

FLYNN FLYER

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When Should my child stay home from school?



January 31

Family Traditions Dinner

5:30-7:00

February 4

Kindergarten Tour

5:00

Student Council Meeting

8:00

February 6

2nd Grade Play

1:45

Annual Title One Meeting

5:30

PTO Meeting

6:30

February 14

Annual Talent Show

6:00

February 21

Kindergarten Registration

Closes

February 24-March 3

Winter Break

No School



It can be hard for parents to know when to keep their children home from school. Everybody has busy schedules and we understand that mornings can be very hectic. If you aren't sure, the School Nurse can help you determine if it would be better for your child to come to school, stay home sick or possibly see their doctor.

Top 5 Reasons to Keep Your Child Home from School

Fever - Your child should be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.

Vomiting - In the case of illness, your child should be free from vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.

Diarrhea - In case of illness, your child should be free from Diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.

Cough - If your child has a severe or persistent cough that is keeping them from sleeping at night or would significantly impact their classroom learning , please keep them home until improved.

Antibiotics- If your child is taking antibiotics for a condition or illness that is contagious and could be spread to others, it's generally recommended your child stay home from school for 24hours after starting antibiotics. Other situations may apply, check with your child's doctor for their recommendation.

Please contact the Main Office at 864 - 8478, if you know your child will be absent.

The most important ways to stay healthy and prevent the spread of illness is to teach your child to wash their hands with soap and water frequently throughout the day and especially before eating.



Curriculum Corner



Coding in Library and STEAM

During library and STEAM classes over the next few months, first and third grade students are participating in a series of computer science lessons designed by code.org. This online resource provides an introduction to and exploration of computer science skills, strategies, and uses. Included in these lessons is a focus on understanding the importance of digital safety and citizenship as being fundamental to student success in computer science. Students learn to be safe, respectful, and responsible online just as we are in all our other school settings.



Red Clovers, Shelf Adoption, Fairy Tales, and “Issues”

Other grades are tackling somewhat more traditional activities in the library.

Kindergarten has just joined some of the older grades who have been introduced to Vermont’s Red Clover Book Award. This annual contest invites Vermont students in grades K-4 to vote on one of the ten selected titles to choose their favorite, so we’ll be reading our way through this year’s list before voting happens in April.

Fairy tales have offered second graders a way to consider differing perspectives. In addition, we have paid close attention to the spine labels on these stories and have just begun to explore why they might have been given a nonfiction call number (398.2) when they are clearly NOT books about real-life happenings.

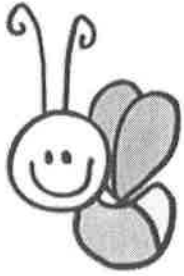
Fourth graders have each adopted a shelf in our picture book section and are exploring the titles and call numbers included on the books in their little section of the library. They will soon become responsible for marketing the books on their shelf to other readers, complete with an advertising campaign to convince readers to check out their featured book.

Meanwhile, in fifth grade, our focus is more serious as we explore the idea of an *issue as being an important topic or problem for debate or discussion*. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday month has offered a timely context in which to begin considering some of the issues that need to be addressed in our community, country and world. We have used community circles as well as reading several books (*Pride: The Story of the Rainbow Flag*, *Just a Dream*, and *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark*) to help generate a list of possible social and environmental issues on which we will practice some research skills, with the even bigger goal of discovering some ways in which we could each make a positive difference.

Amy Cudney, acudney@bsdvt.or

FireFly Winners of the Day

Chosen for following
School Expectations
Responsible
Respectful
Safe



Congratulations to ALL!





Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child turning five on or before *September 1, 2020*, it is time to register them now for Kindergarten!

Registration can only be done online through the district website. If you do not have access to a computer or need assistance, please stop by your neighborhood school and you will be given access to a computer and help with any questions.

To complete registration, you will need:

- 1) a copy of the child's birth certificate or other proof of age
- 2) a copy of their immunization records
- 3) proof of residency.

Please help Spread the Word!

The last Flynn School Tour is **Tuesday February 4th** at 5:00.

District and Search Firm to Hold Community Meeting 29

Burlington, VT. The Burlington School District (BSD) Board of School Commissioners is pleased to announce that McPherson & Jacobson, LLC, Executive Recruitment and Development has been selected to assist the Board in the important task of selecting superintendent candidates for the board to interview.

Beginning immediately, the consultants and board commissioners will be meeting with community members to gather input regarding the qualities of the District's next Superintendent. Three public input meetings have been set, and all are open to any community stakeholders wishing to provide input:

January 29, 2020: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Champlain Elementary School (Interpretation and Childcare Provided)

Error in District Calendar

There is an error in the printed version of BSD's 2019-2020 Calendar & Handbook (pictured to the right).

