



Sustainability Academy's Newsletter

October 28, 2016



Harvest Dance and Party!
Friday, October 28th
6:00 - 8:00

Get ready to rock out! Kids can come in costume, and we'll also have costumes at school for those who need one.

Please note: no violent /scary /clown costumes, and no masks.

This event is for Pre-K through 5th graders and their families only.



Fall Community Work Day
Has been **canceled** due to the weather.



Morning Move It!

MMI! has been moving right along on Monday and Thursday mornings from 7:50-8:10. Thank you to Kelly K. for co-leading this program this year!

Congratulations go out to Apple and Corajean for reaching and passing the **10** mile mark! They have both moved more than **100** times around the back track! Wishing you could be just like them? No need to wish...just show up motivated to move it!

Please send any requests for new music to Mrs. Weishaar.

Curriculum Corner



4th and 5th Grade

Sustainable Economics

How do our decisions affect humans, the economy and the environment?

Our year began by looking at how consumer items are produced, how far they have to travel during the production cycle and how sustainable the system is.

We continue to explore economics through the lens of fair business practices. This included looking at the idea of Fair Trade and Fair Trade certification. Students learned about the cycle of chocolate production from tree to table and have role played being cocoa farmers in fair and unfair situations. We watched a documentary film about an organic chocolate company in Grenada as well as receiving a guest visit from Lake Champlain Chocolates. This chocolate inquiry will be applied later in the semester as we start to teach argument essays focusing on local sustainable businesses.

We will be visiting City Market this week to learn about the cooperative business model and Phoenix Books to learn about a local business model.

We also hope to connect with The Skinny Pancake to learn about their growing business and social/environmental mission.



Our school is a member of the Ashoka Changemaker Network (more information can be found at https://www.ashoka.org/collection/changemaking-skills).

We are building our Ashoka Change Team for this school year! Congratulations to Saraswoti and Penelope for volunteering as student leaders on our team. We look forward to hearing your great ideas for how to create new opportunities for promoting empathy, teamwork and leadership by recognizing the changemakers in our school community. If you are interested in joining our team please let us know!



Fall Stewardship Day



Wednesday, November 9th

Every student, teacher and staff member will join together during our Wednesday Morning Meeting as a community to launch our fall stewardship day. Family members are welcome to join in to help us with all of our awesome projects from planned acts of kindness to mural making to improving options for recess games...and more! Watch for a full schedule to be announced closer to the event.



4 /5 - Hosting

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For

Farmers/Educators in Haiti

Friday, November 18th - 5:30-7:00

Our 4 /5 's will be hosting a "lunch for dinner" event in our cafeteria to highlight our incredibly delicious school lunches and raise funds to send to our friends who are farmer-educators in Haiti.

Halloween Safety Tips!

Ways to keep safe while having fun!

- H - Hold a flashlight or wear reflective tape while trick or treating to help others see you.
A - Always remember to say "Thank You!" when someone gives you treats.
L - Look both ways before crossing the street. Walk don't Run!
L - Look out for candles and open flames. Wear clothing that is flame resistant.
O - Only go to the homes of people who have their porch or outside lights on.
W - Wear well fitting costumes and masks to avoid tripping or falls.
E - Eat some healthy food before you go Trick or Treating.
E - Eat only factory wrapped treats, avoid homemade treats given by strangers.
N - Never Trick or Treat alone! Go with friends and/or a trusted adult.

Just in case you were wondering what to do with all that Halloween candy you've collected?



You can turn it into \$\$\$, while supporting a local agency. Champlain Orthodontics in Williston is offering their Halloween Candy buy-back program again this year. Drop off your candy between November 1-4 at their office at 277 Blair Park Rd, Williston and they will give you \$1/pound for the candy and donate an additional \$1/pound to the VT Foodbank.

Election Day Bake Sale

The Bake Sale is November 8th! The PTO is hoping to raise \$1000 for classrooms and field trips, but we can only meet this goal if we have LOTS of baked goods donated. We are also looking for parents to volunteer for shifts during the bake sale. If you are able to donate or volunteer for a shift, please contact Christina Vetter (christina.vetter@gmail.com). Thank you for your participation!

Food Drive



We will be collecting food donations for harvest baskets starting

Monday, October 24th - Friday, November 11th

Please send donations in with your child to school. Collection bins will be located outside of each classroom until Friday, November 11th.

Last year we were able to give out 10 Harvest Baskets to SA families. This year our goal is 15. Please help us reach that goal.

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 Wednesday, November 16th 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!

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### Upcoming Events:

#### Parent Coffee

Friday, November 18th - 8:15- 9:00

Location: Library

#### Parent Conferences- No School

Monday, November 21st

Tuesday, November 22nd

#### Thanksgiving Recess- No School

Wednesday, November 23rd

Thursday, November 24th

Friday, November 25th

## Lost in Found



We have a number of items in the lost and found that need a home. Please have your child check to see if they have items in the lost and found.

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Literacy / Math Night

For

Parents of K-3 students

November 9th 5:45-7:00



Free Pizza and Childcare Provided

You are cordially invited to an evening devoted to learning more about how you can support your child with reading and mathematics at home.

Sue Mack and Tim Fitzsimmons, S.A.'s own literacy and math interventionists will be presenting an informative evening about how you can connect your child's reading and mathematical learning to what is taught in the classroom.

Also presenting that evening will be Sharon Hayes, who is a wonderful new edition to S.A. as our librarian.

All participants will receive free books and great math games they can use at home.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

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## APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR RECESS



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 0 degrees. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

