

The Core



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Important Dates

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 14th, 2017

Dear Parents,

All teachers and staff members from across the district came to Orchard for the second half of our training on becoming *trauma-informed* on Wednesday. It was very informative and we hope to have additional training in the future.

We had a fantastic turnout for our K-1 Concert and Art Show, the students were wonderful! 4/5 grades are this Tuesday morning and then we end *Fine Arts Month* next Friday with the FTMS Jazz Band Concert. Parents—don't forget to also join your child's P.E. class!

We are excited about a new school budget proposal and ready to move forward. Check our district's webpage for the details at: <https://www.sbschools.net>.

The Budget Informational Meeting is Monday, June 5th. Voting will be on Tuesday, June 6th.

I'm sorry to see that our Spring Fling is cancelled this year. Let's make sure we don't lose this highly valued school community builder.

On a positive note, thank you Carol McQuillen for another successful Tag Sale. Carol helped raise over \$3,000 to support Orchard Gardens and our sustainability efforts!

With 4 weeks (less that 20 days) to go, there is a lot going on—stay tuned! *Have a great weekend; take some time to read to your child.*

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.

~ PTO News ~

Drama News: "Follow the Yellow Brick Road!"

Orchard Drama is excited to announce *THE WIZARD OF OZ* as our production for the 2017-18. Keep your eyes peeled before the end of the school year for our flyer with details about drama dates and volunteer opportunities.

In addition, we still have a few NARNIA CDs and T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE, if you missed out and would like one. Contact Michelle Keebler directly at meechek@yahoo.com with requests.

Fall 2017 Fun Run Update

Fun Run dates are set to be October 6th (with a rain date of October 13th) If you would like to be a part of the Race Committee reach out to Angi Murray (angiwmurray@gmail.com) We will also be looking for volunteers over the summer to help in the weeks leading up to the event!

The *new* Orchard Fine Arts

Student Music Series

- ◆ **Concert, Grades 4 & 5 –**
Tuesday, May 23—8:30-9:00 a.m.

All performances take place in the Orchard Gymnasium.

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PTO Volunteer Opportunities for 2017-2018

The PTO needs 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, being on the drama team or helping on a committee, there is plenty to be done!

There will be **three** PTO board positions for **2017-18**: Co-President, Co-Vice President, Co-Secretary. Please email [or-
chardschoolvt@gmail.com](mailto:orchardschoolvt@gmail.com) for more information!

Do you have PTO questions? Please find us online:

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Website: [https://sites.google.com/site/
orchardschoolpto/](https://sites.google.com/site/orchardschoolpto/)
Email: orchardschoolvt@gmail.com

4th & 5th Grade Parents:

We hope that you will join us for the **4/5 Arts Program** this Tuesday morning, **May 23, at 8:30 am**. Students will perform in the gym, and then we invite you to take a quick stroll through the hallway with your child to see their artwork in the 4/5 Art Exhibit! Art will be displayed through Friday. If you are not able to attend on Tuesday morning, please feel free to come and take a look at your convenience. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Amy Frostman (Music) and Susie Ely (Art)



Girls on the Run

Help support a great cause and cheer on the Orchard Girls on the Run groups at the Girls on the Run 5K, Saturday June 3rd! The annual Girls on the Run 5k needs volunteers to support the event and the over 2,500 participants. It requires over 200 volunteers who generously serve as course marshals, water stop assistants, finish line managers, activity tables assistants and more. Some positions allow you to have a younger child with you (6+). The event is a lot of fun, you can see more about it here:

<http://gotrvt.org/photos/>

5K Run Details:

When: Saturday, June 3rd

Where: Champlain Valley Expo, Essex Junction

What: Volunteer stations include course support, registration, tattoos, happy hair spray, refreshments, water stop, etc.

Time: Volunteer positions run from 7:30am-12pm (Different positions have different arrival times.)

If you are interested, please go to

<http://gotrvt.org/volunteer> or contact Stephanie at dorgan.steph@gmail.com

Girls on the Run is a non-profit dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. Teams meet twice a week and learn life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games. Running is used to inspire and motivate girls, encourage lifelong health and fitness, and build confidence through accomplishment. At each season's conclusion, the girls and their teams complete a 5k running event which gives them a tangible sense of achievement as well as a framework for setting and achieving life goals.

<http://girlsontherunvermont.org>

Lunch Menu from May 22 — 26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grilled Cheese Tomato soup Fruit/Veggie Bar	Sloppy Joes Oven Fries Sweet Corn Fruit/Veggie Bar	Maple Rosemary Chicken or Tofu	Turkey Primavera Fruit/Veggie Bar	Toasty Ham & Cheese Bagels Chicken Noodle Soup Fruit/Veggie Bar