Our designers accidentally listed April 17th as part of Spring Break and a day off. ***Please note that April 17th is a full day of school for students and teachers; it is not part of Spring Break.*** Actual Spring Break dates are Monday, April 20th to Friday, April 24. We apologize that we missed this in our proofreading.

Flynn School's

Annual Title 1 Meeting Thursday February 6, 2020 At 5:30 In the Library

This meeting will address the following:

- Reviewing the Title 1 policy
- Reviewing the Home School Compact
- Reviewing the District's Parent Involvement Policy



Our monthly PTO meeting will follow at 6:30

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Flynn Home and School Compact

We, the students, parents and teachers of Flynn Elementary School, teach each other and learn from each other every day. We affirm our support for each other in this learning process. We, the parents and teachers, promise to direct our efforts toward our children so that they may pursue lifelong learning. This is our gift to them. We, the children, take responsibility for our learning.

Teachers/Staff will:

- Challenge students with skills to be successful learners.
- Give clear information to parents.
- Communicate with families about children during the school year.
- Listen carefully when parents talk about their hopes and concerns for their children.
- Help children understand and follow the school discipline plan.

Parents will:

- Provide an atmosphere for study with a scheduled time, a quiet place, and encouragement.
- Encourage children to complete and return assignments on time.
- Read to children and/or listen to children read aloud.
- Attend school conferences.
- Sign and return written school communications.

Students will:

- Come to school on time, well-rested, and ready to learn.
- Ask for help when needed.
- Finish homework and bring it in on time.
- Be a responsible messenger between school and home.
- Follow the school discipline plan.

Parent: _____

Teacher: _____

Student: _____

J.J. Flynn's annual

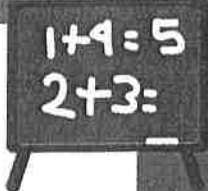
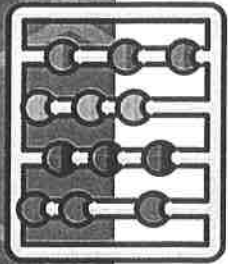
FAMILY TRADITIONS DINNER

 **FREE**
ICE CREAM
SUNDAES!!

Bring a traditional family dish to share.



JOIN 1.31.20
US! 5:30-7:00PM



FAMILY MATH NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY!

PAJAMAS + MATH =
LIBRARY FUN AND
LEARNING!

MATH THEMED STORY
MATH SNACKS & GAMES
+ FUN MATH ACTIVITIES TO
STRETCH YOUR MIND.

Saturday, January 25
Drop-in 6-8 p.m.
Read Aloud at 6:15 p.m.

BEST FOR AGES 3-8



NEW AMERICAN VOTING EVENT

Learn how to vote, register to vote, and learn how to use new translated ballots!*

BURLINGTON
O.N.E. COMMUNITY CENTER
20 ALLEN STREET

Saturday, January 25
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

WINOOSKI
O'BRIEN CENTER
32 MALLETS BAY AVENUE

Saturday, February 8
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Enjoy food from Nepali Kitchen and Kismayo Kitchen, childcare, and interpretation!*

*(Interpretation and translated ballots provided in Somali, Nepali, Swahili, French, Arabic, and Burmese)

EVENT SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

SECRETARY OF STATE JIM CONDOS • HAL COLSTON •
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ÉVÉNEMENT POUR NOUVEAUX AMERICAINS: COMMENT VOTER

Apprenez comment voter, enregistrez-vous pour voter et apprenez à utiliser les nouveaux bulletins de votes traduits!*

BURLINGTON
O.N.E. COMMUNITY CENTER
20 ALLEN STREET

samedi le 25 janvier
14h00 - 16h00

WINOOSKI
O'BRIEN CENTER
32 MALLETS BAY AVENUE

samedi le 8 février
11h00 - 13h00

Dégustez des plats de cuisines de Nepali Kitchen et Kismayo Kitchen, garderie d'enfants et traductions simultanées*

*(Traduction en Somalien, Népalais, Swahili, Français, Arabe et Birman)

INTERVENANTS :

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नयाँ अमेरिकी मतदान कार्यक्रम

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2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

विनूसकी

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8 फेब्रुअरी
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North Burlington

Little League



Registration for Spring Baseball is here and we have made it easy for you!

Register online at www.nblvt.org or stop by the Miller Center on February 15th from 9am-12pm to register in person.

All Age groups and Abilities are welcome!

'A' T-Ball (4-5 year olds)

'AA' Coach Pitch (6-8 year olds)

'AAA' (8-11 year olds)

'Majors' Little League (10-12 year olds)

If Player is 10 years old or older and would like to be considered to play at the Majors level for the first time, they must attend Little League Try-outs at the UVM Fieldhouse on Sunday March 8 from 3-5:30pm. Please arrive on time and plan to attend the entire session.

1 Child \$65

2 Children \$110

3 or More Children \$120

