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Important Dates

PTO Meeting

December 7th

6:30

Winter Sing-Along

December 22

2:00

No School

December 25-

January 2

Talent Show Forms

Due January 5th

No School

January 15th

No School

January 18th

Family Traditions

Dinner

January 19

5:30-7:00

Giving Thanks, Conferences and having warm students during Winter Recess



Thank you to all the Flynn Families who brought in food items for our annual food drive. We were able to provide four families with a

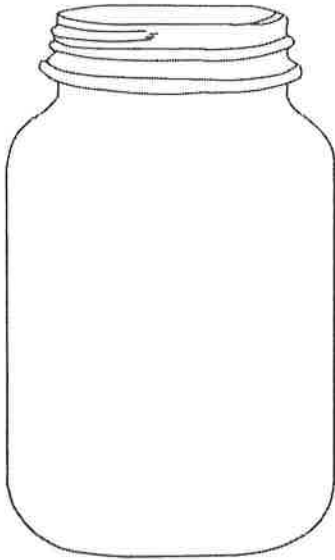
Thanksgiving dinner and many other food items to help out during the break.

Thank you to all the parents / guardians and teachers for their commitment to support all Flynn learners. The Conferences before break were extremely well attended. Parents that I had a chance to listen to said they felt that the conferences went very well, teachers were well prepared and they had a good understanding of how well their child is progressing so far this year.

Flynn Students will go outside for recess each day when the temperature (including wind chill) is above 0 degrees. We will use the Weather Underground website to make this determination. This website uses information from the weather station on the Flynn roof that was built last year in collaboration with Dealer.com. To keep students dry and warm, we ask that you send students to school with ski pants, coats, hats, winter coat and boots. We ask students to wear what is being sent from home. If a child comes to school without boots or ski pants they will be asked to remain on the pavement during recess.

Many students are coming to school unprepared for the cold weather. If your child needs winter gear, please call the nurse's office at 864-8478 extension 2. We have received a generous grant. There are many hats and gloves to give away and a limited amount of ski pants, coats and boots. There is also an Outerwear Swap rack in the main lobby. This is free, please take what you need and leave any outgrown gear if you can.

All the best,
Mr. Clarke

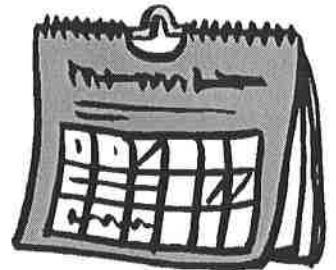


Third Grade Seeks Donation

Third Grade is seeking donations of quart sized Mason jars for a winter craft project.

Thank you! Mr. Abbey and Ms. Tinson

Important Dates to the 2017-18 School Calendar



The following changes to the SY 17-18 District Calendar have been made to account for student days lost during the work stoppage in September. These school days are being made up in March rather than June to allow for greater instructional value and to prevent extending the school year.

- School will be in session on **Tuesday, March 6** (Town Meeting Day), ending spring break one day earlier for students. Teacher in-service will no longer take place that day.
- **Thursday, March 22** will now be a full day of school. It was originally scheduled for a half-day followed by parent/teacher conferences.
- **Friday, March 23** will now be a half-day of school for students followed by parent/teacher conferences. It was originally scheduled as a "no school" day in the District and a full day of conferences.

There will be added time made available for spring parent/teacher conferences to accommodate this modified District calendar. This will happen on a school by school basis.

The tentative last day of school remains Wednesday, June 13th as originally planned, subject to change if there are snow days this winter. Any snow days that occur will be made up in June.

Pre K and Kindergarten Registration Begins January 3rd

The Burlington School District Early Education Program will be accepting applications, beginning January 3rd, for our play-based preschool classrooms for the 2018-2019 school year. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1st, 2018.

Morning and afternoon sessions are offered at each of our school district sites:

JJ Flynn, Integrated Arts Academy, Ira Allen, and the Sustainability Academy.

A full day program is also offered at JJ Flynn and Ira Allen.

Applications can be completed online by going to the BSD web page (www.bsdtvt.org) and clicking on 'Students and Families' then 'School Registration'.

All applications will be reviewed with notification of acceptance beginning April 1st.
Spaces are limited.

Please contact the Early Ed. Office at 864-8463 if you have further questions.



Kindergarten Registration for the Burlington School District will open on January 3rd, 2018 and close on February 23, 2018.

Children must be 5 years of age on or before September 1st, 2018.

Applications can be completed online by going to the BSD web page (www.bsdtvt.org) and clicking on 'Students and Families' then 'School Registration'.

The Link for 2018/19 School year will not be available until January 3, 2018.

