

The Core



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Important Dates

April 10 @ 6:30pm:
PTO Meeting

April 13: UNO Night

April 18&19: Kinder-
garten Registration

April 24-28: April Vac-
ation

May 12&13: Tag Sale

May 10 @ 8:30am-9am
2/3 Music Performance

May 18 @ 8:30am-9am
K/1 Music Concert

May 23 @ 8:30am-9am
4/5 Music Concert

Dear Parents,

The South Burlington School District budget did not pass for a second time. Even with cuts, the vote came out about the same as the previously presented budget from early March. I am sure our school board and administrative team will be working to bring forward a successful budget. The Orchard's voting precinct passed, it is nice to have our parents' and our voters' support.

Parents, if you missed your parent conference, please give us a call. Our teachers are dedicated to sharing all educational progress of our students. We will do whatever we can to keep our partners informed.

I miscommunicated last week about our students taking SBACs (Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium). Students in grades 3 and 4 have already started the assessments and are half-way through. Grade 5 starts this upcoming week. I was totally impressed with our students' grit and tenacity.

Finally, Grade 3—5 Parents, please check page 2 for about the ABCD Project. We have recently sent information home. Additionally, the UVM researchers will be joining us for our April 17th PTO meeting with a short presentation. We hope you can attend the event.

See you tonight for The Incredibles! Have a great weekend; take some time to read with your child.

Mark Trifilio

~ PTO News ~

Orchard Mini Milers Program 5/4 - 6/8 2:35-

3:45pm – Volunteer Leaders Needed: 2017 Mini

Milers registration is now open - sign up at www.runvermont.org/youth/ready-set-run/.

Practices will take place on Thursday afternoons, May 4th – June 8th from 2:35-3:45pm. Please note that enrollment is currently capped based on the number of volunteers that have committed to help. We will expand enrollment if we are able to recruit more volunteers. 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 if you would like to help lead our Mini Milers program.

Seeking Spring Fling Co-Chair Spring Fling is our annual fun filled family event, this year on May 19th.

There are games, scavenger hunts, crafts, food, lots of fun and more! We are looking for a new Spring Fling Co-Chair for this year with a view to stepping into the lead for 2018. If you would like more information about this event and what the Chair position entails, please reach out to the PTO email at orchardschoolvt@gmail.com

Next PTO Meeting will be on April 17th at 6:30pm in the Teachers Lounge.

Do you have PTO questions? Please find us online:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/orchardschoolpto

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/orchardschoolpto/>

Email: orchardschoolvt@gmail.com

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
Visit the ABCD website: www.ABCDStudy.org.

Photos:
Orchard rooftop photos of the fifth grade rocket launch last Monday celebrating their work with Starbase, a Vermont Air Guard Collaboration.

Family Fun at Davis Studio
“Come Make a Difference”

Art, Food and Family/Community Event
Saturday, April 8th
See attachments for more information

Join neighbors and friends for the Common Roots FUNdraiser at the Davis Studio on Saturday, April 8th and support Common Roots as they take the next steps to expand the Community Food Shares program. By purchasing a commercial refrigerator and freezer at cost from Kittredge for the Wheeler House, more families in need will come to select nutritious foods each week. Equipment will enable Common Roots to serve more families and be used for other programs as well.

A very generous family in our community will match dollar for dollar up to \$3,500 to support this project. There is no food shelf in South Burlington. Thank you for your support.

Carol McQuillen



Lunch Menu from April 10 — 14				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sweet & Sour Chicken or Tofu Fried Rice Broccoli	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce or Marinara Spinach Salad	Irish Beef Stew Rolls	Cheeseburgers Hamburgers Garden burgers Roasted Rooties	Grilled Chicken Caesar Wraps Carrot Soufflé