

# The Core



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## Important Dates

**PTO Meeting**  
**April 17, 6:30pm**

**Kindergarten**  
**Registration**  
**April 18 & 19**

**April Vacation**  
**April 24-28, 2017**

**Tag Sale**  
**May 12 & 13, 2017**

**Spring Fling**  
**May 19, 2017**

## Dear Parents,

Grade 3—5 Parents—don't forget to join our PTO Meeting this Monday, April 17. The researchers from UVM's ABCD study will be doing a brief presentation and answering all of your questions. More details on page 2.

Bravo to all of our students taking their SBAC assessments! Our students are showing grit and perseverance throughout these exams. We're on the downside so we are encouraging all students to finish strong.

Last week's Movie Night was a real blast. Special thanks to our team of 5th grade parents (and volunteers) for putting on an *Incredible* Night!

We are excited to have our first ever Fine Arts Month! More information will follow regarding student art work and physical education activities, but mark your calendar for the upcoming Spring concerts listed below.

We are back to the drawing board with our school budget. The school board and administration are traveling down uncharted territory grappling with the concerns of voters vs. the needs of our schools. Orchard School feels removed from the mascot issue. Every day we focus on tolerance and on celebrating each person's uniqueness. We work to ensure everyone is valued and feels a sense of belonging at our school.

*Spring is here! Have a special weekend to all families who are celebrating Easter or Passover. Take some time to read to your child.*

*Mark Trifilio*

The *new* Orchard Fine Arts

## Student Music Series

- ◆ **Concert: Grades 2 & 3 –**  
Wednesday, May 10—8:30-9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Concert: Kindergarten & 1st Grade**  
Thursday, May 18—8:30-9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Concert: Grades 4 & 5 –**  
Tuesday, May 23—8:30-9:00 a.m.

*All performances take place in the Orchard Gym*

## ~ PTO News ~

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Movie Night Shout Out!**

Thank you to the 5th Grade Fun Day Movie Night Organizers for another fun Orchard event! Everyone had a great time! Thanks Ladies ~ Paula Nenninger, Diane Chamberlin, Alesia Clear, June Shen Epstein & Sandy Flemer.

### **Lego Club Thank You**

What an amazing time these kiddos had at Lego Club! We so appreciate the hard work that Lisa Charlebois and Carolyn Wyand put into another fun afterschool activity! Thank you so much!

### **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch ~ Wed., May 3rd**

It's time to show our gratitude to Orchard School faculty and staff! As in the past, we are looking for approximately three volunteers per classroom to cook, bake, shop, set up

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and clean up to make this a successful event. Have a favorite family dish? Please share! Has an interesting recipe caught your eye? Why not double it and make one for your family and one for the school? Don't Cook? No worries, there are plenty of spots to fill! Sign up at [http://orchard2012.ivolunteer.com/lunch\\_2017](http://orchard2012.ivolunteer.com/lunch_2017)

**With Spring Break upon us, this date will sneak up quickly.** Please show your appreciation for our amazing teachers and staff and sign up today! If you have any questions, please contact Heather Sweeny at [heathersweeny@yahoo.com](mailto:heathersweeny@yahoo.com)  
*All items need to be in the in the Staff Room (across from the Art Room) by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3rd. Please send in a serving utensil with each dish and **label all items**. Dishes and utensils will be rinsed and may be picked up in the conference room next to Mr. Trifilio's office at the end of the school day.*

**Spring Fling Alert!**

The wheels are in motion for another terrific Spring Fling at Orchard, but the PTO desperately needs 2-3 people on this year's steering committee in order for it to go forward THIS YEAR. We have already booked a band, and our face painters and tattoo artists are all lined-up-- but we need people willing to continue running this event. If you have enjoyed this wonderful outdoor family evening in the past, then you know how important it is that we continue to have it. If you enjoy organizing activities, and could help lead one portion of the event ( cupcakes made with the 5th grade, help organizing food, thinking up fun activities ) then we need your help on this committee! Please feel free to reach out to Kelli Shonter or Michelle Keebler at: [Orchardschoolvt@gmail.com](mailto:Orchardschoolvt@gmail.com)

**Next PTO Meeting** will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Teachers Lounge.

Agenda:

1. UVM Brain Research Study
2. PTO Budget for 2017/18
3. Volunteer Appreciation
4. Drama Update

**WE ARE STILL ENROLLING!**

**BE PART OF THE LARGEST STUDY OF BRAIN DEVELOPMENT & CHILD HEALTH!**



Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development  
 Teen Brains. Today's Science. Brighter Future.

**WHAT IS THE ABCD STUDY?**

ABCD stands for Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development, and it is a landmark study supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Across the country we will enroll 10,000 families and follow children into early adulthood. The goal is to understand how children's experiences affect brain development and other aspects of their life - including school, friendships, behavior and health.

- If you are the parent or legal guardian of a child ages 8 - 10 your family may be eligible.
- We are currently scheduling for both spring and summer.
- Study visits are available on Saturdays and after school hours.
- We look forward to meeting your family!

Sign up for the study by following this link:  
<https://abcdcontact.me/school/500747000292>



For more information:  
 Call the UVM team at (802) 847-4562  
 Email us at [ABCD@uvm.edu](mailto:ABCD@uvm.edu)  
 Visit the ABCD website: [www.ABCDStudy.org](http://www.ABCDStudy.org).

Photo:  
 LEGO Club!

| Lunch Menu for April 17 — 21  |  |  |   |   |
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| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  |
| French Toast<br>VT maple Syrup<br>Yogurt<br>Homefries<br>Fruit/Veggie Bar<br>Milk | Sloppy Joes<br>Sloppy Lentil Joes<br>Onion Rings<br>Fruit/Veggie Bar<br>Milk | Fish & Chips<br>Root Veggie Slaw<br>Fruit/Veggie Bar<br>Milk | Pizza<br>Cheese or Veggie<br>Kale Salad<br>Fruit/Veggie Bar<br>Milk | Chicken Nuggets<br>Falafel Nuggets<br>Peas<br>Rolls<br>Fruit/Veggie Bar<br>Milk |