



Sustainability Academy's Newsletter

April 5, 2019

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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 Science Assessment: Last spring Vermont piloted a new science assessment as part of the state accountability system. This May students in grades 5, 8 and 11 will take the new assessment. Like SBAC, the science assessment will be administered on a computer and is designed to measure each student's performance against the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

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/>

Curriculum Corner



News from Kindergarten

By Sue Blair and Julie Benz

Kindergarten classes are having a great year learning and exploring. Our year long theme is *What is a Community?*



The Kindergarten classes will be exploring what a community is and we will be busy visiting community helpers and having guest visitors come to our classroom every Friday.

We will visit the Fire Station, Coast Guard, UVM and the Echo Center. We have Recycle Rhonda, Sean Parker (local meteorologist) and a police officer coming to visit. Students will learn how people in our community help each other to make our community a happy, healthy, and safe place for everyone to live. We will document our learning in a journal and take part in a service learning project, designed by our students to give back to our community.

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### Class Placement Parent Input Form for the 2019/2020 School Year

The optional class placement parent input form for the 19/20 school year is being sent home today. If you choose to fill out the form, please return it to your teacher no later than **Friday, April 12th**.

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- <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:

April 8-12 - Grade 5
May 1-15 - Grade 3 & 4

Thank you for supporting your child and our school during the annual assessments. If you have further questions, please feel free to call Lashawn Whitmore-Sells at 802-864-8480.

Sustainability Academy and Very Merry Theatre Presents



Where the Wild Things Are

Friday, April 12 at 4:00 pm
and
Saturday, April 13 at 4:00 pm

The performances takes place at
O.N.E. Community Center
20 Allen St., Burlington

Bada Bing, It's Spring

K-2 Concert

Wednesday, April 17th 8:30 am

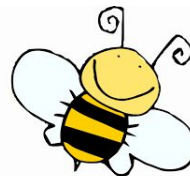


Please join us as the K-2 SA students share their voices and positive messages with the community.
We hope to see you there!

(Please note there will be no regular Wednesday Morning Meeting on April 17th.)

Bee Card Winners

School Expectations
Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful
Do Your Best



March 20th



K - Hani
1st/2nd -Marley & Mason
3rd/4th - Swopnil & Apple
5th - Owen

March 27th



K - Luca
1st/2nd -Blessing & Owen
3rd/4th - Tristan & Sanjeeta
5th - Quinn

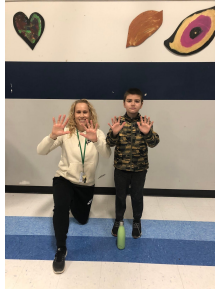
April 3rd



K - Adonis
1st/2nd -Elura & Aisha
3rd/4th - Sanjeeta & Logan
5th - Talulla

Time to Order Your Yearbook

Morning Move It!



Congratulations!
Ezra Mallon in second grade for
running ten miles.



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.)

Wash Your Hands! Please



Hand washing with soap and water is an easy and effective way to prevent the spread of germs and keep people healthy. It's the best way to avoid getting sick and spreading illness to others.

According to the CDC, hand washing can reduce the number of people who get sick with diarrheal illness by 31% and can reduce respiratory illness like the cold and flu by 21%.

Please remember to wash your hands!

The following information is of community service.
Burlington School District does not endorse nor sponsor these organizations.

Summer Camp for kids ages 5-17



Vermonters, come and experience Smuggs this Summer!
FREE Transportation is included for campers participating in a full week of camp.

For more information go to our website:

<https://www.smuggs.com/pages/summer/kids/vermonter-camp.php>

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Sustainability Academy 10th Anniversary T-shirt Sale



Please help us celebrate our **10th Anniversary** as a magnet school by purchasing a T-shirt designed by two of our 5th grade students Jordan Tornabe and Logan Parker.

We hope everyone can wear their SA T-shirt for our 1st ever Sustainability Fair on May 29th! It will be an evening of fun activities for everyone in the family.

Please return the attached order form along with payment to the SA Main Office.

Thank you for helping us celebrate 10 Years as SA!

Summer Camps



Burlington Youth Lacrosse



We still have openings available for the season beginning on April 1. Information and Sign up is available at <https://www.btvlac.com/>

Burlington Waves



Time to get out and play some ball!
Burlington Waves is a citywide softball program for kids ages 4-12.
Information and sign up at <https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/default.aspx?tabid=2241393>
Everyone is welcome and there is a place for for everyone on the softball field.

Upcoming Events:

PTO Meeting

Monday, April 8th
5:45 - 7:30 pm
Community room
Food and Childcare

SBAC testing for 5th Graders

April 8th-12th

Parent Placement Input Forms Due

Friday, April 12th

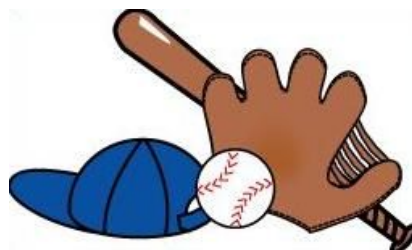
Where the Wild Things Are School Play

Friday April 12th at 4:00pm
Saturday, April 13th at 4:00pm
O.N.E. Community Center – 20 Allen St., Burlington

For More Information or to Register **CLICK HERE**
sjennings@burlingtonvt.gov, (802)865-7558

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Center City Little League



Spring is just about here and it's time to sign up to play baseball! Center City Little League(CCLL) is for children between the ages of 4 and 12 who live in Burlington, north of Main Street and south of Burlington High School. CCLL is also open to all students at IAA and SA regardless of home address. Games are played in May and June and team schedules are set by coaches. Our home fields are the Sustainability Academy & Roosevelt Park.

You can register your child online at <https://www.centercitylittleleague.org/> or in person at the following indoor sessions:

T-ball - (ages 4-6)

Location: Sustainability Academy Gym
April 6, 9-10am and April 13, 9-10am

Coach Pitch - (ages 6-8)

Location: Integrated Arts Academy Cafeteria
March 30, 10-11am April 6, 10-11am or
April 13, 10-11am

Kid Pitch - Minors (ages 9-12)

UVM Fieldhouse, Indoor Track
March 30, 12-2pm or April 6, 12-2pm or at
Integrated Arts Academy April 13, 11-12pm

Kid Pitch - Majors (ages 9-12)

Contact Jules Fishelman for details:
julesfishelman@gmail.com

For our indoor baseball days, have your child bring a baseball glove and sneakers. We will have extra gloves in case your child needs one.

The registration fee is \$35 per player or \$50 for a family, but scholarships are available so no one will be turned away.

Questions? Please contact
Jules: julesfishelman@gmail.com or
Cayenne: cayennem@gmail.com.
See you on the field!

K-2 Spring Music Concert

Wednesday, April 17th
Bada Bing, It's Spring at 8:30am
School Cafeteria

Student Council Meeting

Thursday, April 18th
8:00 - 8:45 am
Staff Room

Passions

Thursday, April 18th
All morning

Spring Break

No School
April 22nd - April 26th

3-5 Spring Music Concert

Wednesday, May 1st
1:00pm

SBAC testing for 3rd & 4th Graders

May 1st - 15th

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**Earth Superheroes!**



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T-Shirt Order Form

Yearbook order Form

Parent Input Placement Form