

## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE:

Hello SA Community,

We are off to a great start to the school year. There is so much to celebrate in our community! In the first month of school, SA students have worked hard to set up caring, productive learning communities. Community is the big idea of the month that we have been focused on during Wednesday Morning Meeting. As fall has officially begun, we are looking forward to many upcoming community events, including Open House (October 3), a visit from Abenaki Musician Bryan Blanchette (October 11), and the Harvest Run (October 13), among others. Please read through the updates below and do not hesitate to reach out with questions or requests. You are always welcome to give us a call (802-864-8480), send an email ([noropeza@bsdvt.org](mailto:noropeza@bsdvt.org)), or stop by the main office. Thanks and hope to see you soon!

With gratitude,  
Nina Oropeza  
Principal

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## WELCOME, KESTREL PLUMP, SUSTAINABILITY COACH



Hi everyone! My name is Kestrel and I am the Sustainability Coach here at SA. My job is to work with all teachers, students and staff to embed Education for

Sustainability (EFS) into the curriculum and school culture. I am a licensed educator and have a Masters in Elementary Education from Antioch University. I grew up outside of Philadelphia and moved up to Vermont in 2013 with my husband and daughter. I worked at Shelburne Farms for many years where I was the Education for Sustainability Outreach Educator and part of my job was collaborating with SA. I am so pleased to now be able to work at this incredible school everyday. Stay tuned for more updates about our EFS throughout the year!

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## OPEN HOUSE & COMMUNITY DINNER

Come visit your student's classroom and see all their wonderful work so far this school year during open house from 5:30-6:15pm on Thursday, October 3. All are welcome and encouraged to join us for a community dinner (dinner provided) from 6:15-7:00pm in the cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

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## CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

In celebration of Indigenous People's Day (October 14), Abenaki musician Bryan Blanchette will visit SA on Friday Oct 11th from 10:15 am - 10:50 am. Families are welcome to join us for this special performance, which will replace Wednesday Morning Meeting that week.

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## JOIN US FOR SA'S ANNUAL HARVEST RUN

I CORN't believe my ears! It's soon going to be time for one of our favorite annual events - the Harvest Run for Sustainability. Join SA and community members for a 5k or Fun Run down in the Intervale on Sunday, October 13. Scholarships are available by sending an email to



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[sustainabilitypto@gmail.com](mailto:sustainabilitypto@gmail.com) or letting Monica in the office know.

More information and registration can be found at [www.citymarket.coop/harvestfunrun](http://www.citymarket.coop/harvestfunrun). In addition to the run, we'll have live music and activities for all ages, including a bouncy house! So come on down, even if you don't want to run.

Families, whether they are running or not, can participate in collecting donations for our school, and win some awesome prizes for doing so! Stay tuned to Friday folders for a fundraising permission slip, or go directly to our donation button found on the event website [www.citymarket.coop/harvestfunrun](http://www.citymarket.coop/harvestfunrun) to start spreading the word!

We also need people to help with the event. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054cadab2ea2fe3-harvest> or see Christina Vetter.

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## EVERYBODY WINS! VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Everybody Wins! Vermont, a non-profit reading mentoring organization, is looking for volunteers to read with children at SA! If interested in volunteering, you will be matched with a student in grades 2-5 to read with one day a week during lunchtime. You and your 'mentee' will explore books, play literacy games and build a friendship. As a mentor, you can help a child build strong self-esteem, reading skills, and a lifelong love of books. Students look forward to seeing their mentors, and mentors often say it's the best day of their week! Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary. Fill out an application online at <https://everybodywinsvermont.org> or email Susannah at [burlington-SA@everybodywinsvermont.org](mailto:burlington-SA@everybodywinsvermont.org)