

# The Core



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## Important Dates

Winter Carnival  
February 20th– 24th

Mid-Winter Break  
February 27-March 7

Return to School  
March 8, 2017

Science Fair  
March 16, 2017

Skate Night  
March 24, 2017



### Dear Parents,

The month of February got off to a fun and educational start. We celebrated our 100th Day of school last week, a Snow Day, Valentine's Day, and I Love to Read & Write Week this week. We had our own teacher/reowned author, Abby Klein kick-off our activities and we concluded our week with re-nowned author/Orchard parent, Jason Chin (doing multiple grade-level visits today). We have one more week of school as we head towards our mid-winter break.

I needed to be out for a few days and returned on Thursday to a welcoming school climate. The South Burlington School District is very innovative by hiring a principal substitute (a retired principal) when I am out. This is a smart move (by being proactive for school safety and minimizing issues that arise on a daily basis) and principals from other districts are frequently asking me about it. My point here is that both substitute principals, Joe O'Brien and Bob Goudreau, go out of their way to say what a terrific school Orchard is and how much they like being here. It's not just that the students are pretty well behaved but that they are highly engaged, cooperative, respectful and happy! Three Cheers to the Orchard School Community!

Due to Monday's snow storm we had to cancel the PTO meeting. It is fortunate Superintendent David Young has been rescheduled and will be joining us this coming Monday, February 20th, to review our budget proposal for 2017-18 school year. I hope you can join us!

We would appreciate it if you'd take a look through **Lost & Found** to see if you have any unclaimed items.

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

### ~ PTO News ~

**PTO Meeting – DATE CHANGE -- Monday, Feb 20th<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm -- Special Guest: Superintendent David Young:**

The next PTO meeting will be held on **Monday, February 20th at 6:30pm**. South Burlington Schools Superintendent David Young will join us to present the 2017-2018 School District budget. Other agenda items include upcoming PTO events and planning for 2017. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

### **Annual Orchard Teacher Raffle –**

**February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>:** Teachers and staff generously donate fun outings (pizza party after school) or gift cards (Get Air) for the kids to enjoy. Tickets cost \$.50 to purchase and you can buy as many as you like. Each student will receive 1 free ticket from the PTO.



Author Jason Chin presenting his work on his most current work, *The Grand Canyon*

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Please review the list of donations (sent via email on Wednesday) with your student so they have a good idea of what they'd like to bid on. If it would help your child with purchasing tickets please feel free to write what they want on the attached info sheet and send it with them. Parent volunteers will be on hand at lunch both days to help students. Don't forget they get one free ticket! Contact Orchard PTO at or-  
[chardschoolvt@gmail.com](mailto:chardschoolvt@gmail.com) with questions.

**Science Fair – Sign up & Volunteers Needed – Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm:** If your child would like to participate, please fill out and submit the registration form. Additionally, we are seeking 5 volunteers to help with set up (5pm) and break down (7pm). Please email [emfrazier@gmail.com](mailto:emfrazier@gmail.com) if you are able to help!

**Skate Night – Cairns Arena - March 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00pm:** Skate Night is an Orchard tradition that brings the school together for a night of ice skating, community building and fun prizes! In order to make our event successful, we need help from Orchard families and local businesses. Most of the baskets for our raffle are donated by either our awesome families or local businesses. Let us know if you are interested in donating a raffle basket for Skate Night. Thanks for your support!

**RunVermont – Mini Milers Program – Volunteer Leaders Needed:** We are seeking volunteers to lead the Mini Milers Program at Orchard School. Mini Milers is a 10 week program that “runs” in the spring. Practices are once a week for an hour afterschool. Last year we had 28 participants and we would love to continue this program. RunVermont provides leaders with training, a manual with lessons and activities, and all of the incentive pieces for the participants. Leaders receive 50% off one RunVermont race and a leader t-shirt. Please email [liannebaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:liannebaldwin@gmail.com) if you would like to be a leader at Orchard School.

**Exciting Opportunities for Our Community with Common Roots!**

**CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Food Shares:**

Talented Farmer, Michael Bisogno, his staff and interns will produce local organic food in two greenhouses, three high tunnels and in open fields on Spear Street. Check out the attached brochure and take advantage of the savings if you sign up before February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Summer programs for children ages 3-6 :**

Young children will have opportunity on the land at the beautiful Wheeler Homestead to explore their natural world and learn about nourishing foods and how they grow. Forward to a friend whose child may become enrolled.

**Save the Date, April 8<sup>th</sup> Family Fun at the Davis Art Studio – More to Come! Check out the Flyer and Mark you Calendars!**

**Common Roots**, has provided a food education in every elementary classroom for 8 years. As a result of that education our students are eating healthier while connecting to the soil. We have found Common Roots to be an invaluable community partner in helping us meet our district wellness. We hope that you will support Common Roots and the fabulous work they do by enrolling in one of these wonderful programs.

With Gratitude,  
Rhonda Ketner, SBSN Nutritional Services Director

**Please check attachments for more information.**

Lunch Menu from February 20 — 24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast for Lunch Scrambled Eggs Blueberry Muffins Homefries Fruit/Veggie Bar	Nachos Beef or Bean Spanish Rice Pico de Gallo Salsa Fruit/Veggie Bar	Alfredo Chicken or Broccoli Penne Kale Salad Fruit/Veggie Bar	Crispy Baked Fish Sandwich Peas Fruit/Veggie Bar	Chicken Nuggets Falafel Nuggets Rice Pilaf Fruit/Veggie Bar