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# *Flynn Flyer*

## Calendar

**Dec. 5**  
New  
playground  
installation for  
Preschool  
8:30am –4pm

**Dec.7**  
Afterschool  
session 2 start

**Dec.9**  
The second  
H1N1 flu clinic  
Under age 10  
8:30am-1:00pm

**Dec. 17**  
Benefit dinner  
at the inte-  
grated Arts  
Academy  
6:00-7:30 Pm

**Dec.24-Jan.1**  
No School

Dear Flynn Families,

There are many exciting things happening at Flynn School. The fourth grade students have been incredibly excited this week as they started participating in the “Starbase” science program.

Taught by educators at the Air National Guard this program focuses on physical science concepts such as force and motion and aeronautics. Students work individually and in teams and then apply what they have learned in a rocket building activity. Later this month all fourth grade students will participate in a rocket launch day in the field behind the school. The fourth grade students are very appreciative of these exciting learning opportunities. On their behalf, I would like to thank the Starbase personnel for their work with our students and their generous funding which allows Flynn students to be participating in Starbase and be transported to and from South Burlington at no charge.

We are also excited to have recently received other funding which will broaden the enrichment opportunities for a wide range of students at Flynn School. Through a grant funded by the Burlington School Foundation, written by members of the Flynn PTO, we will be able to collaborate again this year with the Very Merry Theatre

(VMT). Students in grades 2 – 5 will have the chance to work with Don Wright from VMT and learn many aspects of artistic expression. These efforts will culminate in a wonderful performance of the classic, “The Wizard of Oz” during the first week of April.

Another Flynn parent wrote a grant that was funded by the Morgan Stanley Foundation which, for the second consecutive year, will support an integrated arts program which began last year. Starting in early January, students in grades 1 -5 who meet or exceed the standard in all curricular areas and who are able to make up missed instruction without falling behind, will work on an interdisciplinary unit for a half-day once a week for seven weeks. We are very thankful for all of the support that parents and community members consistently demonstrate and which results in supporting a wide variety of learning opportunities for so many students here at Flynn School.

*Graham Clarke*

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## Project Explore

Flynn has received a grant to fund Project Explore for a second year from Morgan Stanley and Merchants Bank.

Flynn School uses several different programs to meet the needs of our diverse student body. We designed Project Explore to meet the needs of a few of our students who reveal to us a unique interest in learning. These are students who meet and exceed the standards in all areas.

Joanna Elliott, our building sub is an experienced art educator who teaches across the curriculum and the grade levels. She is designing a block schedule of time for grade 1-5 students who meet once a week for 6-7 weeks.

## Flynn Afterschool Session 2

The Flynn kid's after school program session 2 starts on December 7th.

Thanks to parents for returning the activity sign up sheet. Changes can be made after the first week. Please consider the 4:15 and the 5:15 class end times when choosing classes.

If you have any question please contact the city kid's at Flynn :

Ida Jenkins : [ijenkins@bsdvt.org](mailto:ijenkins@bsdvt.org)

Darleen Loyer: [dloyer@bsdvt.org](mailto:dloyer@bsdvt.org) or  
865-4175

Happy holidays

## Outerwear Swap

It's that time of year already --- time for warm coats, hats, mittens and soon, boots! That means that it's also time for the Flynn Outerwear Swap. If you have outerwear that is in good used condition that no longer fits, please consider donating it to our Outerwear Swap if you can. There will be a coat rack in the foyer inside the front doors with the donated items, feel free to leave something or take something or both! If you are in need of specific outerwear sizes, please let me know. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thanks much and keep warm!

Melisa Peterson

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## Playground Installation

The J.J. Flynn Pre-school will be installing our new playground beginning at 8:30am on December 5th. If you would like to volunteer to help with this exciting project please call Becca at 598-5795 or e-mail at [rwebb@bsdvt.org](mailto:rwebb@bsdvt.org).



## “Starbase”

### True or false: Is flying a plane easy?

By: E. S.

My favorite activity at star base was when we got to use flight simulators. In this activity, you fly a plan on a computer. Sounds easy right? Wrong. You have to keep everything steady. Your attitude, your direction, not crash landing, it's tricky! The hardest part is not crash landing. You have to be just high enough. I learned that its not easy to fly planes... It is very hard!

## The second H1N1 flu clinic at Flynn

The second H1N1 Flu Clinic has been rescheduled for Wednesday December 9th at Flynn Elementary. The clinic will run approximately from 8:30am until 1:00pm. Once again the Department of Health will be running the clinic and parents will not be able to accompany their child to the clinic. The clinic is for students under the age of 10 who received the first vaccine and students who had consents for the first clinic but were absent and parents have asked that they receive the first vaccine. Melisa Peterson will coordinate parent volunteers for the clinic. Thank you again to all the volunteers who helped with the first clinic.

## Home Liaisons Contact

If you have questions or need translation about any topics in this newsletter , please contact the district's bilingual/bicultural Home School Liaisons.

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## fill the bowl



A benefit dinner and service learning project sponsored by the 3rd Grade at The Integrated Arts Academy  
Thursday, December 17  
6:00-7:30 pm  
6 Archibald Street Burlington, VT 05401

For more information contact  
Judy Klima at 922-1666

Select from over 140 original hand-crafted bowls made by the third graders at the Integrated Arts Academy, sample delicious soups and breads from local restaurants and bakeries. Proceeds from your donation (\$5.00 minimum per bowl) will benefit The Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger. The bowls are to be taken home as a reminder that someone's bowl is always empty. There will also be a silent auction of artist made ceramic bowls.

Image by local artist Davis TeSelle

With great thanks to these local businesses - Sugar Snap, Panadaro's Bakery, August First, Great Harvest Bread, City Market, Nunyans and Zabby's Stone Soup

