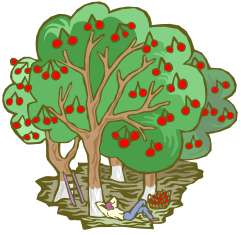


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The Principal's Corner



Thanks to a large group of families and other community members, our orchard is on its way. We had a great turnout last Saturday of dedicated and enthusiastic “green thumbs,” who prepared the ground for later planting of fruit trees and bushes. We will invite classes as part of a special Arbor Day celebration to do the actual planting. We are excited that the orchard can be part of our Science program and also provide us with fresh food to eat.

Our Science Fair was last night, and we were delighted to have so many budding scientists as participants. It's great to see such creative and active minds at work. We also held our annual Title I Meeting, soliciting feedback about our Home-School Compact.

This coming Monday night (5/6), Hunt Principal Richard Amato will be here to speak with parents about what they and their Grade 5 daughters/sons can expect as part of the middle school experience at Hunt. Please plan to join us for this event, and we thank our PTO for sponsoring this session. It will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the library.

Also taking place next week (Thursday night, May 8th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the library), Stephanie Phillips, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Burlington School District, will be here to talk to us about the Common Core and what it means for instruction and assessment for our students. This School Community Roundtable Session is sponsored by our Family-School Partnership Team.

Please note that Wednesday, May 15, 2013 will be a half-day of school for students due to

in-service programs. School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m., and lunch will be available for those students who want it.

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 299 postcards and other contacts (via telephone or email) have been made to recognize and reinforce positive student behavior. We are happy to report that 302 good deeds for others have also been reported to the office.

Calendar of Events



5/6: Hunt Principal Rich Amato Visits (6:00-8:00 p.m.) -- Library. Sponsored by PTO

5/9: Kindergarten “Get Acquainted Day”

5/9: Family Roundtable Session (6:30-7:30 p.m.) Topic: Common Core w/ S. Phillips of the BSD

5/10: Full Bag Food Pantry (2:00-3:00 p.m.) -- Side Door of School

5/15: Half Day of School Due to Teacher Inservice. (School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)

6/14: Last Day of School for Students. (School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.)



Car Exhaust and Children

Did you know that car exhaust can be as

harmful to children as second hand smoke? Please consider this the next time you pull in for gas, make a quick convenience store stop, or pick up or drop-off your children at school. Please also remember that Burlington has a no-idling ordinance. Except for a few exemptions, idling of any motor vehicle is not permitted for more than three (3) minutes. For more information on the ordinance, please visit [http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/uploadedFiles/BurlingtonVTgov/Departments/Legacy Project/Projects and Initiatives/No%20Idling%20Ordinance.pdf](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/uploadedFiles/BurlingtonVTgov/Departments/Legacy%20Project/Projects%20and%20Initiatives/No%20Idling%20Ordinance.pdf) or contact Jennifer Green at jgreen@burlingtonvt.gov.



Fusion 802

Fusion 802 is hosting, 802 Has Talent, at Hunt Middle School on May 4th at 6:00 p.m.

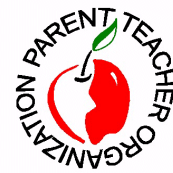
Admittance is \$6.00 per person. There will also be a silent auction, raffle and bake sale. 100% of the proceeds go to scholarships to the Arts.

I Block

In First Grade I block we sorted shells. First we sorted them by size and shape. Next we counted the shell's by 2's. After counting by 2's we counted the shells by 5's and 10's. Just for fun we used a book about shells to identify the many varieties by name.



C.P. Smith PTO News



Next week, May 6th—10th is teacher appreciation week, please consider having your child bring in a homemade card, letter, drawing, etc. to let our teachers know we appreciate their hard work. Get creative, have fun!

Reminder: Parent Information Night

What: Richard Amato, Hunt Middle School Principal

When: Monday, May 6th, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Where: Learning Center

Hope to see you there!



Reminder

As the weather is getting warmer and more students are biking, scootering, and walking to school we want to remind you to walk your bikes and scooters on the school grounds. We would also like to remind you to not climb the trees. Thank you for being respectful, responsible and safe.

