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Flynn Flyer

Calendar

Feb. 17 Food Drive Ends
Feb.6 Burlington Annual Winter Festival Church Street Market place
Feb.12 Flynn Talent Night 7:00-9:00 pm
Feb.17 Flynn Family Math Night 5:30-7:00 pm
Feb 22-26 Winter Vacation No School
Mar.2nd BSD budget town meeting day
Mar.12 Family skating at Leddy arena
March 26 Flynn Family Traditions Dinner 6:00-8:30 pm

Dear Flynn Families,

It was terrific seeing so many parents and grandparents in school last night and today listening to, and supporting, their child share their original poetry in first grade and their Powerpoint on social studies research in fifth grade. I was struck by how well prepared the kids were in standing up confidently in front of a large audience and speaking loudly and clearly, including material that they had memorized. For me, it was fascinating seeing what effective public speaking looks like when students are in their first years at Flynn and then marveling at how that public speaking sounds years later as they get ready to move on to the middle school. Thank you also to all of the teachers and paraeducators who teamed together to use the arts, technology, language arts and social studies concepts and skills to support students in their learning and develop their ability to present information clearly and powerfully.

We have been working to improve the safety for all students. This has involved the cooperation of school staff, central office personnel, parents and students. Our school is now in full compliance with the school district policy of having all but one door locked throughout the school day. We have been having ongoing conversations with staff and students about safe play out on the playground. **We would also like to remind all parents and students to use the Safeway.** It is the only path to walk to and from school in the morning and afternoon. We have way too many cars in the north parking lot to have parents and/or students walking through the parking area instead of around it on the Safeway. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us, and the school crossing guard, ensure safe walking to and from school by using the Safeway every day.

Graham Clarke

Don't forget to Vote.

March 2 is Town Meeting Day when voters will vote on a school district budget of \$51,932,746, a 4.1% increase over this current year. The proposed budget:

- reduces 6.3 teachers and 4.5 administrative and program support staff members;
- freezes central office administrator salaries;
- cuts supplies and materials;
- increases special education services as mandated;
- continues livable wage increases; and
- funds critical building repairs at Hunt, Smith, and the Sustainability Academy at Barnes and an elevator at Edmunds for accessibility.

Enrollment is not declining in Burlington Schools. Out of 281 towns, Burlington spends less per equalized pupil than 242 towns and almost \$1,600 less per equalized pupil than the Chittenden County average. Burlington School District tax rates are among the lowest in Chittenden County. More information is available at <http://bsdweb.bsdvt.org>. Thank you to the hundreds of community members who participated in the budget development process. For questions, please email superintendent@bsdvt.org.

Flynn Talent Night

The Flynn Talent Night is almost here!

Friday

February 12

7-9

Volunteers are needed! Please call
Karen Carr

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Annual Winter Festival at the Church Marketplace

Come celebrate Burlington's 18th Annual Winter Festival on Feb. 6! This time-honored winter celebration includes a snow sculpting competition, the Church Street Ice Walk, a snowman garden, music, Special Olympics Vermont Penguin Plunge at the waterfront, Kids VT Camp and School Fair at the Hilton, and a family Activity Expo at the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center. The festival is presented by Burlington Parks and Recreation, the Church St. Marketplace, and UVM's De-

partment of Community Development and Applied Economics.

This is a great day to spend with the whole family. There will be tons of activities, prizes, and giveaways for all ages!

For more information, or to volunteer, e-mail burlingtonwinterfestival-news@gmail.com

Visit <http://theburlingtonwinterfestival2010.wordpress.com/>

Math Night RSVP

Please remember to send in your RSVP if you will be attending Math Night on Wednesday Feb. 17th. We are asking that ALL RSVPs are returned by Tuesday FEB. 9TH so we can plan for the pizza order - thank you!

Need Girl Scout Cookies?

Mrs. Noble's Girl Scout troop will be selling cookies at the **talent show on February 12th**. Each box is \$3.50. Please help out your local troop by purchasing a box.



¡Feliz febrero! = Happy February!

For the month of February 3-5 graders will review classroom objects, and begin to learn the names of classes and activities at school. First and second graders will learn classroom objects and people at school in Spanish.

clases y actividades = classes and activities

Inglés	<i>English</i>	arte	<i>art</i>
Espanol	<i>Spanish</i>	música	<i>music</i>
historia	<i>history</i>	educación física	<i>physical education</i>
estudios sociales	<i>social studies</i>	almuerzo	<i>lunch</i>
Ciencias	<i>science</i>	recreo	<i>recess</i>
matemáticas	<i>math(matics)</i>	la biblioteca	<i>the library</i>

objetos de la clase = classroom objects

una pluma (boli)	<i>a pen</i>	una puerta	<i>a door</i>
un lápia	<i>a pencil</i>	una ventana	<i>a window</i>
un libro	<i>a book</i>	un escritorio	<i>a desk</i>
un cuaderno	<i>a notebook</i>	un pupitre	<i>a student's desk</i>
papel	<i>paper</i>	un cesto de papeles	<i>a wastebasket</i>
una computadora	<i>a computer</i>	un goma	<i>a (rubber) eraser</i>
una pizarra	<i>a black(or white)board</i>	un borrador	<i>a board eraser</i>
una mesa	<i>a table</i>	una silla	<i>a chair</i>

algunas personas en la escuela = some people at school

una estudiante	<i>a girl student</i>	una professora	<i>a female teacher</i>
un estudiante	<i>a boy student</i>	un professor	<i>a male teacher</i>

Please do not hesitate to contact Señor Miller with any comments or questions.
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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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Flynn Family Food Drive Donations February 1st - 17th

We will be accepting Hannaford Gift cards and cash so that we can round out the baskets. No perishable food please.

Food will be distributed to Flynn Families in need.

Bring your food donations to the front office!



Help for Haiti

As we all know Haiti was hit by a devastating earthquake in January. We would like to help! Beginning March 3rd (after break), we will have a collection jar located in the front office... Please bring in your spare change to help support the families of Haiti.....



FLYNN FAMILY TRADITIONS DINNER



The PTO would like to invite you to our annual family potluck dinner!

Friday, March 26, 2010
Multi-purpose room
6:00 – 8:30 PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!!!

Please bring your own plates and utensils.

Drinks and dessert (ice cream sundaes) will be provided by the PTO.

We will have multi-cultural tables set up for display. If you have traditional items from another country or culture that you would like to display, please bring them to share. Feel free to wear any traditional clothing that you have as one way make this a colorful and festive evening.

Please bring a MAIN dish to share.