

# The Core



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## Important Dates

**Picture Days**  
**September 11 & 12**

**PTO Meeting**  
Monday, September 11  
6:30 PM

### Early Release Day

Friday, Sept. 15.  
Dismissal at 12:30.  
Lunch will be served



### *Dear Parents & Guardians,*

We had a successful week getting into the groove here at Orchard School. The students are doing great and settling in. I am always impressed with our students' empathy and care for new friends. It is a tribute to our families and Orchard Community.

Parents, thank you for attending our Curriculum Night. I hope you found it informative. I was happy to see it was well attended

In case you had not heard the good news, the South Burlington School Board approved the addition of a new teacher for Orchard School. Our 4th grade size had steadily increased in August and we will begin working to hire an additional classroom teacher to reduce the class sizes. We will be keeping 4th grade parents in the loop during the next couple of weeks.

Parents, though we do not have homework assigned we are expecting our students to read every night. We recommend a combination of silent reading and reading orally to you. We also highly recommend you reading aloud to your child each night too. Please do not assume that though we are not distributing homework, we are expecting reading a "just right" book each night.

*Have a great weekend, take some time to read to your child.*

*Mark Trifilio*

### Picture Days are Monday & Tuesday!

*Get ready for School Photos on Sept. 11 & 12*

#### **Monday**

- ★ Pre-School
- ★ Kindergarten
- ★ Grade 2
- ★ Grade 4

#### **Tuesday**

- ★ Grade 1
- ★ Grade 3
- ★ Grade 5

Additional notes:

**PTO—Monday Night**—Please join us for the 1st PTO Meeting of the year Monday evening. We will be reviewing our safety protocols for volunteering at Orchard School.

Also, save your treasures to donate for the

**Orchard Tag Sale—October 6th & 7th.**

*A flier is being sent home in your child's backpack.*

### ***Celebrating Creativity, Courage and Collaboration!***

Next week in the library, all of Orchard School's classes will be connecting with others across the globe to celebrate **International Dot Day**. This week-long event is based on a book titled THE DOT by Peter H. Reynolds. It's a story of a caring teacher who encourages a doubting student to trust in her own abilities. Talking about taking risks and trying new things is such a fabulous way to begin a new school year!



There are some exciting connections planned for the week. Classes will be using Skype or Google Hangout to visit with students as far away as Argentina and London! Others will spend some time with children in Kansas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Maryland, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, New York, Massachusetts or the state of Washington. There will even be a connection with Hamilton, Ontario in Canada! We'll learn about each other, sharing books and creating art together through shared Google drawings and slides.

Be sure to ask your student about how their class celebrated during this special week.

*Donna Sullivan-Macdonald*  
Librarian

~ PTO News ~

**Annual PTO Meeting Monday, Sept 11th:** The first PTO meeting of the school year will be held this **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the cafeteria. Please join us at Tavern II (408 Shelburne Rd) following the meeting for a friendly gathering to welcome new and returning volunteers. If you cannot make the meeting or welcome party, please check out the agenda items below and email [liannebaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:liannebaldwin@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer for any of the below opportunities.

PTO Meeting Agenda:

PTO Overview - Mission/Goals

**Volunteer Training** by Mr. Trifilio

PTO Event Calendar

Exciting Volunteer Opportunities:

PTO Board – Co-Vice President

Fun Run Committee

Orchard Gardens Committee – Mrs. Barone

Orchard School Gear – coordinators

Square One Art - coordinators

School Photos

**Parent/Volunteer Training:** Parents and others who wish to volunteer at Orchard School with students must complete a volunteer training session. This training session will be offered during the PTO meeting on Monday evening.

**School Picture Days – Schedules for September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>:** Please note that order forms will be sent home AFTER pictures are taken along with proofs. Sibling photos will be offered separately this year on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attachment for more information on ordering and sibling photos.

**School Picture Schedule**

Monday – September 11 <sup>th</sup> :	Tuesday - September 12 <sup>th</sup>
Preschool (EEE)	Grade 1
Kindergarten	Grade 3
Grade 2	Grade 5
Grade 4	

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

Volunteer Welcome Party – September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at Tavern II - 408 Shelburne Rd.

Orchard Gardens Tag Sale – October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

First Annual Orchard School Fun Run – October 13<sup>th</sup> – mark your calendars and plan to come cheer your students on as they participate in the first annual Orchard School Fun Run!

**Do you have PTO questions? Please find us online:**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/orchardschoolpto](http://www.facebook.com/orchardschoolpto)

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

Email: [orchardschoolvt@gmail.com](mailto:orchardschoolvt@gmail.com)

Lunch Menu from September 11—15				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni & Cheese Vegetable Medley Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk	Sloppy Joe Lentil Sloppy Joe Handcut Fries Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk	Chicken Pot Pie Baked Winter Squash Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk	Chicken Tenders Peas Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk	<b>Early Dismissal 12:30 Bag Lunch</b>