

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 are truly fortunate to be working and teaching in such a supportive community. Our Teacher/Staff Appreciation luncheon on Wednesday was a real feast! Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and all the delicious food.

Due the challenges of passing the SBSB budget, we still have a lot of work before announcing our grade configurations and teacher assignments. This will be communicated at the proper time, but in the meantime we will begin our work with student placement. **I am attaching the Parent Input form to the Core.** It is in a "Word" document so you can write manually or on your computer. Your feedback is very helpful and our goal is to get your perspective on your child as a learner. Please send it in to the office or to your classroom teacher by **Monday, May 15.**

We are unable to accept any form with a specific teacher request on it.

4th Grade Students will be taking the last state assessment next week. It's called the Science NECAP (New England Common Assessment Program) and will go over three sessions: Tuesday—Thursday, May 9-12.

Parents—The district is rescheduling the **staff half-day in-service** (due to snow) for **Wednesday, May 17th**. The school day will officially end at 11:30AM

We are really excited to begin our Fine Arts Month! You can see we are reformatting our music concerts. Additionally, we will have student art work for parents to view immediately after their concert. Our P.E. teacher is inviting parents to visit a Physical Education Class as well. We kicked Fine Arts Month off today with a visit from the VSO Brass section, it was a terrific concert and an excellent way to begin celebrating the arts at Orchard School!

Finally, I hope you can join us next Thursday evening, May 11, for a presentation on the effects of violent media on children (check out the brochure). Have a relaxing weekend; 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 Gymnasium.

Parents—we need your stuff!

Our Tag Sale is only a week away. Please consider donations for a worthwhile fundraiser. Don't forget to shop at it also!

See Mrs. McQuillen's article on page 2.



Memory Book Order Form Extension to 5/12

We realize the Memory Book order forms did not make it home before break so we are extending the deadline to order to Friday, May 12th. Please fill out the order form that was sent home with your child this week, included here or just send in a check for \$12 made out to Orchard PTO and indicate that its for the Memory book. Be sure to include a note with your child's name and teacher. *Thank you!*

2nd and 3rd Grade Families,

We hope that you will join us for the **2/3 Arts Program** Wednesday morning, **May 10, 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 2/3 Art Exhibit! Art will be displayed through Friday. If you are not able to attend on Wednesday 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)

HUGE SALE to support Orchard Gardens!
This Biannual Sale supports the maintenance and teaching from more than 12 gardens!



- ☛ Friday, May 12th, 2:30-7 pm
- ☛ Saturday, May 13th, 8-12 pm

Please fill out the attached form and send it back to school with your child if you plan to donate or can lend a helping hand.

There is also a poster in the front lobby for volunteers to sign in.

*Joyfully,
Carol McQuillen*

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! All classes are 30 minutes long.

*Tommy Hamlin
P.E. Teacher*

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

Kindergarten:

- Ms. Koch- Monday 1:30-2:00, Wednesday 12:30-1:00
- Mrs. Barone- Tuesday and Thursday 1:00-1:30
- Ms. Garland- Tuesday and Thursday 12:30-1:00
- Mrs. Walcott- Monday 2:00-2:30, Wednesday 1:00

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
- Ms. 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 & Thursday 10:30.

Lunch Menu for May 8— 12				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Scrambled Eggs with Cheese Cinnamon Buns Homefries Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Nachos Beef or Bean Queso Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Shepherd's Pie Roll Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Hamburger Cheeseburger Gardenburger Onion rings Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Baked Chicken w/ Gravy Stuffing Coleslaw Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk

~ PTO News ~

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch

Thank you so much to Heather Sweeny and the parent volunteers who helped put together the Appreciation Lunch this week. There was a delicious spread of the most amazing food and treats, decorated with the most beautiful flowers. A great way to appreciate all of the teachers and staff at Orchard and everything that they do.

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



Note:

It's biking & walking

(and rollerblading/skate boarding) season.

Drivers' keep an eye out for our young pedestrians, especially where the bike trail turns in on Baldwin Avenue.

Also, we notice bikers are showing up early to school. Though we are glad students are punctual, we do not have supervision before 7:45. We appreciate holding them back a couple of minutes. Thanks!