



## SA Calendar Get Involved!

Nov 24: MMM 8:10- 8:30  
Dec 1: PTO 5:45-7:30

Thank you to the K parents who held a mid-week get-together in order to strengthen their child/grade level connection. Any grade level parent group is welcome to host events that bring parents together. Mornings are best!

And, Please consider going to the Burlington High School Drama Program's production of *SHREK* this Saturday at 11:00. There will be games, crafts, and food- at reasonable prices- and the cost for the show is only \$1 for a child and \$2 for an adult.

Also, Preschool will be hosting their annual Winter Warm Up event on Monday, Dec. 1st. Please join us in the school lobby at 8:10 for free, gently used winter clothing, sizes infant to adult, and enjoy hot drinks and treats baked by the preschoolers. This event is open to all members of the SA community

Finally, Also, SA is receiving 120 free frozen turkeys. These will be available Monday, November 24th at 3:00. If you want a free turkey- this is the only time. Those left over will be sent to the Food Shelf.

## We Moved It! Next MMI - Dec 4th

Hooray, SA!! Our first official Morning Move It was a total success. Please join us on Thursdays from 7:45-8:05. Approximately 30 people "moved" for a total of 18.7 miles! Each Thursday we will need help with: Passing out a wooden craft stick to students each time a mover completes a lap around the track; Setting up some music to motivate us to move; Helping students to count and record the # of sticks they earned; Collecting sticks for reuse on Dec. 12, Dec. 18; Cheering is encouraged and appreciated. Interested? Please check in with Mrs. Weishaar

## Passion Day Tues, Nov 25th

An all School Celebration has been planned for Tuesday November 25th from 1:15 - 2:15.

Families are invited to come and help lead a group or to offer a helping hand. If you are able to join us please contact Leslie Ryan at lryan@bsdvt.org .

Our theme: PASSIONS! SA staff members will share their love of a project, activity, topic, hobby, or whatever they are passionate about with a small group of students.

This is the kind of event that builds community by breaking down barriers between grade levels.

There are so many ways we can share with our students the things that make us smile and which sustain us so let's Make Passions Happen.

## Please Help SA Out Silent Auction Donations

The SA Silent Auction is on December 6th. It's the biggest fundraiser of the year.

In order to support our classroom teachers, we need to make it a great one.

Please consider donating a service, craft/art item, gift certificate or event to our auction.

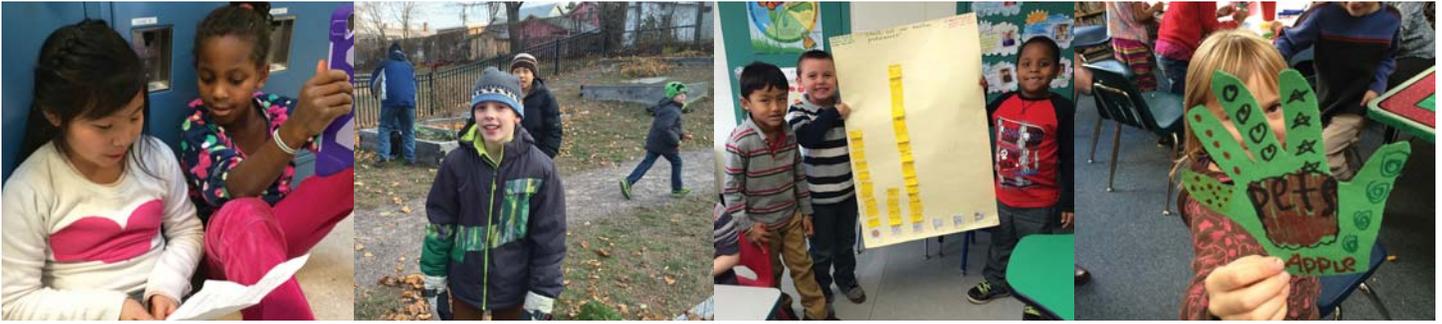
Donation forms are in the Main Office in the PTO box. We are also looking for folks to get donations from local businesses and artists as well as friends and family members.

All donation forms and donations can be turned into the Main Office. You can also contact Becky Rabin at rabinbecky@yahoo.com with any questions.

## Beetlebot Video 31,000 Hits!

After less than a year on YouTube, Emmett's "How to Make a Beetlebot" video has over 31,000 views! People in 161 countries have watched Emmett explain how to make this simple robot, with 20% of the viewers in India. Emmett is dreaming up his next project!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcIiINAPpe4>



**“November always seemed to me the Norway of the year.”  
Emily Dickinson (I have no idea- tell me if you do!)**

### **Third Grade Math Social Justice Unit**

The third grade math students are on the move! Engaged by the age old dilemma of student behavior when there is a guest teacher (aka substitute teacher) in the classrooms of our school third graders are searching out ways to make this situation more sustainable for all.

Students are out and about interviewing students, staff members, teachers, guest teachers and families about what they see happening when there are guest teachers in the building. We are recording these interviews on our ipads, recording our data, importing it into Explain Everything and connecting this information with school data and our research on guest teaching nation wide.

Seeing this as a social justice issue students are investigating where our guest teachers come from, how we can help them in our school and how students can own their part in a solution. Suggestions from all are welcome!

Learning to work with others is a large part of our mission here at The Sustainability Academy and that includes our guest teachers. Look for a presentation of our results at an upcoming Monday Morning Meeting.

### **Safety First! New Crossing Signal**

Thanks to a group of neighbors and Chapin Spencer, Director of Public Works, there will be a pedestrian signal installed at the corner of Park and Manhattan Streets.

Citizens met with Chapin and an engineer to look at the intersection. The intersection is currently tricky to navigate and unsafe for children to navigate on their own.

This crossing signal will be installed during the next construction phase. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.

All it takes is reaching out to our elected officials and city staff to express your concerns and good things result.

**SA PTO**  
Please go to the PTO website (sa-pto.com) and join the PTO listserve (on the sidebar) for updates and news. Questions about PTO? Contact Maleka Clarke (maleka.work@gmail.com).

### **Library News It Makes Cents!**

Library classes have all read a book from the Reading is an Investment Program. The Vermont State Treasurer’s Office provided us with three new books and a reading list to help students with understanding finances.

The older students read *Three Cups* which deals with saving, spending and giving. We had a wonderful conversation about local charities with students sharing examples of both giving and receiving.

Younger students read *The Girl and the Bicycle* which dealt with saving.

We have a display of books that deal with money. Students that choose to can keep a reading log to enter a drawing for a \$250 college savings account.

4/5th graders found that their business read-alouds were all on the list. Grades 3-5 have started reading logs at school but anyone is welcome to do so.

We’ll be working with Ms. LaChance’s class and creating Saving, Spending and Giving piggy banks.