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## School News



### October 2

PTO Meeting

Date Change

6:30

### October 8

Picture Retake Day

### October 18

NO School

### October 24

Book Fair and Community  
Dinner

5-7

### November 7

PTO Meeting

6:30

### November 8-9

Very Merry Theater

Willy Wonka Jr

Friday 7 PM

Saturday 4 PM

Hello everyone! As it is the start of the school year, we thought this would be a great time to remind everyone about our attendance and truancy policies. It is really important for students to arrive to school every day, on time, as the beginning of the day is when they have time to settle in, learn the schedule of the day, and get set up for success. Our day starts promptly at 8:10. Students are welcome to enter the building and go to the breakfast room starting at 7:50, or they can go outside and play. Consistent, daily attendance is also important because it helps students feel connected to the teachers and their peers. When students miss time in the classroom, they are missing important instructional time, not learning the routine of their classroom, and it can sometimes be a challenge to get caught up. We understand that students get sick, so if you are able, please send them back to school with a doctor's note. If you are not sure if your student is actually sick or maybe just tired, send them to school and our nurse can check in on them.

Our district's truancy policies include a process where letters are automatically sent after 5 days of absence, 10 days, 15 days, etc. When a student reaches 15 days of unexcused absences, families will need to come in to have a meeting to see how the school can support the family with coming to school on a consistent basis. If absences continue and reach 20 days, a truancy affidavit will have to be filed.

We are here to help families and we love having our students here! We miss them when they are absent! If there is anything we can do to help your family get to school, please don't hesitate to reach out!

## Lost and Found



We have a number of items in the lost and found that need a home. Please check to see if your child has left any items in the lost and found.

## Hike for Hunger

The first graders from Flynn School hiked for hunger on Friday, September 27th. We collected donations that are all being donated to the Hunger Free Vermont organization. We hiked to the Ethan Allen Pinnacle, then up the tower where there was an incredible view, and finally ending at the park with a picnic and some play time. The Flynn First graders were amazing hikers.



Picture Retake Day is Tuesday October 8th.



Charles Schulz

## Shelf Notes: a Little Letter from the Librarian

This year students will be allowed to check out **the number of books that matches their grade.**

5 books for 5th grade down to 1 book for 1st grade and kindergarten.

Kindergartners will begin bringing their books home in October in their own special polka dot Library Book Bags.

If this number of books does not feel like enough reading material, please know that you are welcome to set up a *Flynn Family Library Account*. Adults can pop into the library anytime during the school day to check out books or check-in before or after school to see if a librarian is available.

Feel free to e-mail me at [acudney@bsdvt.org](mailto:acudney@bsdvt.org) if you want to know for sure if I will be around when you are!

FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR  
is coming on Thursday, October 24 from 5:00-7:00  
but will also offer

an on-line shopping option from October 19th - Nov. 2nd.

Look in future newsletters for the link you can use to access this option.

*Happy Reading!*

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 To  
**Wednesday, October 2nd from 6:30 - 8:00**

Fall Open House and Back to School BBQ

On September 19th, the J.J. Flynn School community gathered for the annual Open House and Back to School BBQ. This is an important event for our community as the PTO works diligently to solicit donations to provide a free meal to our school community. Families are invited in to school to see their student's classroom, meet teachers and then join other members of our community for a BBQ.



"This year, we successfully grilled and passed out 500 hot dogs along with watermelon, potato salad and veggie platters. It's exciting to think about how many families attend this event because we know that transportation can be a challenge and an increasing amount of families do not live in walking distance to school. We are so grateful to our generous donors and volunteers that have helped shape this into such a successful event for our community" said Sarah DeShaw, parent volunteer.

An exciting addition to this year's event was a student-run Farmer's Market selling (by donation) produce and flowers grown right in the J.J. Flynn School garden. Students at J.J. Flynn have been working over the past year with Christine Gall of the Burlington School Food Project. Students have been attending monthly gardening and cooking workshops throughout the season.

"Christine teaches our students about the foods growing in our garden, proper care and proper harvesting techniques. Students in a variety of grades worked with Christine to harvest potatoes, beans, tomatoes, basil, herbs, flowers, beets, kale and more," said Allison Tinson, Flynn third grade teacher.

Third grade students in Ms. Tinson's class as well as some fourth grade STEAM students created basil and kale pesto that was prepared with pasta and served at the Open House BBQ. Third grade students in Mr. Abbey's class with some fourth and fifth grade helpers made bruschetta with tomatoes, herbs and garlic harvested in the garden.

Thank you to Mckenzie Meats, City Market, Trader Joe's, Shaw's, The Burlington School District and many Flynn families for their generous donations!

By Sarah DeShaw



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The 2019-2020 season is upon us. Our first skate is scheduled for mid- October so there is plenty of time to sign up! Visit our website for more info and to sign up.

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Initiation: New skaters learning the basics of skating, ages 3-8, 1 hour of ice per week

House Mites: Able to skate independently, learning the basics of hockey, ages 4-8, 2 hours per week

Cross Ice: Stronger skaters, able to move the puck, plays cross ice games, ages 5-8, 3-4 sessions per week including games

Unsured if hockey is for you? Try it for FREE!

Girls only: October 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

All Youth interested: November 10<sup>th</sup> 9:20 AM – 10:20 AM



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