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The Principal's Corner



Greetings!

We welcome you to the 2014-15 school year! May it be the best year yet for you and your family members. We are honored to be working with you to support your children's academic, physical, social, and emotional wellbeing. Please stay in contact with us so that we can work together on behalf of your children. The sign above my office door says, "Make Me Feel Important," and my aim is to always do so when I am meeting with someone. (The sign is posted there as a reminder for me of that important goal.) You generous folks pay my salary, and I hope you will always feel free to access my time. The office telephone number is 864-8479, and my home telephone number is 651-0978. My email address is tfleury@bsdvt.org. To contact teachers, please use the same work telephone number, which rings at the main office. The pattern for contacting teachers by email is to type in the first letter of their first name followed by the first seven letters of their last name and then bsdvt.org (which stands for Burlington School District, Vermont). Please give us 24 hours to respond (or more on the weekends) since we often don't get a chance to check emails during the school day. We look forward to staying in touch with you and working with you and your families.

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our New Family Orientation Night, our Kindergarten Orientation Night, our Back-to-School Picnic, and our Open House. Many thanks to our energetic and enthusiastic P.T.O. for organizing yet another fantastic gathering for all of us.

Please note that breakfasts and lunches are now free of charge for all students, regardless of income level. (We still need to have parents/guardians who meet eligibility requirements fill out the paperwork for statistical purposes within the district and to determine qualification for federal grants, etc . . .), but we are now out of the collection business for meals. All students who wish to order breakfast and/or lunch simply now enter the meal line, and all will be served without charge.

A very moving annual event is our Welcome Assembly, which will be held on Friday, September

5th at 8:30 a.m. in the school gym. During this ceremony, our Grade 5 students welcome each of our Kindergarten students to our school community with a carnation. We hope you will be able to join us for this gathering. At the end of the school year, the roles are reversed, and our Kindergarten students present each of our Grade 5 students with a carnation, as our way of saying goodbye to them and to wish them well.

Your children should have brought home packets of information on Wednesday and some additional information today. If you did not receive this information, please ask your child about it. If you need additional information, please contact the school.

Thank you for all you are doing—and will do—to make our school community one of safety, respect, and responsibility for all who come through our doors.

Calendar of Events

9/1: Labor Day Holiday (No School)

9/2: First Full Day of School for Kindergarten Students

9/5: Welcoming Ceremony for Kindergarten Students (8:30 a.m.)

9/8: P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.) -- Library

9/19: School Picture Day

9/30: Curriculum Night (5:30-6:30 p.m.)

10/13: P.T.O. Meeting/Dinner (5:30-7:00 p.m.) -- Library

10/15-10/16: Parent-Teacher Conferences

10/17: No School