

# The Core



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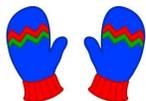
## Important Dates

Early Dismissal  
**February 1, 2017**  
11:30 AM

Report Cards  
**February 3, 2017**

Math Night  
**February 3, 2017**

Mid Winter Break  
**February 27-  
March 7, 2017**



## Dear Parents,

The matinee version of *Narnia* was fabulous! The music, acting and singing all came together nicely. The students on stage all seemed to be having a fun time. Hats off to our students and production teams for putting together such a great show!

Wednesday was our annual Dictionary presentation to the 3rd grade. Special thanks to the South Burlington Rotary Club for keeping this special tradition alive.

4th Grade Parents should have received a letter (electronically) yesterday that describes an upcoming national assessment called the NAEP (National Assessment for Educational Progress). Please contact me if you did not receive the letter or have any questions.

Don't forget to read through the report from the Parent No-Homework Survey. It was sent home electronically with *The Core* last Friday. We have paper copies available if you prefer. Please call us for a request and we will send it home with your child. It makes for good reading!

Speaking of the No-Homework Policy, we hope students and parents understand that nightly reading is required. Just-Right books are recommended, so contact teachers if you have any questions.

Finally, we are moving our Report Card date to February 3rd. This may seem late but we are committed to having adequate time for assessments.

Thank you for your understanding.

*Have a great weekend; take some time to read with your child. M. Trifilio*

## Narnia Update:

It's finally here! Our cast, crew and chorus have been working very hard for 7 weeks and have done a tremendous job. We are so proud of them.

**Tickets available for tonight's show:** Tickets are available for tonight's show, and can be purchased at the door up to one hour prior to the performance (5:30pm). Saturday's *Narnia* show is **SOLD OUT!**

A HUGE thank you to Harriett Matthews, Shen Mien Tao, and Michelle Keefler for their leadership in organizing *Narnia* and to our other parent volunteers who helped oversee the rehearsals. These volunteers have worked tirelessly over the last 8 weeks to make this year's show a wonderful event for all students! This would not be possible without their help and we greatly appreciate their time and effort.

## **Congratulations to our Student Resource Officer,**

**Corporal Jeff Favreau**, who has been selected along with the SBPD's Honor Guard by the New England Patriots to represent Vermont during the National Anthem at Sunday's AFC Championship Game. Keep your eyes out for the individuals carrying and waving the large flag.  
*Go Jeff! ... and Go Pats!*



## ~ PTO News ~

### **Skate Night Volunteers Needed!**

Save the date for Orchard School's Skate Night at Cairns Arena on Friday, March 24 from 5:30pm - 8pm. Skate Night is an Orchard tradition that brings the school together for a night of ice skating, community building and fun prizes. Mark your calendars. We are also looking for volunteers who are interested in joining the Skate Night Committee. Our first meeting is

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**Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 at UNO's Pizzeria.** If you are interested in volunteering and cannot make this meeting, please contact Jamie Kelly at: [jamie.kelly@uvmhealth.org](mailto:jamie.kelly@uvmhealth.org).

**Please RSVP for Orchard PTO 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Math Night!** Join us on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for Family Math Night! Come play lots of fun math-related games that even the most reluctant math student will enjoy! Families can move from table to table, playing a variety of math games and activities, such as building 3D structures with marshmallows, graphing with Smarties, chess, art, Lego symmetry and estimation. Each family will go home with a free game of dominoes and have a chance to win a game at our Math Night Raffle. Please RSVP and include the number attending to [sandraflemer@gmail.com](mailto:sandraflemer@gmail.com).

Please note we will not be serving pizza this year so plan to eat dinner beforehand. We will have a snack sale where small items such as crackers, veggies and baked goods may be purchased.

We are looking for donations of math related games for the raffle at the end of the night and food items for the snack sale. Please sign up at [http://orchard2012.ivolunteer.com/event\\_025](http://orchard2012.ivolunteer.com/event_025) to volunteer or contact Sandy Flemer at [sandraflemer@gmail.com](mailto:sandraflemer@gmail.com) with any questions.

**January is National Mentoring Month:** We invite you to join South Burlington Mentoring in celebrating by taking part in our following activities:

Collection of Supplies for the Humane Society of Chittenden County (January 3<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>): SB Mentoring young leaders have chosen to support the HSCC for their annual service project. Collection boxes are in the lobbies of Chamberlin, Orchard, RMCS, and FHTMS. A wish list is available here: <https://www.chittendenumane.org/Wishlist>. Wet food for cats and dogs is one of the most needed items.

**The 7th Annual Best Ever Community Blood Drive**

Well folks, it's January so you know what that means. . . . . South Burlington's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual BEST EVER Community Blood Drive is back! This "Candyland" themed event will be held at the St. John Vianney Parish Center on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 12 pm to 6 pm. For questions about the event or donor eligibility, blood contact our event chair, Mara Senecal-Albrecht at 802-343-9380 or American Red Cross at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>.



A scene from the South Burlington Rotarians working the dictionaries with our 3rd graders!



We are starting to notice cars parked in our designated handicap spaces that are missing the pass. Let's all do our part to leave handicap spaces open so those who need it can easily access them. *Thank You!*

Lunch Menu from January 23—27				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast for Lunch Scrambled Eggs Cinnamon Buns Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Cheese or Beef Quesadillas Mexican Rice Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Chicken Parmesan Penne Pasta Spaghetti Squash Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Pasta Alfredo Chicken Broccoli Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Nachos Beef, Bean Queso Salsa, Sour Cream Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk