

The Sustainability Academy Newsletter

April 8th, 2016



Important Dates:

April 4th - 15th - Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC) testing for 4/5th graders

April 15th - Whole School at the Flynn Theatre

April 18th - 22nd - Spring Vacation

April 29th - School Stewardship Day

May 2nd - Parent Coffee 4:00 - 5:00 in the community room

May 2nd - PTO meeting 5:45 - 7:30

May 4th - Bike to School Day

May 5th - Burlington Police Department Community BBQ 4:00 -7:00

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### Lunch Menu

Week of April 11th - 15th



**Monday:** Chicken Nuggets with Sweet Potato Tots

**Tuesday:** Pizza day

**Wednesday:** Sloppy Joes

**Thursday:** Chicken Caesar Wrap

**Friday:** Cheesy Breadsticks with Marinara Sauce

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Schoolyard Stewardship Day

Do you love being outside? Would you love helping our students in our schoolyard? If you answered yes to both of those questions and are free on **Friday, April 29th** we would like you to join our us. If you are interested please call Suzanne Weishaar for more information about times and projects.

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Congratulations! Cecily Spence ( Gr. 5) - for winning in the the Opus award. Cecily will perform live on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at Elley-Long Music Center at St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT. This is a FREE concert. It will start at 6:30 pm. Bring family, friends, school and community members.



Congratulations! Lily Young (Gr. 5) - Won 1st place in Gymnastics on the balanced beam in Bellows Falls at the State Championships in Gymnastics .



**Morning Move It!**



Oh, yes! We are celebrating again!! Our newest 10 mile mover is **Rodan!** He has been moving all winter and now that it is getting warmer he will be able to add on even more miles! Keep up the great work, Rodan!



Amy LaChance and Suzanne Weishaar were invited to join and present at the Green School Conference at State College, in PA. The focus of our presentation was 'How to Transform Your Whole School through a Changemaker Model'. Some of the highlights were talking with the student presenters, hearing about the innovative work happening across the country and hearing Chris Emdin speak.



**Recycling is Rewarding !**



Thank you to all who have brought us plastic wrapping and bags - believe it or not there are only 3 weeks left in the Trex Recycling Challenge. We have collected 132.2 lbs, - can you help us reach the next level? Please continue to save those bags from ending up in our landfill. All bags must be weighed by April 15th to be added to the "Challenge" data. Thank you!



**News from a few Second Graders:**



Thank you to everyone who has been checking their boxes and labels for "Box Tops." We have been counting, adding and calculating each small piece and we are happy to announce that we have reached \$62.00. Thank you to Ms. Justina Starr for being our school coordinator. We look forward to making decisions about what to purchase for our school. Please keep checking for the "Box Tops" and bringing them to us!



## News from the Garden



Our school community will benefit from a new partnership between our school, Vermont Community Garden Network and the Burlington School Food Project. We will be receiving \$500.00 to fund ways to extend our school garden season into the early spring. We are looking forward to getting some seeds planted as soon as possible! When you see the new growing tent-like structure in the garden please leave it in place as it will be protecting our seedlings.



Spring is here! Our stash of extra clothing and shoes that we keep on hand for kiddos who may need them for any reason is dwindling. If you are sorting through things at home and find quality usable clothing that maybe doesn't fit your child anymore or things that they won't wear, please consider donating it to us. We would be happy to accept winter gear and boots that we can put away for next year as well as springtime clothing and sneakers. Socks and belts are always in need as well. Feel free to bring items to the Health Office or drop them off in the area just outside the Health Office door. I'll be happy to sort through it and anything that we can't use would be donated to a local organization.

## Lice!

It's the four letter word that strikes fear in the hearts of families and caregivers. As the cold weather drags on, we have seen an increase in cases of lice recently. It seems like a good time to send out some reminders and information on lice.

- Your School Nurse is here as a resource to you and can help with any questions you might have about lice treatment or identification
- It's the parent's responsibility to regularly check their child's hair for lice. According to BSD policy, found on page 18 of the school calendar "parents should check their young children's head weekly".
- The School Nurses do not routinely check students heads for lice or check entire classrooms. If we do find lice in your child's hair we will notify you right away.
- Students are not excluded from school if they have lice. Although, if lice are found, it is very important to treat them before returning to school.

- Lice treatments such as “Rid” or “Nix” are covered 100% by Medicaid. Call your doctor or come to the School Based Health Center for a prescription if needed.
- Your School Nurses have information about non-toxic treatment alternatives and prevention. Please give us a call at [\(802\) 865-5859](tel:802-865-5859) with any questions!

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Afterschool Corner



Burlington Kids is now accepting registrations for the 2016-17 school year! Currently in our Spring Session, afterschool kids are having a great time planting nasturtiums in Garden Club, playing predator-play games with Project Wild, and learning Chinese with UVM students. Next fall we're excited about continuing to expand on activities that link afterschool programming to the SA mission, while still providing ample opportunity for academic enrichment, creativity, play and running around. We also plan to re-vamp our programming structure for our older students to offer greater independence, choice, and leadership opportunities.

You can find bright yellow registration packets in the front lobby. Please contact director Cece Watkins at cwatkins@bsdvt.org or [802-324-6723](tel:802-324-6723) if you have any questions.

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**4/5 Pizza Fundraiser**



Pizzas made by Leonardo's  
 Contact Tiffany Tillman [tillmanleddy@gmail.com](mailto:tillmanleddy@gmail.com) with any questions

**RETURN FORMS TO % TEAM by 2:30pm on TUESDAY, April 12th!**

Order your pizza today and spread the word. Checks are made payable to: Sustainability Academy Payment due with your order.

Pick up pizzas at school on **Friday, April 15th 4:30-5:30 pm**  
**(Feel free to pick up flyers outside the office at the table.)**