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The Principal's Corner



I am delighted to inform you that our school raised \$911.54 for the Vermont Children's

Hospital. Many thanks to Mrs. Christine Tetrault, Mrs. Lynn Slack, Ms. Kerrin Flanagan, and Mrs. Christine Harvey and their students for coordinating this annual collection for our school. Two year ago, the school raised about \$300.00, and last year \$603.00, so we're pleased with this increase, as we strive to help students develop senses of respect and responsibility for others.

The 26th Annual Children's Art Exhibition, sponsored by Burlington City Arts and the Burlington School District, was held on Tuesday. We thank Mrs. Christel Devita for all the artistic talent she nurtures in students on a daily basis. We also congratulate all our student artists whose work was honored and is currently displayed in the lobby of City Hall. These students are: Hawa Abdi, Rehema Abdi, Savannah Albarelli, Emi Bedrosian, Noah Blood, Amaya Bradford, Kelcee Cadorette, Liam Chira, Samantha Crafts, Bella Farkas, Diana Fikira, Ethan Griffin, Tallulah Guthrie, Laura Hoak, Maggie Huston, Ella Jeffers, Sean LaBelle, Max Ladner, Nirmal Lamichhane, Abdi Musa, Vestine Niyogushimwa, Ailsa O'Neill-Dunne, Caleb Purvee, Anjenise Spence, Eliza Spinner, and Miranda Stilwell. Bella Farkas and Caleb Purvee were also the recipients of the Bentley Davis Seifer Award. This year marked the first year of this award, given to two students from each elementary school for special recognition of outstanding artistic talent.

We also honor at this time four students in Mrs. Carol McHugh's Grade 2 class who read every day during the month of February. These students are

Christian Daigle, Owen Dinklage, Robbie Safran, and Taha Yousif. Congratulations to these avid readers!

Please find attached to this newsletter information about the North by North Center, so named because of its location near the intersection of North Street and North Avenue. The center is a free writing space for students—open each school day Monday through Friday—where they can get feedback and support for their writing. Please consider this as a resource for your children, whether they excel at or struggle with writing.

By now, you should have received your Parent/Teacher Conference time(s) for either the afternoon of Thursday, March 28th or Friday, March 29th. These sessions are important opportunities for all of us to stay in contact with each other on behalf of your children. We aim for 100% participation and usually come quite close to that goal. Please contact Mrs. Desautels at 864-8479 or tdesaute@bsdvt.org if you did not receive information about your appointment(s) or if you need to change it/them.

Please consult the Calendar of Events for other important activities related to our school community.

Thank you for all you do to make our school a community of respectful, responsible, and safe learners. A total of 255



postcards and other contacts (via telephone or email) have been made to recognize and reinforce positive student behavior. We are happy to report that 122 good deeds for others have also been reported to the office.

Calendar of Events



- 3/15: Kindergarten
Registration Deadline for Early
Notification. (Notices to be sent 4/29)
- 3/15: Full Bag Food Pantry (2:00-3:00 p.m.)
-- Cart by Side Door of School
- 3/16: Family Open Gym Time
(10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) -- Gym
- 3/22: Full Bag Food Pantry (2:00-3:00 p.m.)
-- Cart by Side Door of School
- 3/23: Family Open Gym Time
(10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) -- Gym
- 3/28-3/29: Parent-Teacher Conferences.
(Half day of school on 3/28 and no school on
3/29)
- 3/28: Parent Roundtable Session
(6:00-7:00 p.m.) -- Library. Topic: Internet
Safety
- 4/8: PTO Meeting (6:30-8:00 p.m.)
-- Ellie B. McNamara Memorial Library
- 4/18: School Community Dinner
(5:30-7:00 p.m.)
- 4/22 – 4/26: Spring Vacation (No School)
- 6/13: Last Day of School for Students

From the Nurse

The Vermont Dental Hygienists' Association is sponsoring a *free* dental restorative day at **Vermont Technical College** in Williston on April 6, 2013. This event is for patients unable to access oral health care in a traditional setting. Are you going without dental care due to fixed income, unemployment, or for some other reason? Then this day is for you.

To register for a pre-screening to be held on Friday, March 29th please call [802 288 8903](tel:8022888903) or email vtcommunitydentalevent@gmail.com

Burlington Park and Recreation

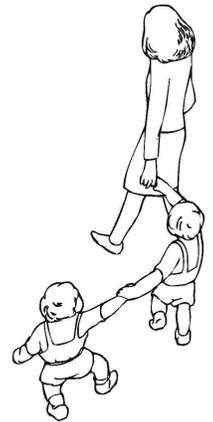


Learn how to make and decorate your own hula hoop the first week of class, and the remaining four classes will be hula hoop instruction with Alexa Algios. Alexa is a member of the UVM Hula Hooping Team. The group will perform at the Kids Day Celebration on Saturday May 11th. No class on Wednesday April 24th. Pre-register at Burlington Parks and Recreation at 864-0123 or on-line at www.enjoyburlington.com.

Hula Hoop Team
April 3rd-May 8
Wednesday 6PM-7PM
C.P. Smith School Gymnasium
Resident \$30/Non-Resident \$40
Ages 6-12

Preschool Registration

Burlington's Early Education Program is now accepting applications for the preschool classroom located at the C.P. Smith Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year. The Smith classroom is an inclusive community based preschool program that offers a curriculum designed to meet the needs of all learners. It is our program's philosophy that all children have the ability to learn, and that children learn best through their active participation in play based activities. Children in the preschool classroom are provided opportunities to develop skills in each of the early childhood learning domains; social emotional, language, literacy, mathematics, science, and physical development.



If you have a child between three and five years of age who lives in the J.J.Flynn Elementary School's or C.P. Smith Elementary School's neighborhoods, and you are interested in receiving an application packet for the coming school year, please call 864-8463.