PTO News

PTO Meeting on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 pm.

Please consider attending the Flynn PTO meeting on Thursday, December 7th in the Flynn School Library. Discussion includes updates on school activities, issues and events, planning for fundraising opportunities that support school and community events, and general discussion about how the PTO can support Flynn school and student/family needs. Meetings last until 8 pm.

Shopping on Amazon this holiday season? Please consider using Amazon Smiles to help raise funds for the school PTO! Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and choose John J Flynn PTO as your charity, then shop and purchase as you normally would. It's easy— nothing else to it!

Save the Date! Flynn School Skate Night is March 9th from 6:30-8:00 pm.

Play News

Thank you families for your support of our production of Disney's Jungle Book! Our students in the cast, crew and chorus did a wonderful job participating and our audiences appreciated their hard work! Thank you to all parent volunteers for giving your time to help make this production possible. The post production meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm in the library with Don from Very Merry to discuss financials, strengths, things to work on and possible plays for next year-all are welcome to attend. We are extending the deadline to order DVDs, please send in \$10 for 1, \$16 for 2, or \$20 for 3 to Denise Haggerty's mailbox in the Flynn office.

Hour of Code

The Hour of Code takes place each year during Computer Science Education Week.

The 2017 Computer Education Week will be December 4-10.

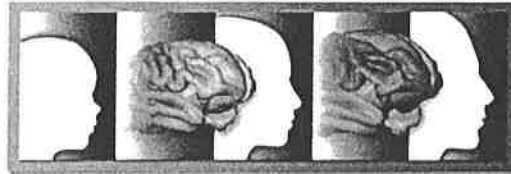
Hour of Code

<https://hourofcode.com/>

Winter Sing Along on Friday, December 20th at 2:00 pm.

Parents are invited to join us for our annual sing along led by our music teacher Emily Willette.

BE PART OF THE LARGEST STUDY OF BRAIN DEVELOPMENT AND CHILD HEALTH!



Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development
Teen Brains. Today's Science. Brighter Future.

WHAT IS THE ABCD STUDY?

ABCD stands for Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development, and it is a landmark study supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Across the country ABCD investigators will enroll 10,000 families and follow children from ages 9 – 10 into early adulthood. The goal is to understand how children's experiences affect brain development and other aspects of their life - including school, friendships, behavior and health.

WHY SHOULD VERMONT KIDS PARTICIPATE?

The University of Vermont is one of only 21 sites selected to run the ABCD study. This is a great opportunity to ensure that Vermont youth and their experiences are included in this nationwide study. All data will be treated confidentially and kids and their parents will be reimbursed for their participation.

HOW CAN MY FAMILY PARTICIPATE?

If you are the parent or legal guardian of a 9 or 10 year old your family may be eligible to participate. Look for printed material to come home from school with your child soon. We look forward to meeting your family!

You can sign up for the study by following this link:

<https://abcdcontact.me/school/500282000068>

For more information:

Call the UVM team at (802) 847 – 4562

Email us at ABCD@uvm.edu

Visit the ABCD website: www.ABCDStudy.org.



BURLINGTON SCHOOL FOOD PROJECT

DECEMBER 2017

K8 LUNCH

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | | | 1 Corn Dogs* Peas & Corn Daily Salad Bar |
| 4 Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll Roasted Roots Daily Salad Bar | 5 PIZZA DAY Caesar Salad Daily Salad Bar | 6 Chicken or Bean Fajit as Seasoned Beans Daily Salad Bar | 7 Mac & Cheese Dinner Roll Glazed Carrots Daily Salad Bar | 8 VERMONT BEEF BURGERS Steak Fries Daily Salad Bar |
| 11 Chicken Patty Sweet Potato Fries Daily Salad Bar | 12 PIZZA DAY Caesar Salad Daily Salad Bar | 13 Vermont Beef Tacos Seasoned Beans Daily Salad Bar | 14 Lasagna Rollups Roasted Broccoli Daily Salad Bar | 15 All-Beef Hot Dog Vegetarian Baked Beans Daily Salad Bar |
| 18 Chicken Nuggets Steak Fries Daily Salad Bar | 19 PIZZA DAY Caesar Salad Daily Salad Bar | 20 Chicken Nachos Seasoned Beans Daily Salad Bar | 21 Cheese Ravioli Mediterranean Vegetables Daily Salad Bar | 22 Meatball* Subs Roasted Roots Daily Salad Bar |
| 25 VACATION | 26 VACATION | 27 VACATION | 28 VACATION | 29 VACATION |

Menu items are subject to change without notice.

For more information, please contact us at (802) 864-8415 or schoolfood@bsdvt.org.

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* turkey-based product