

# The Core



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## Important Dates

### Early Release

December 8, 2017  
Dismissal @ 12:30

### Early Winter Break

December 25-29  
No School

### New Year's Day

January 1, 2018  
No School



## Dear Parents & Guardians,

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of November already. Here are some important points going into the Thanksgiving Break:

**We are collecting snow gear (especially snow pants)** If you have any of these items that no longer fit your child (and are in good condition), we would appreciate if you could donate them.

Additionally, our **Giving Tree Mittens** are hanging up in the lobby window. Please take a mitten if you would like to support an Orchard family.

Be sure to check through the Lost & Found when you are here for Parent Conferences. **All Lost & Found materials will be donated to the Good Will after Thanksgiving.**

Finally, thank you to all the presenters and volunteers last night at our International Night/ Book Fair & Dinner! It was a wonderful event and it was so nice to see everyone enjoying dinner, visiting the tables of various countries and browsing the Book Fair. Photos of the event will be posted on our webpage.

*Safe travels for all of our families who are traveling next week.*

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Take some time to read with your child. Mark Trifilio*



## UNICEF Update

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Orchard School for a record-breaking Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. This year over 240 Orchard students participated and raised \$2,096.73 for children in need around the world.

2014- \$536.81

2015- \$1001.14

2016- \$1968.27

**2017 - \$2,096.73**

The overall participation was also a record-breaker with **243 boxes** THANK YOU to all the children who helped make a difference in the world and for the parents, teachers and community who supported the project!

Photo Above: 2nd grade student counting up UNICEF change!  
Photos Right: our 1st School-Wide Celebration— Pajama Day!



~ PTO News ~

**International Night & Book Fair** – The PTO would like to thank Merin Maxwell and Dayna Lorentz for all of their hard work in planning this year’s International Night and Book Fair Dinner + Open Mic events. This was a very big undertaking, and without their support, these events would not have taken place. Please extend a thank you to Merin and Dayna, and to all parents who volunteered!

**Thankful Giving:** A reminder that we have beautifully decorated mittens hanging in the lobby with a variety of children’s gift requests. Please take a look and consider honoring a gift request this holiday season.

**Drama Update:** Oz kids had a wonderful week of rehearsals-- congrats! **NO rehearsals next week.** We resume on Tuesday, November 28th. **Today is the DEADLINE FOR 2/3 CHORUS SIGN UPS.** Registration must be done online by 10 PM this evening at: <https://sites.google.com/site/orchardschoolpto/drama-homepage/2-3-chorus-information-and-schedules>. Chorus rehearsals will begin the week we return from break. Drama T- shirt order forms were also due today. If you missed the cutoff, don't fret, we always order extras. Remember to listen to your songs and practice your lines over the break!

**Orchard School Garden Committee:** If anyone would like to join the committee and help with the gardens in the spring, please contact: [orchardschoolvt@gmail.com](mailto:orchardschoolvt@gmail.com)

**Do you have PTO questions? Please find us online:**  
 Facebook: [www.facebook.com/orchardschoolpto](http://www.facebook.com/orchardschoolpto)  
 Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/orchardschoolpto/>  
 Email: [orchardschoolvt@gmail.com](mailto:orchardschoolvt@gmail.com)

**Book Fair Hours During Parent Conferences**  
 ★ Monday 8:00—5:00  
 ★ Tuesday 8:00—12:00

**Ugly Sweater Fun Run**



From dancing snowmen to dangling jingle bells, the gaudy holiday sweaters that were once considered fashionable are making a comeback! Not on the **RUN** way, but at the Ugly Sweater Fun **RUN** Sunday, December 10th at Veterans Memorial Park in South Burlington!

This 1st ever 5K Fun Run and 2.5K Walk is produced by South Burlington Rotary to benefit their community projects as well as the Humane Society of Chittenden County's *Camp Paw Paw*. Bring the whole family, including your pets! Participants get complimentary food, beverages, a Photo Booth photo, a commemorative hat and prizes for being the ugliest!

Stick your neck OUT for fashion by sticking it THROUGH an ugly sweater!  
 Entrance fee is \$35 for adults 18+, \$15 for youth 12-17, free for those under 12.  
 Register now for the Ugly Sweater Fun Run and Walk December 10th at [SouthBurlingtonRotary.org](http://SouthBurlingtonRotary.org).

**Winter Youth Cheerleading**

Do you like to jump, kick, dance, tumble & cheer loud? Then join the SB Youth Cheerleading Team!

Grades K-5<sup>th</sup> are welcome to join!  
 No experience is necessary!  
 Practices begins after Thanksgiving break.



Please email Coach Lynn Kynoch at: [Lkynoch@sbschools.net](mailto:Lkynoch@sbschools.net) to sign up and/or if you would like more information.

Lunch Menu from November 27—December 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
French Toast Scrambled Eggs Applesauce Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk	Chicken Quesadilla Veggie Quesadilla Rice & Beans Corn & Black Bean Salad Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk	Chicken Pasta Bake Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk	Parmesan Garlic Flatbread Pizza Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk	Beef or Veggie Chili Tostito Chips Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk