

The Sustainability Academy Newsletter

October 16th ,2015



Important Dates:

October 23 - Grades 2 & 3 to Shelburne Farms

October 24th - Fall Community Work Day from 9-12

October 30th - Harvest Dance 6-8

October 30th - Picture Retake

November 25 - 27th - No School in observance of Thanksgiving



Thank you to the staff and students who volunteered to celebrate those who walked/rolled to school on October 7th - International Walk to School Day! If you could not participate on October 7th and would like to participate feel free to enter the "2015 Art Contest" Details will be posted on the bulletin board in the main lobby next to the doors to the cafeteria. Please take an entry form that you will use to attach to your art work. Feel free to return all art work in Mrs. Weishaar's mailbox.

Join us for our Fall Community Work Party!

Sustainability is all about community, and nothing is better than a school community coming together to take care of its space! The Sustainability Academy has a long history of building community and making our school grounds amazing by putting our hands together. **JOIN US** on Saturday, October 24th from 9AM until 12 PM! We'll rake, weed, trim, clean, spread compost and, above all, have a great time getting to know each other!

Thank you to Gardener's Supply Company for generously donating seeds to our school. A group of third graders is currently dividing them into categories and will be creating a 3-D spreadsheet using arrays to display choices. This will make it easier for classes to decide which seeds to grow in our grow labs this year!

**Menu
for the
Week of October 26th**



Monday: Chicken Patty Sandwich and Baked Potato

Tuesday: Pizza Day! (cheese and veggies)

Wednesday: Nachos with Ground Beef or Seasoned Beans

Thursday: Spaghetti & Meatballs and Broccoli

Friday: All Beef Burger or Cheeseburger & Roasted Roots

Chromebooks on Carts at BSD Elementary Schools



We are excited at the elementary level to be getting Chromebooks for our schools. This will expand our capability to provide more access to technology than currently exists at the elementary level. Many of our faculty have received strong professional development in the integration of technology in the classroom so that the use of the equipment is meaningful and transformative. As a result, more and more, our students are doing student based inquiry and collaborative project based work with the aid of technology. Further, our students' progress is measured through the SBAC, a web based assessment. The ability to discern what our students know is dependent upon their ability to effectively use technology. The Chromebooks are another step towards our students becoming fluent in the use of technology as a tool to enhance their education. We will be focusing on working with 2nd through 5th grade to start and much like our current practice, each student will need a unique account in order to use the technology. A letter explaining all of this will be going home so look for it.

Morning Move It !



Morning Move It Update! Congratulations to Malachi, Liam, Owen, Nolan, Shiloh and Musa for each completing 100 laps around the back track to earn the title of a 10 mile mover!! Keep it up healthy kids!! Please join us to celebrate all of our movers during our Monday Morning Meeting on Oct.26th.

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Please check out the AI Gore visit to UVM. Some of our 5th graders had the honors of attending this great event on Climate Change thanks to Seventh Generation.

<http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmpr/?Page=news&&storyID=215501>



Next Thursday, three students from the Sustainability Academy will represent our Burlington Kids afterschool program at the nationwide Lights on Afterschool event. This annual event celebrates after school programs across the country and the vital role they play for children and families. Our brave SA student representatives this year are Sarah Ali, Saraswoti Chhetri, and Sushila Gurung. On October 22, from 3:00-5:00pm, these students will travel to Edmunds Elementary School to share program highlights with community members. It would be great to have you stop by Edmunds to learn more about afterschool! If you aren't able to make it, here are some fun facts:

- 87 students currently enrolled in Burlington Kids after school at SA, with average daily attendance of about 75 students
- 12 core staff lead kids in daily activities, with 5 specialty enrichment staff offering opportunities like poetry workshops and art classes
- Current community partnerships include: ECHO Nature Center, Petra Cliffs, Lake Champlain Sailing Center, Sara Holbrook Community Center, and the Parks and Recreation department
- Afterschool programs like ours not only play an essential role in relieving stress for working families, they also support healthy lifestyles for youth by encouraging physical activity and healthy snacks

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## ~PTO Corner~

Two upcoming events to mark in your calendars:

### **All Community Work Day - Saturday, October 24, 9-12:30**

Help us put our gardens to bed and prepare our school grounds for winter. Everyone in our community is encouraged to attend and help with raking, weeding, mulching, and other outdoor projects. Bring potluck items to share.

### **Harvest Dance and Party! Friday, October 30th, 6-8 pm.**



Enjoy a night of dancing to the music of DJ Marky Mark, harvest-themed games, and community fun. Costumes are optional, and sustainability-themed costumes suggested! We'll have costumes at the party to borrow as well for some extra dress-up fun. **Please no masks or violent costumes.**

### **Parent Coffee**

Join us  
on  
**Monday, November 2nd from 4:00 - 5:00**

Do you have questions about the school, or just want to meet new friends from our school?



Topics will vary

For more information call 864-8480