

The Sustainability Academy Newsletter

October 23, 2015



Important Dates:

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

October 30th - Harvest Dance 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

October 30th - Picture Retake / No costumes at school during the school day

November 1st - Daylight savings time

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



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!**

District News

~Burlington School District Community Forums~

Superintendent Yaw Obeng invites all to attend one of three upcoming Community Forums, to gather information on Burlington School District needs, wants, aspirations and ideas. This information will assist in the development of strategic alignment and also support a multi-year planning process that will guide us to the type of educational system we can all be proud of.

Tuesday, October 27, 6:30PM, Champlain Elementary School

Wednesday, October 28, 6:30PM, Burlington High School

Thursday, October 29, 6:30PM, Hunt Middle School

Please RSVP, with any childcare or translation needs, to mkalman@bsdvt.org or 864-8474. Visit www.bsdvt.org for upcoming details. We hope to see you there!

Also, please note that the Superintendent's 100 Day Entry Plan is posted at www.bsdvt.org.

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**BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET CONSULTATIONS**

It is that time of the year when we look at efficiencies within our District and how we can improve the organization as a whole. This year we are at the beginning of developing an interactive budget process that cycles a bit differently from previous years. We will need to prioritize our needs first, while meeting all mandated requirements before exploring the wants.

This is your opportunity to contribute your thoughts and ideas - help us make it better. Get in on the ground floor, before we elevate the final recommendations to the Board.

**HOW DO YOU GET ENGAGED? ATTEND A BUDGET CONSULTATION.**

**Wednesday, November 4, 6:30PM, BHS Cafeteria**

**Thursday, November 5, 6:30PM, SA Cafeteria**

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**APPROPRIATE DRESS**

As fall weather approaches, we would like to remind parents that classes will still be going outside for recess. Our policy is to go outside for recess unless the temperature is below 10 degrees. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

**Food Drive**



**We will be collecting food donations for harvest baskets starting**

**Monday , November 2nd - Friday, November 20th.**

**Please send donations in with your child to school. Collection bins will be located outside of each classroom until Friday, November 20th.**

**K-** Fruit: Applesauce, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Cocktail

**1-** Baked Goods: Cornbread, Stuffing, Cake Mix, Brownie Mix

2/3- Starch: Mac & Cheese, Rice,( Instant or fresh Potatoes), Gravy Mixes

4/5- Veggies: Corn, Carrots, Beans, Yams

**Please do not send in perishable foods items**

**We will be assembling the baskets on Monday, November 23rd at 3:30 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to help assemble baskets.**

**Monetary donations and turkey donations will be gladly accepted and appreciated. Please bring these donations to the main office.**

**Thank you for your support !**



**~ Nurses Corner ~**



A Message from the Health Office - Car Seats and Safety

We recently had a question in the Health Office about booster seats. It can be tricky knowing when it's time for kids to move on up and even trickier trying to keep persistent kids out of the front passenger seat! Vermont Child Passenger Safety at the DMV states:

- All children under the age of one, and all children weighing less than 20 pounds, regardless of age, shall be restrained in a rear-facing position, properly secured in a federally-approved child passenger restraining system, which shall not be installed in front of an active airbag.
- A child weighing more than 20 pounds, and who is one year of age or older and under the age of eight years, shall be restrained in a child passenger restraining system (This means convertible, combination and booster child safety seats).
- A child eight through 17 years of age shall be restrained in a safety belt system or a child passenger restraining system.

Jess & Justina

The SA nurses

## Menu for the Week of October 26th



**Monday:** Chicken Nuggets and Sweet Potato Tater Tots

**Tuesday:** Pizza Day! (cheese and veggies)

**Wednesday:** Sloppy Joe and Green Beans

**Thursday:** Chicken & Noodles with Roasted Broccoli

**Friday:** Cheesy Breadstick with Marinara Sauce and Cauliflower

### PTO NEWS

**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.**

**Children must be accompanied by parents/caregivers**

### **Help Us Save Paper**

A paper copy of the newsletter will come home every Friday. If you prefer to receive it electronically please fill out the information below and return it to your child's teacher.

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

You can also find the weekly newsletter on our website at [www.sa.bsdt.org](http://www.sa.bsdt.org)