



SUSTAINABILITY ACADEMY BUZZ - 11.06.20

Dear SA Families,

The tent in the back field was removed this week, but we will continue to eat lunch outside as long as it is a comfortable temperature for students. Please recall that changes to arrival and dismissal go into effect on Monday:

- **Arrival** - K, 1 and 2 will enter through the back entrance. 3rd, 4th and 5th will enter through the front entrance. We will stop using the powerschool health screener on Monday, 11/9. All families should conduct the health screening at home. We will continue to take student temperatures inside the school building.
- **Dismissal** - K, 1 and 2 will be dismissed through the back entrance. 3rd, 4th and 5th will be dismissed through the front entrance.

If you have any questions, please reach out. Soak up the sunshine and enjoy this weather, and please remember that picture day for students is on Tuesday, November 10 (remote students on Thursday, November 12).

With gratitude,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date:

- **November 10** - Picture Day for Hybrid Students
- **November 12** - Picture Day for Remote Students
- **November 23 & 24** - No School, Parent Teacher Conferences (Sign Ups Coming Soon!)
- **November 25-29** - No school, Thanksgiving Recess
- **December 7, 6-7:30pm** - December PTO Meeting
- **December 23-January 1** - No School, Winter Break



Kindergarteners investigate worm habitat by digging through the SA garden beds.



2nd graders participated in a mock election on Tuesday. Biden was the winner with 100% of the vote.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

Information for Families - Return to School After Illness (New!)

This resource from the Vermont Department of Health summarizes important information about when a child should stay home from school, whether or not a child needs a COVID-19 test, and how the return to school process works.

Free Outdoor Activities on Wednesdays - Hosted by SA PTO (Updated)

Free Outdoor Activities for SA Families - Hosted by SA PTO

Join us for a series of free, outdoor activities available to all SA students/families on <http://sa.bsdt.org/Wednesdays> through the second half of October and into early November. Activities are organized, hosted and made possible with support from the PTO, and are led by parents and/or community partners. SA staff will not be present for these events. Masks, temperature checks and hand-washing are required at each session. Contact information will be collected for contact tracing purposes. Activities will be canceled in the case of rain or inclement weather. Please email Allegra Williams at Allegra442@gmail.com with any questions or ideas for future activities. We hope to see you at some of the events this month! See the full list of events [here](#).

SA Social Justice Club - Begins 11/13

SA is excited to announce a new club - the Social Justice Club! This group, which will meet weekly during lunch, is open to any 4th or 5th grader at SA. More information here: [Social Justice Club at SA](#).

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COACH, NURSE, COUNSELOR & PTO CORNERS

Nurse Corner

Families are making hard decisions about holiday plans to travel and gather with loved ones. Since last spring Vermonters have changed their lives to stay healthy during the pandemic, and many are tired of the daily effort required to prevent the virus from spreading. We are all longing for connection and crave things that feel normal, like our traditional holiday celebrations. But travel and gathering does increase your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. As the virus continues to spread throughout the country, we encourage families to make safe choices about travel and gathering this holiday season by taking the following steps:

- Check the map to find out the risk of COVID-19 infection at your destination
<https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>
- Decide if the risk is worth it for your family
- Plan to have a safe trip or gathering and remain flexible
- Quarantine when you return.
- More information can be found on the Health Department website
<https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/coronavirus-covid-19>

Coach Corner

From The Creative ReUse Artists:

“The Mural that IAA and SA students helped us make earlier this year is at ECHO for the next couple of weeks. This weekend is supposed to be really beautiful, so we'd love to invite IAA & SA families to go see the mural, enjoy the lake view and take in the beautiful weather. Plus, [November 15, 2020](#) is America Recycles Day! So, it's a great time to be reminded of the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. To see more about the Creative ReUse project, you can check out this [video](#) or visit our



[website](#). Come see the Creative ReUse mural at Hoehl Park next to ECHO! “- Renee Greenlee

School Counselor Corner

Parents, do your children need winter gear? If so, please contact me! I have spoken with many of you already, but if your child is in need of a winter coat, snow boots, snow pants, hats, mittens, etc., please reach out to me at sdodd@bsdvt.org or 802-864-8480 extension 11005 and I'll be happy to talk with you about how we can help! Until then, I hope you all enjoy the beautiful warm weather this weekend! - Your SA Counselor, Susan Dodd

Library Corner - Book Bags Are Yours!

Last week and Monday we sent books and bags home that said “Return to Library” on it. Those bags are yours to KEEP! The goal is for students to have a special place to keep books at home, or for transporting books or school materials back to school.

- Do: Please return “overdue” fliers for books and mark items LOST or MISSING (or just X) if they are gone. It helps us clear our system out.
- SA does **not** charge money for missing books.(In normal years we do accept donations or volunteer time!)
- The SA Website now has a new drop-down for the library! [Check out the SA website](#) and hover to see the new Destiny Discover tab - and take a look at the new books in our collection.

Please contact Ms Wisloski (Wiz) at sa-library@bsdvt.org with any questions or suggestions for books.

PTO Corner

Thanks to everyone who participated in our recent events - the Harvest Run and the Harvest Dance. We have made the call to put our annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction, typically held in December, on hold for now. We're hoping to re-think the event and hold it some time in the spring. If you are interested in planning this event, contact Kristin Garcia at garciakc@gmail.com

PTO Water bottle drive - have extra, new water bottles at home? Send them into school to add to a stockpile for those who might need one.

All are welcome to join our next PTO meeting! Monday, December 7th from 6-7:30pm via Google Meets

<https://meet.google.com/wcb-vmcj-ceb>

Remember: the SA-PTO Listserv is opt-in. If you'd like to be added to this list (which is different from the School-based emails from our Principal, Nina Oropeza), please send an email to sustainabilitypto@gmail.com to be added. Learn more about the PTO at www.sa-pto.com