

# The Sustainability Academy Newsletter

## December 4th , 2015



**Important Dates:**

December 5th - Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction 8:30am-11:30am

December 7th - PTO meeting 5:45pm - 7:30pm

Dec 8 th- Parent Coffee 8:30am -9:30am

Dec 14th - Preschool Winter Warm Up Event 8:00am

December 23rd - January 4th - Holiday Break



**Pancake Breakfast**

**Please join us  
for the**

**9th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction**

**When:** Saturday, December 5, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Sustainability Cafeteria  
123 North Street, Burlington

Pay what you can - everyone is invited regardless of ability to pay.

Suggested donations are: \$6 adults, \$4 kids and \$15-\$20 Families, kids under 2 are FREE.

If you want to help, please email [susanlinelucey@gmail.com](mailto:susanlinelucey@gmail.com) or leave a message in the office.

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Dear SA Families,

Students in grades 2-5 have been practicing songs in music class to sing at this year's Candlelight Vigil for COTS (Committee on Temporary Shelter serving Vermont)! The date is Friday December 18, from 5:30-6:30pm outside City Hall. The following description of the event is from the COTS website:

Every year, during the week of the Winter Solstice, people in Burlington pause to reflect on those who are homeless in our community. The annual COTS Candlelight Vigil takes place outside City Hall on Church Street starting at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 18. Advocates and people who are homeless read names, ages and brief vignettes about some of the people who have turned to COTS for help this year.

This is a moving event and an opportunity to take time out during the hectic holiday season to remember those who most need our help and focus on what is being done to help them regain independent lives.

Songs by school choirs and refreshments inside City Hall round out the hourlong tribute.

Our students will join students from Champlain Elementary to sing "La La Love" and "This Little Light of Mine." We hope as many of you can bring (and stay with) your children to participate as possible.

Mrs. Cianciola will ask for a general participation count in music class as the time gets closer. If any parents/guardians are guitar players who are willing to play along with, please contact Mrs. Cianciola at [jciancio@bsdvt.org](mailto:jciancio@bsdvt.org). Several of our students will also be playing instruments and would love to have additional support!

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### Recess



Classes will go outside for recess if it is **NOT** zero or below including the windchill factor.

Therefore, they should be prepared to go out by bringing the appropriate outdoor gear.

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**Cafeteria News**



**Menu for the Week of December 7th**

**Monday:** Chicken Tenders and Sweet Potato Tots

**Tuesday:** Pizza

**Wednesday:** Sloppy Joes

**Thursday:** Chicken and Noodles and Roasted Carrots

**Friday:** Cheesy Breadsticks and Roasted Cauliflower



**Congratulations to Barsha, Sarah and Sushila for an outstanding performance at Arts Riot on Wednesday evening. They worked with Rajnii Eddins to create a song and poem about the impacts of climate change. Special thank you to Gideon Commey to inviting us to share our voices as part of the "Youth Speak Out on Climate and Economy."**



**4 /5 Pizza Fundraiser**



Order your pizza today !

( Extra forms will be outside the office on the table)

Pizzas made by Leonardo's

Please make checks payable to: Sustainability Academy. Forms can be turned into 4 /5 teachers or in the envelope in the office . Orders are due on **December 7th.**

Pick up will be on **December 11th from 4:30 - 5:30**

If you have any questions please contact Tiffany Tillman [tillmanleddy@gmail.com](mailto:tillmanleddy@gmail.com) with any questions



*The results are in...together our school community collected 26.4 lbs of filmy plastic during the month of November. We will be continuing to collect, weigh and send plastic to the Trex Company until April 2016. Thank you for keeping those bags out of your trash!!*

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### **Are you going to ReCEMBER?**

ReCEMBER is a month-long series of craft workshops where you and your family can learn how to upcycle used goodies into holiday gifts from local artsy experts. It's good for your wallet, good for the earth, and good fun!

What does "upcycle" mean? Good question! Upcycling happens when you take something made for one purpose and, once it has served that purpose, you transform it into something fresh and new. All it takes is a sprinkling of imagination and a little help from the upcycling fairies at [ReSOURCE](#) in Burlington.

The fun takes place each Tuesday through December at ReSOURCE, 266 Pine Street, Burlington, from 5-8 pm, with music, free food, raffles, and plenty of upcycle crafting. Bring the family, make a gift, eat good food, and leave a donation if you can. Donations gladly accepted to help support the program.

For more information, visit [ReSOURCE](#) online or email ReSOURCE's Crafter-In-Residence, Whelley McCabe,

## **Volunteer Corner**

If you have time and not sure what you should do with it. Please look at the list below of some of our volunteer opportunities . If you are interested please contact the office.

**Fish tank caretaker**

**Music Volunteers**

**Reading Volunteers**