



Sustainability Academy's Newsletter

January 6, 2017

Music



Attention Parents of 2-5 graders:

Your child is invited to join other SA and IAA students to perform at the ECHO Center in Burlington on Martin Luther King Day, **Monday, January 16th**. IAA sang there the last three MLK Days and they have invited us to join them. This year we plan to sing two songs with IAA students during the ECHO Center's MLK Day Celebration! Afterwards, students and families will get entrance to the ECHO Center for the remainder of the day. All students will be practicing the event songs during class time, however joining at the ECHO Center on the 16th is optional. Please watch for permission slips with further details to be sent home during the next week.

Thank you!

Kindergarten Tour Dates

Enrollment for the next school year 2017-18, is open. Registration forms will be accepted beginning **January 3rd 2017 till February 24th, 2017**. School placement notification will be sent out the week of **April 3rd, 2017**. If there are more first choice registrations than there are spots, we will look at families' 2nd choices. When a student doesn't receive their first choice school, a district employee will contact the family to discuss their options for schools. Applications received after **February 24, 2017** will be considered based upon available space.

SA Tour dates:

Wednesday, January 18 - 9:30 am
Tuesday, February 7 - 9:30 am
Thursday, February 23 - 6:30 pm

Curriculum Corner



Role of the Literacy Interventionist

At every elementary school in Burlington, there is a literacy interventionist. At S.A., I am fortunate to be in that role. As the literacy interventionist, I work primarily with students at the K-3 level. By emphasizing early intervention, the intent is to lessen the needs of students in grades 4-5.

I work with small groups of students who are not meeting the standards in literacy. The groups are flexible which means that students may move in or out of my groups as they make progress or need more intensive support. Many of the students I work with will be able to make quick progress towards the standard by receiving this additional support.

My primary instructional tool is the Leveled Literacy Intervention Program. This program consists of leveled texts both fiction and nonfiction, a word work component, a writing component and a strong emphasis on comprehension and fluency.

New last year, I was able to add a trial run of the computer based program called Fast Forward with 5 students. It emphasises language and literacy. This year, the district generously allocated enough funds for 10 students to participate in this program. Students start out by taking a placement test and then move through the different activities. They either do this 3 or 4 times a week for 30 minutes. This is done in addition to their regular literacy instruction.

My role is to work as a collaborative team partner in coordination with classroom teachers, special educators and ELL teachers to make the greatest impact on literacy progress possible.

For more information, please visit my website on the S.A. home page or contact me, Sue Mack, with questions at smack@bsdvt.org.

Upcoming Events:

PTO Meeting

Monday, January 9th

5:45 - 7:30

Childcare and Dinner Provided

Location: Community Room

Parent Coffee

Friday, January 13th 8:15 - 9:00

Location: Library

No School

Monday, January 16th in Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King

Tuesday, January 17th - Teacher Inservice Day

Movie Night

Friday, January 20th - 6-8

Volunteers Needed

Burlington School District News

You're invited! Upcoming opportunities to engage with the Burlington School District:

1) FY18 Budget Development Process

The Burlington School District has established a website to allow community members to follow the budget development process. This website includes a tool for submitting your input at various stages in the process. Currently, the District is soliciting ideas for content to include in its comprehensive budget document. Visit www.bsdrv.org - Budget tab on left side of main page.

In addition, please review the below timeline, with opportunities for public input noted in **bold**.

2017

January 9

City Council budget presentation

January 10

School Board meeting – **Public input opportunity: EMS Library, 7PM** / Board vote on proposed budget

January 17

School Board meeting *if necessary*

February

Comprehensive budget document released

Dissemination of budget information via public meetings (NPAs, etc.)

March 7

Town Meeting Day – public vote on school budget

Coming Soon!



January 20th

6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in helping please contact Susan Cline Lucey at susanclinelucey@gmail.com

Parent Coffee



When: January 13th

Where: SA Library

Time: 8:15 - 9:00

Topics:

Title 1 Policy

The Home School Compact

Menu January 9-13

Monday, Jan 9

Roasted Chicken, Baked Potato Bar, Dinner Roll

Tuesday, Jan 10

Pizza Day Caesar Salad with Croutons

Wednesday, Jan 11

Chicken or Bean Fajitas, Seasoned Rice, Peppers, Onions, Salsa and more!

Thursday, Jan 12

Beefy Baked Ziti and Roasted Cauliflower

Friday, Jan 13

Hamburgers of Cheeseburgers and Potato Wedges

HATS January Enrollment

Help your child in school by signing up for free homework help or tutoring!

Burlington's HATS (Homework and Tutoring Services) is replacing Supplemental Educational Services and is a great opportunity for your child in school without any cost to you. Applications are available in the school's main office and are due by January 13, 2017.

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