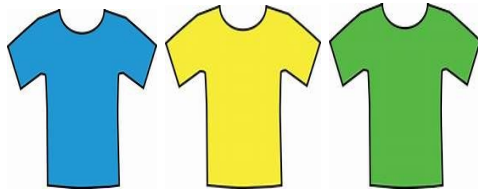
Spirit Week

February 18th - 22nd

SA's Student Council has organized a Spirit Week. Show your school spirit by participating in some of the following events.

Monday

School Color Day
Blue / Green / Yellow



Tuesday

Crazy Hair / Recycle Day



Wednesday

Book Character Day



Thursday

Inside Out Clothes Day



Friday

Comfy Clothes Day / PJ Day / Stuffy Day



The violins are coming! As part of the ONE strings program all of our third and fourth graders have started to learn to play the violin. All students will receive lessons twice a week in the very beginning skills of playing this instrument. We are so excited to begin this wonderful program. Teachers will be learning right along with students so it should be quite an adventure for all of us!

We have also been enjoying working with Christine Gall, our Garden Education Coordinator, as she spends time cooking with each of our math groups. This past rotation we made hummus with beets (mostly for the fun red coloring). We are now going through the rotation for February and we have begun making cabbage spring rolls. Super yummy!

Parking Lot Expectations



School parking lots can be incredibly busy places in the morning when children arrive and in the afternoon when children are dismissed.

Safety is a primary concern of the school staff, but it requires everyone's participation. Please be patient, respectful, and courteous to each other while picking up and dropping off your student(s) to and from school.

By being a positive role model you can help our students learn safe procedures. Please review the following expectations below.

- Students should not be walking in or through the parking lot (blacktop), unless accompanied by an adult.
- All students and adults should **follow the directions** of the Crossing Guards, Student Safety Patrol, and SA Staff.
- Drivers should not go faster than 10 MPH in the parking lot.
- Refrain from using cell phones while in the school zone, especially while dropping off or picking up your children.
- If a child is not able to get out of the vehicle by themselves, the driver must park and walk the child to the sidewalk.
- Bicycles and scooters must be **walked** on school property at all times.

Bee Card Winners

School Expectations

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Do Your Best



January 30th



K - Sabrina & Ayesha

1st/2nd - Keigan, Ashis, Adonis & Oliver

3rd/4th - Tristan, Logan, Nevaeh & Jasmine

5th - Osman & Owen

February 6th



K - Luca

1st/2nd - Masoni & Nima

3rd/4th - Ausbin & Sanjeeta

5th - Sangita

- There is no supervision on the playground until **7:50** am in the morning. In the afternoon there is supervision starting at **2:50** and ending at **3:00** on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and on **Wednesday** starting at **1:50** ending at **2:00**.
- Students should not be allowed to come early and stay late to play on the grounds without an adult.
- Students must go home immediately after school for their own safety.
- Once students are on school property they must stay on school property.
- Drivers may temporarily park along the fence when dropping off or picking up.
- Please be mindful and do not park in the handicap parking spaces that are clearly marked.
- Please do not leave your vehicle running and unattended in the parking lot.
- Please do not block or leave your vehicle parked in the travel lane.
- Please **DO NOT STOP** and drop off children in the middle of the parking lot.

Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year in 2019 was on **Tuesday, the 5th of February**. According to the Chinese 12-year animal zodiac cycle, the Chinese year beginning in 2019 is the year of the **Pig**. Each Chinese zodiac year begins on Chinese New Year's Day.

Chinese New Year is a traditional and very important Chinese holiday. It was originally a festival to honor ancestors as well as holy or sacred beings. It is also known as the Spring Festival, which is the literal translation from the Chinese name. It is also referred to as the Lunar New Year because the Chinese calendar is lunisolar. A lunisolar calendar uses both the moon phase and the solar year. Chinese New Year is the longest festival in the Chinese calendar.

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.

Fall 2019 Kindergarten Registration

Deadline Feb 22nd



Kindergarten Registration for the Burlington School District will open on January 3rd, 2019 and close on February 22, 2019. Children must be 5 years of age by September 1st, 2019.

Applications must be completed online by going to the BSD web page www.bsdyt.org and clicking on 'Students and Families' then 'School Registration'.

Tour Dates for Incoming Kindergarten

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

Wednesday 2/20 6:00pm

Upcoming Events:

Parent Coffee & Title One Meeting

Tuesday, February 12th
8:15-9:00am
SA Library

PTO Movie Night

Friday, February 15th
6pm
SA Cafeteria

Spirit Week

Feb 18-22

NAEP Testing 4th grade only

Wednesday, February 20th
9:00am

Student Council Meeting

Thursday, February 21st
8:00 - 8:30am
Staff Room

5th Grade Farmer's Hot Chocolate Market

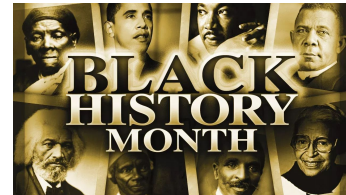
Thursday, February 21st
2:50pm
Community Room

Community Multicultural Dinner

Thank you for a fun evening of song, dance, food and friends.



Black History Month



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.



Please join the



District Celebration

Beyond Black History Month

On

When :Friday, March 22nd
5:30 - 7:30pm

Where: Burlington High School Auditorium

Report Cards Go Home

Friday, February 22nd

Winter Vacation - No School

February 25th - March 4th

School resumes Wednesday March 6th

PTO Meeting

Monday, March 11th

5:45 - 7:30 pm

Community room

Student Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 12th

8:00am

Staff Room

Ski Cubs!

Ski Cubs is a program sponsored by the Catamount Trail Association. They generously provide Chittenden County students with free XC ski lessons, gear rental, snack and transportation to and from Bolton Valley Resort for 6 -7 consecutive Saturdays each winter. For the past few weeks, up to 15 current and former SA students have hit the trails and enjoyed learning a fun and healthy new winter sport. If you have questions or know someone who may be interested in participating next year, ask Nurse Justina.

Here's the link for more information

<https://catamounttrail.org/programs/ski-cubs/about/about/>

Go SA Ski Cubs!



Celebrating the 100th Day of School



SUPERINTENDENT CHAT



Join us for a "Superintendent Chat" with Burlington School District's Superintendent Yaw Obeng.

These informal gatherings are part of a series of community chats that provide an opportunity for Burlington residents to connect with Yaw.

Join us to "chat" about the proposed budget or any other topics on your mind!

Tuesday, February 5th
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
The Chubby Muffin
88 Oak Street

Friday, February 8th
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
The Bagel Cafe
1127 North Ave

Wednesday, February 20th
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Feldman's Bagels
660 Pine Street

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