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# *Flynn Flyer*

## Calendar

<p><b>Jan. 12</b> Final Budget Hearing for BSD at 7 pm, Burlington High School</p>
<p><b>Jan.15</b> Flynn Family Movie Night 6:30Pm</p>
<p><b>Jan.18</b> <b>No school</b> Martin Luther King Day of service 12:30-4:30 PM</p>
<p><b>Jan. 26</b> VT Symphony Orchestra at Flynn, 12:20 and 1:15 pm</p>
<p><b>Jan.27 &amp;Feb.3</b> Parents work- shop Series at Flynn School 6:30-8:30 pm</p>
<p><b>Feb.12</b> Flynn talent night show 7:00-9:00 pm</p>

Dear Families,

We hope you all had found time for family and friends the past two weeks and had a delightful break. We appreciate your continual support of your child’s school routine; including a quiet time for homework, nightly reading, appropriate bedtimes, and arriving to school by 8:10 each day. We know that our combined efforts make a difference!

A reminder to all parents, only the front door will be open after 8:15 am. Please sign in and wear a badge upon entering Flynn School. On a day that your child will not be attending Citykids, please send in a note explaining that or call the Citykids program.

With the onset of the beautiful snow we have a huge snow pile on our playground thanks to the drivers at buildings and grounds. We also would like to thank the PTO and Hill’s Hardware for the new sleds that we’ll have on the playground starting next week.

We were again reminded of the huge generosity of the Flynn community when we sent a donation to the Burlington Food Shelf this week of over \$325. Families sent in donations in lieu of buying a holiday gift for staff members, thank you so much for providing this important support to area residents.

Many citizens have been attending the Burlington School District budget hearings. The final hearing for the upcoming budget in Jan. 12 , 7 pm at the High School.

Happy Sledding Graham

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## Parent workshop series with Scott Noyes

Scott Noyes will be presenting a workshop for parents titled *Positive Discipline*. Scott Noyes has been working, playing and talking about children for over twenty years. His background includes teaching courses in challenging behaviors and positive discipline. Scott has written two books titled *Positive Discipline* and *Intentional Language*.

On Wednesday January 27 and Wednesday February 3 from 6:30-8:30, Scott will present on **Positive Discipline – That Works!** An energetic workshop on helping children learn appropriate behavior.

Teaching children how to behave rather than reinforcing inappropriate choices is the focus of this entertaining session. This talk includes: humorous vignettes, eight management techniques and a discussion of the challenges in implementing the philosophy.

**Child care is available. Pre-registration is necessary for planning purposes.**

**Please call Liane Couture at 864-8445 or 864-8478 to pre-register**

## Flynn Playground Committee, Please Join!

As some of you may have noticed, over the summer Flynn's playground received an important upgrade. The purpose was to lay the foundation of a playground more accessible to the children and families in our community.

The new climbing structure surface was a first step towards a more inclusive and safe playground for all children. At this time **we are looking for volunteers to join the Flynn playground committee** to help take our playground to the next level. We want to build on this summer's success by identifying goals to increase safety and access, and we need your ideas to help us get there.

The playground committee was formed last year and it was at their urging in conjunction with the principal's office that the new surface was laid. It has greatly improved the access and safety of the area around the main climbing structure.

However, there are other possible improvements, including completing the new surface installation and newer playground equipment. The goal is to provide a safe and accessible playground for all children, and a welcoming place for area families. We need ideas on how to accomplish this, and would welcome any who would like to assist us. Please contact Shelly Waterman at [maw2h@yahoo.com](mailto:maw2h@yahoo.com)

## Auction Update

The Flynn Winter Auction is over! The Holmes family did a great job - thank you. The PTO would like to thank all of the families and merchants who supported this successful project. The Auction was supported by over 100 people who purchased items and dozens of volunteers.

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## **Feliz Año Nuevo!**

*Happy New Year!*

For the month of January 3-5 graders will be reviewing the days and months of the year, and will learn how to talk about the weather in Spanish. First and second graders will begin learning the days and months in Spanish.

### **Los meses del año:**

January – enero  
February – febrero  
March – marzo  
April – abril  
May – mayo  
June – junio  
sábado  
July – julio  
August – agosto  
September – septiembre  
October – octubre  
November – noviembre  
December – diciembre



### **Los siete días de la semana:**

Monday - lunes  
Tuesday – martes  
Wednesday – miércoles  
Thursday – jueves  
Friday – viernes  
Saturday –  
  
Sunday – domingo

### **Las estaciones del año:**

The Winter – el invierno  
The Spring – la primavera  
The Summer – el verano  
The Autumn – el otoño

### **El clima = the weather**

Hace frío. = *It is cold.*  
viento. = *It is windy.*

Hace buen tiempo. = *It is good weather.*

Está soleado. = *It is sunny.*

Está lloviendo = *It is raining.*

Hace calor = *It is warm.*

Hace

Hace mal tiempo. = *It is bad weather.*

Está nublado. = *It is cloudy.*

Está nevando. = *It is snowing.*

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**Dr. Martin Luther King, Day of service**



Watch for information about the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day of service at Flynn on Monday, Jan. 18th 12:30 to 4:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to help spruce up our school, including:

- Large carpet remnant for a Kindergarten classroom

- painting in some classrooms

- People with sewing skills to help make new cushions for a Kindergarten classroom.

- Photocopying projects for a Kindergarten classroom.

**Flynn 2009-2010 yearbook needs volunteers**

The PTO is looking for parents interested in helping to put the Flynn 2009-10 yearbook together. The yearbook can be done all on-line this year and comes with a lot of support when you need it. We are also looking for parents to work on getting ads for the yearbook. Please contact Melisa Peterson if you are interested, at 651-9039 or send an email to the PTO [flynnschoolpto@gmail.com](mailto:flynnschoolpto@gmail.com)

**Flynn Talent Night**

We are looking for families to join us in our annual talent night show on Friday February 12. If your family has a talent they would like to share with the Flynn community, sign up in the Flynn office or contact Karen Carr at 864-8478.

**Thank You from the Teachers**

Flynn teacher would like to thank all of the families who made a donation to the Food Shelf in their name. Parents and families responded by making a donations that totaled more than \$325 to the Burlington Food Shelf. The Flynn staff would like to thank all parents and families for their kind donations.

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## YMCA Classes and Programs

### Chess Class Tuesdays in January and February 4 – 5 pm

Thursday afternoons from 4 – 5 pm in November & December, the YMCA is offering youth Chess Class taught by local Chess expert Bob Clawson. The Chess Class will cover the basic rules, simple strategy and a greater overall understanding of the great game of chess! Ages 7 – 12

January 12, 19, 26 February 2, 9, 16 \$35 member/\$55 non member

Register at YMCA 862-9622

### Kids Sports Club Tuesdays January 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 9, 16 3:15 – 4:00 PM

Kids in this “club” will play a fun and different sport each week led by an experienced staff person. Sports will include dodgeball, floor hockey, ultimate frisbee, kickball, indoor soccer, and basketball. Kids will learn new skills, play games and make new friends. Come every week or just

stop by for your favorite sport! Location: Burlington YMCA gym Member \$30/  
Non Member \$50

Please RSVP 862-9622

### Kids Hip-Hop/ Modern Dance (ages 8-12)

Mondays 3:30-4:15pm (Burlington Studio)

\$45 member/ \$65 non-member

Learn the latest dance moves in this fun, high energy class. Students will learn hip-hop, jazz and modern dance styles as they put together cool combinations and full routines.

### American Girls Night Out (Ages 6-12 years)

Saturday, January 23 at the Burlington YMCA

5:30-8:30pm

Member \$15/ Non-member \$20

Girls rule in this fun night out themed around their favorite dolls. We'll have dinner, go for a swim, watch an American Girl movie, create cool projects and end the night with a fashion shoot. *Dolls available to borrow for the evening, too.* Registration to member services at 862-9622 (YMCA).

★ Flynn Movie Night ★  
Friday Jan 15th at 6:30Pm

★ Featuring ★



★ ICE AGE! ★

RATED PG

*We supply the popcorn and refreshments!*

*Feel free to bring comfortable chairs and/or blankets to sit on—even come in your pajamas if you'd like, the cozier the better!!!*

*Please contact Melisa Peterson at [mpeterso@bsdvt.org](mailto:mpeterso@bsdvt.org) or 651-9039 for more information.*



*PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL CHILDREN MUST COME WITH AN ADULT TO ALL FLYNN FAMILY EVENTS—THANK YOU!*

***THIS IS A FREE***

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*Sponsored by the Flynn PTO*