



Sustainability Academy

Burlington, Vermont

May 15, 2015

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Upcoming Events—Add these to your calendar!

- **May 18**—Community Interviews with the Principal candidates **postponed** until 5/27
- **May 22**—Burlington School District Spelling Bee in the SA Library
- **May 25**—**No School**
- **May 29**—4th and 5th grade trip to Lake Elmore
- **May 29**—K and 1st grade music concert 2:00
- **June 1**—3rd grade trip to Camp Abnaki
- **June 1**—Last P.T.O. meeting 5:45-7:30
- **June 3**—Magnet Schools Celebration at the Flynn 9:30 (see page 3)
- **June 8**—Whole school trip to North Beach
- **June 11**—5th grade graduation 5:30-7
- **June 12**—Last day for students—school ends at 11:30

Action Team Update: Our final Action Team has assembled and is working on the following projects:

Endangered Species Team—

Students have formed the endangered species team to educate and inform others about the importance of helping a species that lives in Vermont. After narrowing down the choices to 5 and asking the whole student body to vote - the results are in. The Canadian Lynx was the top choice with 39 votes.



Green Team—

Our green team has taken the time to label the recycling, trash and compost bins around our school. Thank you for taking time to make sure your waste is sorted correctly. We recently learned that we have the highest percentage of correct items in the trash compared to the other schools that hosted a "Trash on Lawn Day" event! Keep up the great work everyone! If you ever have an item and are unsure of where to place it - just let us know!



Seed Packaging and Selling—

Students have been counting and packaging seeds collected from our SA garden to sell to you! So far our seeds include: milkweed, nasturtium, kale, iris, marigold, fennel, and morning glory. If you would like to place an order please let us know. Our "pro-seeds" will go towards providing the people of Nepal with basic necessities like food, water, shelter (tents), and medical supplies.



Members include: Ali, Devin, Dylan G., Kelemua, Marissa, Miles, Nayan, Olivia, Shamura, Theo and Tigerlily.



News from around the school— 4-5 Shiitake Shenanigans by the 4-5 Team

Last week, the fourth and fifth grade team **inoculated** three maple logs with **shiitake** mushroom **spores**. First, we drilled holes in a diamond pattern in each log. Then, using a rubber **mallet**, we hammered **plugs** with mushroom **spawn** into each hole. Lastly, each hole is painted over with soy wax to seal in moisture and keep out other types of mushrooms. The logs need to sit for a year while the **mycelium** grows throughout the log. **Mycelium** are kind of

like the mushrooms' roots. After a year, we will "**shock**" the logs by soaking them in cold water for 24 hours. Seven to ten days after their soak we will have mushrooms! **Want to know more? Just ask a fourth or fifth grader to teach you!**

A Gathering of Authors by Mrs. LaChance

The third grade authors and illustrators of room 205 shared their narratives with family, community members and staff on Wednesday morning. The room was alive stories of dragons, dinosaurs, park adventures and sledding. A lovely breakfast of student made muffins and fruit kabobs gave a delicious backdrop to our literary feast. Thank you to everyone who made this marvelous event possible. Come see our narratives at the library next week if you could not be with us for this amazing event on Wednesday.



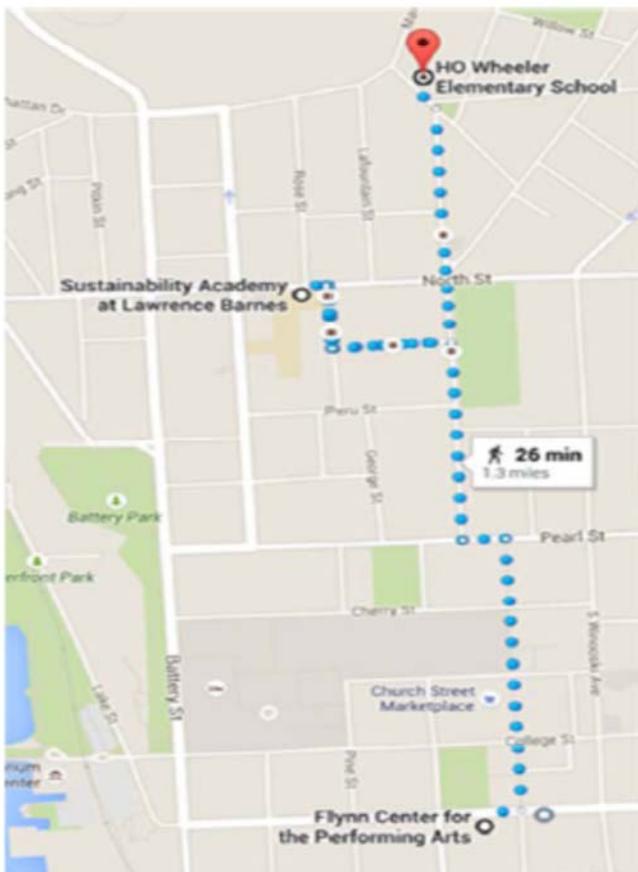


YOU ARE INVITED!

MAGNET SCHOOL CELEBRATION
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015 @ 9:30 A.M.



Flynn Center for the Performing Arts
 182 Main Street, Burlington



You are invited to the **Burlington Magnet School celebration on June 3, 2015** to be held at The Flynn Center for the Performing Arts. Our celebration will highlight the success of the first 6 years of the magnet schools.

Both magnet schools will be parading from their schools down Church Street to The Flynn Center.

We plan to leave our schools at 8:45 AM and you are welcome to walk with us, stand along the route and cheer us on, or meet us at the Flynn.

There will be student presentations from each school and we will also acknowledge our teachers, families and our community partners for their remarkable support.

We feel so appreciated!!

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You guys are awesome
♥ Amy King

♥ Brooke

Amy ♥

Kelsey H. ♥

Mary Grace
Wish Thank you!



Thank
You
Families

♥
Thanks
Teresa Masque
18. April
♥ Suzanne Weishaar

Emily
& Willette
Thank you!
Charleen Parham



Thanks,
Hayley
& Erin

Julie Brown
♥ Sue

Sarah Wolfe
Adele

♥
Sue Blair

♥
Meghan Pidgeon

Jody Blanchard

Thank you!
♥ Sophie Case

Ju Leitar

Jody Dalrymple

♥ Miss Beth

Nice

Sue Mack
Julie Berry

Mr. Murray

~~James~~

Meg O'Connor

Jim
Stacy Ryan

May West

Renee Morris

Miss Emily

Hannah

Jeffery Hottel

Thank you so much!
Kellie

So thankful! ♥