

The Sustainability Academy Newsletter

April 15th, 2016



Important Dates:

- 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 4h - Bike to School Day
- May 5th - Burlington Police Department Community BBQ 4:00 -7:00

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### **Lunch Menu** **Week of April 25 - 29th**



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

**Tuesday:** Pizza Day!

**Wednesday:** Chicken or Bean Taco

**Thursday:** American Goulash

**Friday:** Beef Hot Dog and Baked Beans

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When: May 2nd

Time: 8:30 am

Where: Teacher's Room

Topics:

SA's Home and School Compact
Cafeteria Updates



Congratulations to our school community for being an inspiration to so many. Last month, we hosted visitors from Woodbury, VT and Maine. This week's guests came all the way from South Carolina. The common interest is in how social, economic and environmental justice is integrated into the curriculum and school practices.

Quote from visitor: "This school has an welcoming atmosphere. It's well tended and cared for, beautifully decorated with children's art. I would be proud to be a member of this community."

Bike Weeks



Hey Awesome Bikers! I know this is early notice but I wanted to set the wheels in motion...I, Ms. Archacki the PE teacher, is interested in having a few volunteers to help me out during our SA Bike Weeks. Classes run from around 8:30-11 Monday - Friday during the weeks of **May 2-6 and May 9-13.**

I will be working with students on bike safety skills such as performing bike checks, helmet checks, riding at different speeds, turning, braking, stopping-starting and using hand signals. If you can help out or know someone who may be interested in volunteering during those weeks please let me know. Once we have a sense of the number of volunteers I will send out a sheet with more detailed information to use as a sign-up.

If you are or you know someone who is interested but can't help in the morning, the other good times would be during recess, M-F from 11:30-12 (4th and 5th graders) or 12:00-12:30 (2nd and 3rd graders). Please connect with Suzanne Weishaar to coordinate the recess rides.



At Monday Morning Meeting we shared some of the wonderful new books donated in memory of Dot Austin. Dot was a teacher at our school who taught in Burlington from 1968- 2005. As a loving memorial her family contacted us and made a wonderful contribution to our library book collection. We are most grateful to the Austin family and honored to carry on Dot Austin's memory.

+ Nurse's Corner

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.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Schoolyard Stewardship Day is April 29<sup>th</sup>!**



**We all have the ability to make a difference!**

**Friday, April 29th the students, staff and volunteers are spending an hour of their day to care for our schoolyard. Classes will be working to clean up and enhance our outdoor learning spaces.**

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**In celebration of Burlington Electric Department's 111th birthday we will have a special appearance by one of the line workers and a chance to get up close and personal with one of the line trucks!**

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**We hope you can join us at The Sustainability Academy Schoolyard  
Friday, April 29 - Block 1 - 8:30-10:30 and Block 2 - 12:45-2:45**

**For Additional Information please contact:  
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## **STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS: COMMUNITY FORUMS**

The Burlington School District invites all to attend one of two upcoming Community Forums, to collaborate and gather input on District mission and values, as well as priorities for Multi-Year Strategic Planning. Please consider participating in this process of **improvement**, which will guide us to the type of educational system we can all be proud of.

### **JOIN US FOR ONE OF THE NIGHTS BELOW:**

Thursday, April 28th, 6:30-8:30PM  
Integrated Arts Academy, 6 Archibald Street

Monday, May 2nd, 6:30-8:30PM  
C.P. Smith Elementary School, 332 Ethan Allen Parkway

Childcare provided.

Please RSVP if you require childcare to Maryann Kalman:  
[mkalman@bsdvt.org](mailto:mkalman@bsdvt.org) or **(802) 864-8474**

For details on translation services at the event, contact Miriam Ehtesham-Cating:  
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