



Sustainability Academy's Newsletter

April 19, 2019

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC)

This is a reminder that all Vermont students are required to participate in state assessments as part of the accountability system for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

State Math and English/Language Arts Assessment:

All students in grades 3-8 and grade 9 are required each spring to take the state test called the **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)**. SBAC is a computer-adaptive assessment measuring each student's performance against the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics and English/Language Arts. Schools administer SBAC between March and June. Individual results will be available in the fall.

State Fitness Assessment: During the month of April Vermont students in grades 4, 7 and 9 will be administered the State assessment for physical education using the *Fitnessgram* tool. The state requires that we test our students in four areas: aerobic capacity, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and flexibility.

Staff in each school will work to provide any accommodations or supports that individual students require during state testing

How can I learn more?

For more information about these assessments and the standards they are designed to measure, visit the following sites:

- <http://www.corestandards.org/>
- <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>
- <http://education.vermont.gov/student-learning/content-areas/science>
- <https://www.nextgenscience.org/>
- <https://www.shapeamerica.org/standards/pe/>
- <http://education.vermont.gov/student-learning/content-areas/physical-education>

Students at the Sustainability Academy will take the SBAC on the following dates:

May 1st - 15th - Grade 3 & 4

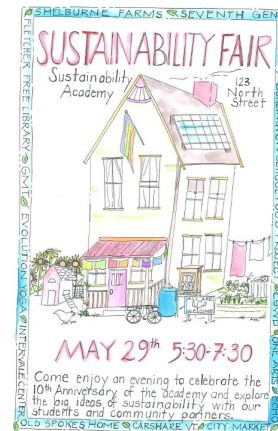
Thank you for supporting your child and our school during the annual assessments. If you have further questions,

Curriculum Corner



Sustainability Fair

By Julie Norman



When: Wednesday, May 29th

Where: SA School

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

As we celebrate our tenth year as a magnet school, the Sustainability Academy invites the S.A. community to join us at this event to celebrate and learn more about pathways to sustainability. Through interactive stations organized by our teachers, students and community partners, guests will explore themes of social justice, environmental integrity and economic vitality. Local organizations will share about how their offerings support the well-being of our Burlington community. There will be food and a free raffle, too! Enter to win an unlimited rides summer wristband (for youth) from Green Mountain Transit, local maple syrup from Couching Lion Maple Sugar Farm, or Seventh Generation safe cleaning products.

Consider walking, riding your bike, or taking the bus to the Sustainability Fair! Old Spokes Home will have their mobile bike repair station on site to help you fix a flat, adjust your brakes, and make other minor fixes. Once inside, pick up your Sustainability Passport in the lobby

please feel free to call Lashawn Whitmore-Sells at 802-864-8480.

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**Sustainability Academy**  
**Book Fair**

**At**  
**Phoenix Books**

*Monday, April 15th – Sunday, April 21st*



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 15th thru Sunday, April 21st

**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!**

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School Vacation



No School Monday, April 22nd - Friday, April 26th
School Resumes Monday, April 29th

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and have your passport stamped at each station as you move throughout the school and school grounds to learn about the big ideas of sustainability. Teachers and students will welcome you into classrooms to learn more about community, place, diversity, systems, and your ability to make a difference. Visit with our partners to learn about local resources to help your family and our community make choices that care for our social, financial and environmental wellness. The list continues to grow, but as of this publication we have confirmed participation of the following organizations: Shelburne Farms, Seventh Generation, ECHO Center, ONE Arts Center, City Market, Fletcher Free Library, Intervale Center, CSWD, Local Motion, Burlington School Food Project, Green Mountain Transit, CarShare VT, Old Spokes Home, Burlington Community Gardens, Audobon Center, Evolution Pre-Natal and Family Yoga, and UVM's Urban and Community Forestry Program!

Mark your calendars for the **Sustainability Fair on May 29th, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Volunteers will be needed during the event. Send an email to Chaska Richardson ([crichard@bsdvt.org](mailto:crichard@bsdvt.org)) to sign up for a shift if you would like to help out. See you at the fair!

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Bee Card Winners

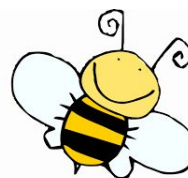
School Expectations

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Do Your Best



April 10th



K - Elija

1st/2nd - Sabin & Bella

3rd/4th - Janey & Dayton

5th - Sawan

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**3-5 Spring Music Concert**  
**Wednesday, May 1st 1:00pm**



Please join us as the students in grades 3-5 share their voices and positive messages with the community.

