

# 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**



Photo:  
Congratulations to two of our 5th graders: Kayla & Chris for competing with the FHTMS Spelling Team—they won the state finals!

## Dear Parents & Guardians,

We hope everyone had a terrific Thanksgiving Holiday. Now that it is already December 1st, we know that this month is going to fly by. Speaking of December, we had strange weather this week and we are asking all families to send in winter clothing starting next week. Please make sure your child has a coat, hat, mittens, snow pants & boots. It's all about living in Vermont. We have recess everyday (unless it is totally wet or below 0°) and each student should come to school prepared. Thank you! We had a lot of fun with the SBHS athletic leaders joining our morning meeting today, they brought inspiration and fun!

*Have a great weekend, take some time to read with your child.*  
Mark Trifilio



## ~ PTO News ~

### Last Call for Orchard Gear Orders :

Today (12/1) is the last day to place your orders for Orchard Gear. If you haven't done so already, go to the <https://orchardschoolspiritwear17.itemorder.com> and place your order today.

**Thankful Giving:** A reminder that this is the last week to participate in the Thankful Giving Mitten project. Please return your unwrapped gifts to the front office.

**Orchard Drama:** please check out our current volunteer opportunities at [http://orchard2012.ivolunteer.com/drama\\_2018](http://orchard2012.ivolunteer.com/drama_2018)

### Mark your Calendars:

**December 8** - Staff Cookie Extravaganza and Early Dismissal 12:30

**January 8** - PTO meeting at 6:30pm in the Staff Room.

**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:**

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Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/orchardschoolpto/>

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## Lunch Menu from December 4—8

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Taco Bar Spanish Rice Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	BBQ Chicken BBQ Tofu Mashed Potato Coleslaw Cornbread Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Chicken Nuggets Rice Pilaf Carrots Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Early Dismissal 12:30 Bag Lunch