

# FLYNN FLYER

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Dear Flynn Families:

Welcome to this year's first edition of the *Flynn Flyer*. This newsletter is planned to be distributed on a bi-weekly basis to provide some important information about the happenings at Flynn Elementary School and is one component of our comprehensive communications model we are working to develop. We plan to utilize this newsletter along with our website, the "backpack" express, social media such as twitter (follow us at @flynnfireflies) and Facebook (to be determined), and the monthly distribution of North Avenue news. We are excited as we continuously enhance our communications!

We had our first fire drill last week and it went well. The teachers and staff prepared the students and everyone was pretty much right on. Additionally, each class has held at least one "mock" lock down drill. We'll hold a school-wide drill later this month. You can review Burlington School District's emergency protocols at <http://iloveguys.org/srp.html>.

Next Thursday is our annual Open House. The evening starts at 5pm with a PTO-sponsored barbecue, and the Open House begins at 6pm. I look forward to seeing you there! Picture retake day has been changed, and is now scheduled for Monday October 1st. Also please remember that the next PTO meeting is Thursday, October 4. PTO members work hard to provide some great events for the children and I thank them for that!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** At Flynn School we have a shortage of parking, especially at the morning drop-off and afternoon dismissals. If possible we ask for car pooling, students to walk, or ride available buses. If you do drive your child to school please remember:

- Avoid parking in the fire lanes. Also avoid parking on the "green space" as BSP has been issuing tickets.
- When parking do so in designated parking spots only. Also, please pull all the way in to avoid inadvertently blocking other traffic.
- There is parking on the side streets, including Barley Road and Turf Road.

Some upcoming dates to keep in mind include:

- Wednesdays (all year) are dismissal at 1:50pm.
- Friday, October 19, there is NO SCHOOL.
- Thursday, October 25, is an Early Release with students dismissed at 11:30 am.

I thank everyone for a great start to the school year and look forward to seeing you at Open House!

Sincerely,

Donald S. Van Nostrand  
Interim Principal



Welcome Back BBQ

Thursday

September 20th

5:00-6:30

Open House

Thursday

September 20th

6-7

Picture Retake Day

Monday October 1st

PTO Meeting

Thursday October 4

6:30

No School

Wednesday

October 19

## Meet Our Staff

My name is Amanda Schauwecker and I'm very excited to be the new School Counselor at Flynn!

Part of my role will be going into every classroom to teach Classroom Guidance; I will be in the kindergarten every week for the whole year and the other grades will be on six week rotations. Some topics that will be covered are Bullying/Harassment, Self Regulation, Problem Solving, Personal Safety, and more! I also provide individual and small group counseling as needed (sometimes these are referred to as Lunch Bunches or Friendship Groups). Anything a student says to me is confidential, unless there is a concern that they may hurt themselves, hurt someone else, or if they are being hurt by someone. Please remember that all school employees are Mandated Reporters, which means that they are obligated to report when they reasonably suspect abuse or neglect.

I am really looking forward to getting to know all of the Flynn students and families! Please stop in and introduce yourself! The best way to reach me is through email: [aschauwe@bsdvt.org](mailto:aschauwe@bsdvt.org) or you can call my office at 864-8478 ext. 51004.

## Pre-School News

**Leisia Halligan's Preschool** classroom can be reached at 864-8478 Ext 51331. Please call this number if your child will be absent or late.

**Allison Sutherland's Preschool** classroom can be reached at 864-8478 Ext. 51220. Please call this number if your child will be absent or late.

## Bike Book Mobile News

It was another busy summer distributing books to many Flynn neighborhood readers. And boy, was it a HOT one (especially on Mondays)!

I had a record tying 145 readers get books from me! Many readers exchanged books almost weekly! Great job keeping up with your summer reading, Flynn Fireflies!

As usual, I ask your help getting those few remaining books back to me at school. I have a box in the office you could place them in or get them to me in Mrs. Brooks' class.

Thank you!

Mr. Tim



## PTO News

Welcome back to school! The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) had its first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 6. We welcome all who would like to join us at our next meeting on Thursday, October 4, at 6:30 pm in the School Library.

### **What does PTO mean to John J Flynn?**

We support these events:

School play

K-2 field trip

Back to School BBQ

Skate Night

Family Traditions Dinner

Flynn Book fair

### **How can you help?**

Come to PTO meetings on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30.

Volunteer

Support our Charleston Wrap Fundraiser

Charleston Wrap Packets went home with your child today. Please help your child sell products to family members to help us raise money to support all of the great programs offered at Flynn School. Students wishing to do door to door sales must be accompanied by an adult.

Order forms with payments are due back to school by Friday September 28th.

And if you have not already, please friend us on Facebook at John J. Flynn PTO and Twitter @Flynnfireflies

We look forward to seeing you all at the Back to School BBQ on Thursday, September 20 5pm to 6pm. The open house will follow from 6-7.

Thank you,

JJ Flynn PTO



J.J. Flynn's Annual

# OPEN HOUSE BBQ

THURSDAY

Sept. 20th, 2018

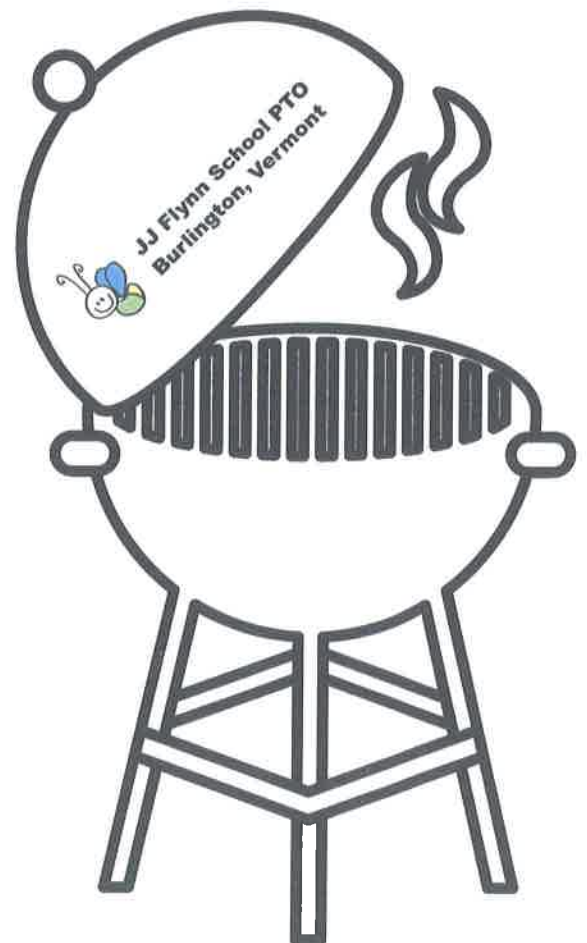
5:00pm - 6:00pm

OPEN HOUSE starts at 6:00pm

The Flynn PTO invites you to a **FREE** dinner before OPEN HOUSE in the Outdoor Learning Space located behind the library. Hope to see you there!

## QUESTIONS

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*\*please bring a blanket to sit on\**