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Guidance News

Greetings! Things are busy in the Guidance world! One big change at our school this year is our Firefly of the Day routine. Previously, we have done three Fireflies of the Week, but we want to be able to recognize more students for following our Firefly expectations of being Responsible, Respectful, and Safe! Students who receive Firefly of the Day get a certificate, a special badge to wear for the day, their picture taken for our Firefly of the Day board, and the privilege of sitting wherever they want in the cafeteria that day! Each grade is assigned a day; Kindergarten is Monday, 1st grade is Tuesday, 2nd grade is Wednesday, 3rd and 5th grade is Thursday, and 4th grade is Friday.

Grades 3-5 have started the Second Step Bullying curriculum and grades K-2 will be starting this curriculum in the new year. This program helps students recognize bullying when they see it and how to tell the difference between bullying and a conflict. There's a big difference- ask your students to tell you! We also practice reporting bullying and talk about how we can be helpful bystanders.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or just to say hi! The best way to reach me is by email (aschauwe@bsdvt.org) but you can also leave me a voicemail by calling the Main Office; my extension is 51004. This year has been off to a great start and I can't wait to continue getting to know our Fireflies!

Have a GREAT break!

-Ms. Schauwecker

A friendly reminder about attendance

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 the 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.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



November 22

Report Cards Go Home

November 25 & 26

Parent/Teacher
Conferences

December 5

PTO Meeting
6:30

December 10

Early Release
11:30

No Burlington Kids
Afterschool Program

December 11

"Run, Hide, Fight"
Community Forum

December 20

Winter Sing-Along
2 PM

December 20

Talent Show
Sign-Ups Due

December 23-January 3

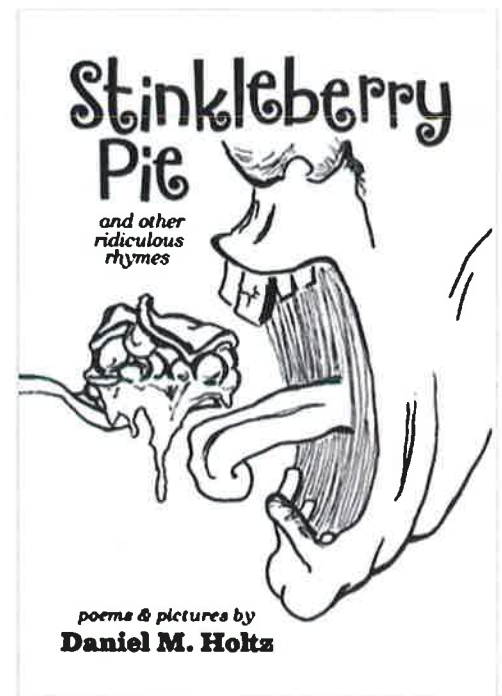
No School
Winter Break

Library News

AUTHOR VISIT AND BOOK SIGNING!

Wednesday, December 11

During the school day,
many students will have the opportunity to meet and hear poet,
artist, and songwriter
Daniel M. Holtz.



After school the author will lead a drawing and poetry writing workshop.

Dan will also be sharing **FREE** bookmarks and coloring pages of his funny (and occasionally gross!) line drawing illustrations.

Updated information about this event will be posted on the [Flynn Library Homepage](#).

Paperback copies of his book will be on sale
for just \$14.99.

For every 3 copies sold, the author will donate an additional copy to be raffled off!
Students attending any of Dan's presentations will each receive a raffle ticket.

Check in with Mrs. Cudney acudney@bsdvt.org or Ms. Livingston in the library if you would like to purchase copies of his book but cannot attend the event.



Lost and Found

We have a number of items in the lost and found that want to be found. Feel free to check the lost and found, located by the cafeteria. Items not claimed by **Wednesday November 27th**, will be bagged up.

Outerwear Swap

Our annual outerwear swap has begun! We are currently taking donations of gently worn outerwear. Please bring your donations to the front office. Stop by and see if we have what you need. If you need a particular item or size please let us know by calling 864-8478. Outerwear Swap ends November 27th.



Pictures from the Pancake Breakfast



District News

“Run, Hide, Fight” Community Forum

During the 2018-2019 school year, our District Safety Team spent time researching the best way to train and prepare our District in the event we should have to deal with the threat of an act of extreme violence on one of our campuses.

This group identified “Run, Hide, Fight”, a program endorsed and supported by the State of Vermont AOE, as the best tool for our district, and presented a plan to our school board in April 2019 to add it to our current safety protocols. (Visit <http://bit.ly/2KziZQu> to see the presentation.) Distilled to its simplest, this training teaches that our staff should be prepared to “Run when it’s safe to run. Hide where it’s safe to hide. Fight if you or others around you have no other options.”

For the past few months, we have been working a team of nationally recognized school-safety specialists on a three-phase, district-wide training plan to implement "Run, Hide, Fight" in BSD. Part of this plan includes creating a space for parents to learn more from our experts and ask questions. Please join us on December 11th at 6PM in the Hunt Middle School Auditorium to engage in this conversation.

Childcare and translation services will be provided. Please send questions to superinten-



French Immersion Community Meeting

Please join us on December 3rd at 6 PM in the Hunt Middle School Library for a chance to learn more about Dual-Language French and English Immersion programming and discuss the possibility of these offerings in Burlington School District.

Background - In April 2019, BSD announced an exciting partnership with the French Embassy to explore offering Dual-Language French and English Immersion programming in BSD. <https://www.bsdt.org/2019/04/11/bsd-launches-partnership-with-french-embassy/>

We've spent the last several months gathering community support for this idea and searching for people who would be interested in learning about becoming certified to teach and/or who would like to be involved in helping the project move forward.

Please join us for a French Immersion Community Meeting, 6PM at Hunt Middle School to learn more.

Community members who are interested in becoming certified, helping with programming, or providing program feedback and suggestions are still welcome to email the District at superintendent@bsdvt.org.

Flynn Wins \$500 Grant →

Thank you Exxon Mobil and Mobil Short Stop for supporting Flynn School Students!

Exxon and Mobil are fueling young minds and helping create aha moments through the Educational Alliance. Since it's inception, they have committed over \$34 million to this national program, which funds math and science programs at schools in need. It is part of their ongoing effort to support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education within the communities they serve.



- Kind Picture

+ Traditional Dinner

- Pictures from Amy - send -

Kitchen Carl News

Mini Apple Muffins

Ingredients:

- 2 ½ cups of rolled oats
- 1 ½ cups of low-fat milk
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 2 cups cubed apples
- ½ cup maple syrup
- 2 tbs canola oil
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking powder



Directions:

Preheat oven to 375°F. Coat a 12-cup nonstick muffin tin with cooking spray.

Combine all ingredients in a single bowl and stir well.

Divide the mixture amount the muffin cups (about ¼ cup each).

Bake the muffins until they spring back when touched, 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool in the pan for approx. 5 minutes before serving.

