

The Core



Orchard Elementary School ▪ 2 Baldwin Avenue, South Burlington, VT 05403 ▪ 802-652-7300

March 10, 2017
Volume 8, Issue 25

Important Dates

March 15, 2017
Early Dismissal
11:30 am

Parent Conferences
April 6 & 7, 2017
11:30 Dismissal

Kindergarten
Registration
April 18 & 19, 2017



Spring Ahead,
Turn your clocks forward!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! The month of March is off to a great start. We hope everyone had a great break and are back in their routine rested and recharged. Although we are disappointed that the budget didn't pass we know everything will sort itself out. The superintendent and the school board have all voiced they are committed to our teachers and will not compromise our excellent education system.

We would like to welcome our newest School Board members, Alex McHenry and Seven Wisloski. They will begin their term building a new budget that will be put before the voters in the near future.

Parents in grades 3—5: researchers from the University of Vermont are taking part in a national study on adolescent brain development. This is part of the largest study ever in learning how the cognitive mind grows and develop. The UVM researchers are teaming up with the South Burlington Schools in hopes of getting students and families involved in the study. It sounds fascinating, more information will follow but please check out the paper work being sent home today!

Parents, don't forget we have a half-day in-service this Wednesday,

March 15th. It seems like a fast schedule change right after the vacation but the training is invaluable. Elementary staff from all over the district will meet here at Orchard for deeper learning about students with trauma. Thank you for your flexibility and support.

The Science Fair is this Thursday evening. Even if your child did not register for a display, plan to stop by and check out all the great projects!

It looks like the cold weather is sticking around a little longer. We appreciate students still coming to school in winter weather gear (especially boots). Thank you and please check through our *Lost & Found* when you are here.

It's the start of *Daylight Savings Time* this weekend. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night!

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

See you at the Science Fair!

Mark Trifilio

~ PTO News ~

Science Fair – Sign up & Volunteers Needed – Thursday, March 16th 6-7pm: The science fair will be next Thursday, March 16th from 6-7pm. Set up begins at 5:30pm. Please return your sign up form to school by Monday, March 13th. If you are able to volunteer to set up tables before the event and help take down tables after the event (we are looking for 12 volunteers) please use the following link to sign up to volunteer: http://orchard2012.ivolunteer.com/science_fair.

Skate Night is in Two Weeks!!

Skate Night is on Friday, March 24 – 5:30pm - 8:00pm. This is a fun family event at Cairns arena that not only includes skating with family and friends, but also a very popular basket raffle that raises money for the Orchard PTO. Please read the Skate Night attachment for more information and for the pre-order form for admission and basket raffle tickets. This will save your family a lot of time on the evening of Skate Night. Returning this year, there will be a food drive at Skate Night for the Vermont Foodbank. For each item of non-

perishable food your family donates, you will receive a free raffle ticket!

Memory Book – Photos Needed: Please help us gather photographs for this year’s Memory Book!! If you have taken any photos – Circus, Harvest-fest, Narnia, Math Night, 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 lpetriesmith@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!!

Next PTO Meeting will be on March 20th at 6:30pm in the teacher’s lounge. All parents are welcome to attend, we hope to see you there!

Girls on the Run



Calling all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls!

If you like having fun, making new friends, learning new things and being active, then Girls on the Run is the program for you!

Join other Orchard girls on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:40-4:30 pm to have fun, learn about yourself and achieve amazing goals! Girls on the Run is an exciting 10-week program that involves activities, games, discussions and fitness fun, with the season ending with you accomplishing a 5K run/walk. For more information visit: www.girlsontherunvermont.org and register today. Registration closes Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

The program begins Monday, March 20 at 2:40 pm. We look forward to seeing you at Girls on the Run!



Photos from this week: Kindergarten students learning about force and motion through with the Pinbox Wizards, a Burlington-based team that uses cardboard to build science materials including these pinball games.



Lunch Menu for February 13 — 17

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Waffles Sausage Yogurt Homefries Fruit/Veggie Bar	Quesadillas Chicken or Bean Spanish Rice Pico de Gallo Salsa Fruit/Veggie Bar	Early Dismissal 11:30 am Bag lunches to go **Please order in advance**	Pizza Cheese or Veggie Caesar Salad Fruit/Veggie Bar	Irish Stew Beef or Veggie Irish Soda Bread Fruit/Veggie Bar