

The Core



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Important Dates

Tag Sale
May 12 & 13

Memorial Day
May 29 No School

Field Day
May 31
Grades 3-5 Morning
Grades K-2 Afternoon

Dear Parents,

We have a little bit of mixed emotions today—though it's exciting to start spring break a day early, it's also difficult to call off school due to safety concerns in our district. You are probably well aware of the challenges this week at the high school. Our high school students are emotionally exhausted and we did not want them going into a possible repeat of the last couple of days. It was a good call from our superintendent, David Young.

As I have mentioned before, we are a very secure school. Though no building is completely safe, we routinely practice drills and the staff frequently reviews and updates our crisis plans. We have good communication with both our district administration and the South Burlington Police Department. Your child's safety is our highest priority.

Congratulations to one of our kindergarten teachers, Margo Antonioli. She gave birth to two beautiful baby girls yesterday, Rory & Ryann Antonioli. Welcome to the Orchard family!

Happy Spring Vacation everyone; take some time to read to your child.

Mark Trifilio

~ PTO News ~

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 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

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

*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

School's Out Registration

South Burlington's after school program, *School's Out* is now accepting registration for the 2017-18 school year. Returning and new families must fill out and return the registration form by May 1st to be registered. Returning families that submit forms by the deadline are guaranteed a space, while new families must complete a form to be considered for enrollment. Enrollment for new children will be determined by space availability and lottery may be conducted if the number of new enrollments exceeds the openings.

Please visit www.sbschoolsout.com for more information and print the registration form.