*(Please note there will be no regular Wednesday Morning Meeting on May 1st.)*

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Time to Order Your Yearbook



Order forms for The Sustainability Academy Yearbooks are due **May 3rd**.

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**



We all have the ability to make a difference!

**Saturday, May 4th 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](mailto:jnorman@bsdvt.org)

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Thank you Grannie Snow for visiting our K-2 classrooms.



She read from her Silas Series.

Sustainability Academy
10th Anniversary T-shirt Sale



Designed by Jordan Tornabe and Logan Parker

Please help us celebrate our **10th Anniversary!**

We hope everyone can wear their SA T-shirt for the Sustainability Fair on May 29th!
It will be an evening of fun activities for everyone in the family.

Order forms are available in the SA Main Office.

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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 1st**

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



**Goodbye!**  
**Mr. BJ**



It is with great sadness that I share with you that BJ Robertson, our Student Support Coordinator, will be gone after break. He is pursuing his passion for basketball by sharing his knowledge and expertise with young folks by coaching.

We wish BJ the best of luck in his future endeavors!

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Upcoming Events:

Spring Break

No School

April 22nd - April 26th

School resumes Monday, April 29th

Spring Break

Burlington Afterschool Program closed from

April 22nd - April 26th

Resumes Monday, April 29th

3-5 Spring Music Concert

Wednesday, May 1st

1:00pm

SA Cafeteria

SBAC testing for 3rd & 4th Graders

May 1st - 15th

5th Grade Parent Information Night for EMS

Thursday, May 2nd

6:00-7:00pm

EMS Library

Hunt Parent Meeting will take place on May 24th

PTO Schoolyard Stewardship Day

Saturday, May 4th

1:00 - 3:30pm

SA Grounds

PTO Staff Appreciation Week

May 6-10

PTO Meeting

Monday, May 6th

5:45 - 7:30 pm

Community room

Food and Childcare

Where The Wild Things Are!
School play held April 12th and 13th

Thank you SA community for making this such a wonderful event!



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**Pictures from Passions Day**  
**April 18th**



Science Experiments



Legomania



Tea Party



Teddy Bear Picnic

### **Student Council Meeting**

Tuesday, May 7th

8:00 - 8:45 am

Staff Room

### **Parent Coffee**

Tuesday, May 7th

8:15 - 9:00am

SA Library

### **Early Release**

Thursday, May 9th

Dismissal at 11:30am

Bag lunches will be provided

### **Newark Boys Choir**

Friday, May 10th

8:30-9:30am

SA Cafeteria

All are welcomed!



Ice Skating

At

Leddy Park

## **Audubon Vermont | Green Mountain Audubon Center**

April Vacation is right around the corner, do you have a plan? Send your kids to Audubon and we can take care of the fun for you! Pick and choose individual days or all four to design your perfect week. We are offering vacation camps Monday April 22-Thursday April 25. Here's our line-up for 2019 April Vacation Days.

Monday, April 22: [Migration Mystery](#)

Tuesday, April 23: [Marvelous Mud](#)

Wednesday, April 24: [Amazing Amphibians](#)

Thursday, April 25: [Bird Blowout](#)

**Time:** 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Grades:** K - 5

**Fee:** *Members \$55/day or \$200 for all four days  
Non-members \$60/day or \$220 for all four days*

***We have scholarships available!***

Learn more and register online at  
<http://vt.audubon.org/vacation>.

## **Scholarship Opportunities**



On Friday, April 5th the 3rd & 4th graders participated in celebrating a \$25,000 donation from the Pomerleau Family Foundation to benefit the City of Burlington Youth Scholarship Fund.

All Burlington school age youth are eligible to receive full scholarships for City sponsored summer programs. Summer program brochures are available in the SA office or by contacting Burlington Park and Recreation at 802-864-0123 or visit [enjoyburlington.com](http://enjoyburlington.com)

## **Fletcher Free Library**



**Red Kite Green Mountain** will offer a FREE show on Friday, April 26 at 9 & 11 am. It is designed for children on the autism spectrum but open to all abilities ages 4+ .Preregistration required call 802-865-7216 or online at [www.flynncenter.org/ffl.html](http://www.flynncenter.org/ffl.html)

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