

The Core



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Important Dates

I Love to Read Week
February 13th -17th

Winter Carnival
February 20th-24th

Mid Winter Break
February 27-March 7

**South Burlington
School District
Preschool**
Contact Linda Mickel
At 652-7183
Meet & Greet Play
Session on
February 17, 2017



Dear Parents,

Report Cards will be going home today. The teachers have worked extensively these past couple of weeks finishing up assessments to communicate your child's progress. We hope you and your child read through the report card together. Please sign and return the report card envelope and contact us if you have any questions.

Speaking of report cards, what's in a 2? A couple of years ago, the district calibrated our scoring guidelines. Please see the information listed below explaining this change.

The In-service workshop that our teachers participated in on Wednesday, our Early Dismissal day, was terrific! We learned a great deal about being a trauma- informed school. We will be sharing more with you on this subject in the near future.

The South Burlington School District is transitioning to a new website. It is being launched at the beginning of next week. Since we do not have our own webmaster, we are working daily to get it up and running. Stay tuned! We will be sharing the web link as soon as it is ready.

Congratulations to our 5th graders! **They officially completed the DARE program with Corporal Jeff Favreau.** Also, congratulations to the following students for winning the Dare Essay Competition: Kate Popick, Wynne Adamson and Lilian Epstein. Great Job!

Although it is exciting to get public attention, we were a little surprised to see Orchard school featured on the front page of the Burlington Free Press on Wednesday morning. It is difficult to get all perspectives in a brief article about our No Homework policy, but please know we are working to support our educational beliefs and be responsive to family's input.

Finally, take a moment and read through the Farm to School article and recipe. The sweet potato and black bean salad is delicious and was a huge hit with our students. You should try it at home!

I hope to see you at Math Night; if not, have a great weekend; take some time to read with your child.

Mark Trifilio

What's in a 2?

Mid-year grades reflect the *end-of-the-year standards*. Because of this, a "2" signifies your child is currently on grade level and progressing toward meeting the end of the year standard. 2's are perfectly acceptable. If students receive 3s on a standard, it means they have already met the end of the year standard.

Although this may be disconcerting to some parents who are expecting 3s, a 2 is the typical score for a growing, learning student. If you have questions regarding your child's progress, please contact his/her teacher.

~ PTO News ~

Reminder – Tonight is Family Math Night -- 6:00 - 7:30pm: Come play fun math-related games that even the most reluctant math student will enjoy! Families move from table to table, building 3D structures with marshmallows, graphing with Smarties, playing chess, and working on art, Lego symmetry and estimation. Each family has a chance to win a game at our Math Night Raffle and will go home with a free set of dominoes.

PTO Meeting: The next PTO Meeting will be held Monday, February 13th at 6:30pm at Orchard School. Would you like to connect with other Orchard School parents? Are you interested in joining the PTO board next year? Please join us. *All are welcome.*

Memory Book – Photos Needed:

Please help us gather photographs for this year’s Memory Book!! If you have taken any photos – Circus, Harvest Fest, field trips, other events and/or random candid shots, please send them! Each photo should be highest resolution possible, so if sending from your phone, please send as “actual size” or “large”. All photos can be emailed to lpatriessmith@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!!

Upcoming Orchard PTO Events:

Teacher Raffle – February 20th and 21st

This year, as in the past, our creative teachers and staff are offering a wonderful assortment of fun activities, events and prizes for our students! Please stay tuned for this year’s offerings.

Science Fair (*Save the Date*) – Thursday, March 16th Orchard School’s Science Fair will be held on Thursday, March 16th. Please save the date and start brainstorming with your student(s) about what project he or she might like to complete this year! More information to come.

Check out our new sign ➡

Skate Night – Cairns Arena - March 24th

5:30-8:00pm Volunteers Needed! Skate Night is an Orchard tradition that brings the school together for a night of ice skating, community building and fun prizes. We are seeking volunteers who to join the Skate Night Committee. Interested in Volunteering? Please contact Jamie Kelly at jamie.kelly@uvmhealth.org for more information.

"I Love to Read and Write Week" is quickly approaching, and will be filled with exciting literacy activities. The kick-off will be on Friday, February 10th during our all-school morning meeting. Orchard teacher and author, Abby Klein, will introduce our celebration by reading from one her many books. The following week, students will have a variety of opportunities that are sure to spice up their reading and writing lives. Our grand finale will include presentations by nationally recognized author and illustrator, Jason Chin, who just so happens to also be an Orchard School parent. We look forward to celebrating our community's shared love of reading and writing.



Lunch Menu from February 6—10				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Sweet Potato Tots Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Taco Bar Beef or Bean Mexican Rice Fiesta Corn Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Maple Rosemary Chicken or Tofu Rice Pilaf Carrot Souffle Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Asian Noodle Bar Chicken or Tofu Stir Fried Veggies Cabbage/Apple Salad Kale Chips Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Grilled Chicken Caesar Wraps Onion Rings Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk