

The Core



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Important Dates

In-Service
May 17, 2017
Early Dismissal 11:30

Memorial Day
May 29, 2017
No School

Field Day
May 31, 2017
Grades 3-5, Morning
Grades K-2 Afternoon

5th Grade Fun Day
June 9, 2017
Jay Peak

5th Grade
Celebration
June 14, 2017

Dear Parents,

We will continue to accept parent input letters regarding placement for the next school year (attached with last week's Core) until next Monday, May 15, 2017. Placement will be very tricky this year due to the uncertainty of the budget. Orchard School's population continues to shift (and grow a little) and we need to be careful how we create grade configurations. We are hopeful the budget will be approved and are looking at a variety of placement options. We want to alert parents now that placement letters might not be coming out until later in the summer.

Bravo to our 2nd & 3rd grade students for a fun and spirited concert Wednesday morning. In the spirit of Fine Arts Month, Kindergarteners and 1st graders are performing this Wednesday. Parents please join us!

Congratulations to our 4th graders for working through our Science NECAPS. Once again they have shown grit and tenacity as they worked through the three sessions.

We had a nice turn-out for the presentation by Scott Noyes on *Raising Children in a Violent Society*. Special thanks to our Home-School Clinician for coordinating this effort with the other elementary schools and School's Out!

The Famous Tag Sale takes place today and Saturday, come find a treasure! Also, don't forget that Wednesday is a half-day for teacher in-service.

Thank you parents for submitting your receipts at Hannaford Grocery Store (we beat Shelburne Community School this year!). The check for \$1,000 will go toward our gardens and sustainability efforts.

Have a terrific weekend; take some time to read to your child. Happy Mother's Day!
Mark Trifilio



Field Day Coming Soon!

Field Day at Orchard School will be Wednesday, May 31st. Mr. Hamlin is looking for volunteers to come in to be a station organizer and join the fun! 3rd—5th grade students will be scheduled for 9:00—11:00 and the K-2 students from 12:30—2:30.

There will be some water-based activities so students should bring a change of clothes and wear sun screen on this day.

If weather is not cooperating, the Field Day will be Thursday, June 1st. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mr. Hamlin at: thamlin@sbschools.net.

The *new* Orchard Fine Arts

Student Music Series

- ◆ **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 Gymnasium.

From the PTO ~

Tag Sale THIS WEEKEND! Bargains! Great Deals!

A friendly reminder that the tag sale will be starting today (Friday May 12th) at Orchard and will run through tomorrow. Please stop by with friends and family – don't miss out!

Volunteer Opportunities for 2017-2018

We need parent volunteers for the next school year! If you are interested in joining the PTO board, taking on a fun project for a PTO event or helping on a committee, there is plenty to be done!

There are 3 open PTO board positions for **2017-18**:

- Co-President
- Co-Vice President
- Co-Secretary

***PLUS** we need parents to help with the many fun events we have planned next year. Please join us for the PTO meeting Monday, May 15 to find out more about the opportunities available! Please also contact us at the email below.*

Spring Fling

We are sorry to announce that the Spring Fling is cancelled this year.

Next PTO Meeting will be on May 15th at 6:30pm in the Teachers Lounge.

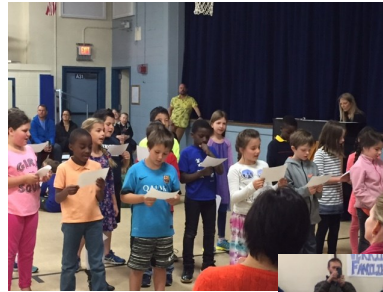
Do you have PTO questions? Please find us online:
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/orchardschoolpto
 Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/orchardschoolpto/>
 Email: orchardschoolvt@gmail.com

Coming this Fall 2017

Orchard's newest fundraiser is an all-school Fun Run! Become a part of the Race Committee and learn more by attending the PTO meeting this Monday at 6:30 or reach out to Angi Murray angiwmurray@gmail.com.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Parents,
 We hope you will join us for the **K/1 Arts Program** this Thursday morning, **May 18, at 8:30 am**. Students will perform in the gym, and then we will invite you to take a quick stroll through the hallway with your child to see their artwork in the K/1 Art Exhibit! We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

Amy Frostman (Music) and Susie Ely (Art)



Photos from the 2-3 Concert



Part of Orchard School's Fine Arts Month



Don't forget to join us for a P.E. class. Check last week's Core for the schedule.

Lunch Menu from May 15 — 19				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni & Cheese	Sweet & Sour Chicken or Tofu	Half Day	Pizza Cheese or Veggie	Waffles
Broccoli	Fried Rice and Stir Fried veggies	Bag Lunches to Go	Kale Salad	Vt. Maple Syrup
Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar	Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar	Please Order in Advance	Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar	Yogurt
				Home fries
				Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar

In conjunction with Fine Arts Month ~

Join us for a P.E. Class!

Come in and join your child for P.E. during the month of May! In celebration of Arts Month, we are opening the doors to any family members that want to come and see what's going on in P.E. If you are able to make it, either as an active participant, or as a spectator, we would love to have you!

Tommy Hamlin
P.E. Teacher

Below is a schedule so you can find your child's P.E. day and time:

Kindergarten

Mrs. Antoniloi- Monday 1:30-2:00, Wednesday 12:30-1:00

Mrs. Barone- Tuesday and Thursday 1:00-1:30

Mrs. Garland- Tuesday and Thursday 12:30-1:00

Mrs. Walcott- Monday 2:00-2:30, Wednesday 1:00-1:30

Grade 1

Mrs. Adams- Tuesday 2:00-2:30, Friday 1:00-1:30

Mrs. Klein- Monday 12:30-1:00, Wednesday 1:30-2:00

Mrs. Mcquillen- Tuesday 1:30-2:00, Friday 12:30-1:00

Mr. Pecor- Monday 1:00-1:30, Wednesday 2:00-2:30

Grade 2

Mrs. Bauman- Thursday 2:00-2:30, Friday 1:30-2:00

Mrs. Fischer- Tuesday 10:30-11:00, Friday 2:00-2:30

Mrs. Pecor- Tuesday 11:00-11:30, Thursday 1:30-2:00

Grade 3

Ms. Phalon- Monday and Wednesday 9:00-9:30

Mr. Schmidt- Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-9:30

Mrs. Verrill- Monday and Wednesday 8:30-9:00

Grade 4

Mrs. Bahrenburg- Monday and Thursday 10:00-10:30

Mrs. Tate- Monday and Thursday 9:30-10:00

Mrs. Vachereau- Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00-10:30

Grade 5

Mrs. Bliss- Wednesday and Friday 10:30-11:00

Mrs. Gurwicz- Wednesday and Thursday 11:00-11:30

Mr. Wright- Monday 11:00-11:30, Thursday 10:30-11:00