



FLYNN FLYER

JJ. Flynn Elementary 864-8478 www.bsdt.org



Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the Flynn Maker Faire such an awesome evening of fun learning for families! Flynn School has been working with UVM students to design and install an outdoor classroom near the library and a fruit orchard in the front of the building. Saturday, April 30 is **Day in the Dirt**, when volunteers will begin installing these great additions to our school. If you can volunteer any time between 9 am-12 pm on April 30, please contact STEAM teacher Courtney Asaro at casaro@bsdt.org. Details are on the school webpage and PTO Blog.

Book Fair &
Hot Dog Dinner
Tuesday, April 12
Book Fair (5-7 pm)
Dinner (5:30-7 pm)

April Break
No School
April 18-22

Day in the Dirt
Saturday, April 30

Grade 2-5
Choral Concert
@ Flynn
Thursday, May 5

Next year, Flynn will have the same Unified Arts classes as it does this year: Library, Art, Music, P.E. and STEAM. We will have 17 homerooms (compared to 18 homerooms this year). One of the 17 homerooms will be a multi-age classroom comprised of grade 2 and grade 3 students. Two teachers will work with students in math, so there will be a separate grade 2 and grade 3 math teacher. We will have two grade 2 classrooms and two grade 3 classrooms and one grade 2/3 classroom. We feel strongly that this is the best educational model to support the students in grades 2 and 3.

It was a financial decision made by the Board to no longer have class sizes as low as 14-15 students as we do in grade 1 this year. However, it was an educational decision made at Flynn, not central office, to create one multi-age classroom. Our other classes will remain the same--there will be three homerooms at grades K, 1, 4 and 5.

Lastly, there is another change that I spoke about at the PTO meeting. The May 5 Spring Choral Concert will be held at Flynn, not Hunt Middle School, and will feature students from grades 2-5. Grade 1 students will have a matinee performance where they showcase their musical talents next Thursday, April 14 at 2 pm. First graders are also performing a musical written by Ms. Noble that ties into their science and math curriculum. Kindergarten students will have their own daytime performance in late May (date TBD). Allowing K and grade 1 students to participate in daytime performances will give them time to shine! -Graham Clarke



Attention Flynn Families: For the month of April, Flynn School will receive a \$1 direct donation from each purchase of a blue Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag at the Hannaford Store located at 1127 North Avenue, Burlington, VT!

 SCHOLASTIC

J.J. Flynn Book Fair

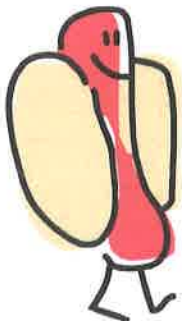
Dear Flynn Families,

Let's celebrate reading at the Spring Scholastic Book Fair! We will be holding a **Family Book Fair on Tuesday, April 12 from 5:00-7:00 pm** in the Multipurpose Room. **The Third Grade Team will also be hosting a fundraising hot dog dinner from 5:30-7:00!**

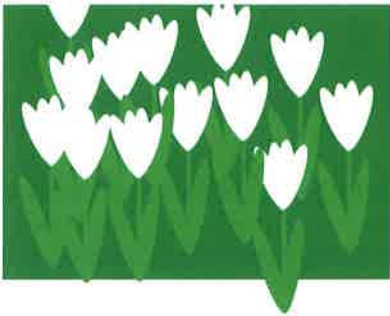
Along with picture books, non-fiction books, early readers, and chapter books, Scholastic will send us award winning and low-priced books. All proceeds from the book fair supplement library funding to help with the purchase of equipment, books, and author visits. In addition, the book fair is a great way to connect with your child about books they would like to read.

We will not have teacher wish lists posted at the evening event, but families are still encouraged to make book donations to classroom teachers. Just let us know at the register, and we will hand deliver your gift! You can also shop our school's online book fair starting April 7 at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/aprilfair>

We look forward to seeing you at our book fair, where you are sure to find some fabulously funny, wildly adventurous, and marvelously mysterious reading material! If you have any questions or would enjoy helping out with this fun event, please contact Cara Clopton (cclopton@bsdvt.org) or Corey Wallace (cwallace@bsdvt.org). Volunteers are needed to assist with Fair set-up (4:00-5:00 pm) and break down (7:00-8:00 pm). Happy Reading!



The third grade team will be hosting a fundraising dinner on **Tuesday, April 12 from 5:30-7:00 pm** during the evening book fair. The third graders are raising money for a trip to Camp Abnaki! The **Hot Dog Picnic Dinner** will include chips, lemonade, and hot dogs. The charge for dinner is **\$3/person or \$10/family four-pack (\$2/extra child)**. Home-baked desserts will also be on sale. Thank you for your support!



Springfest is coming on May 22!

We are in need of volunteers to ensure this year's Springfest can happen! Sign up using the link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054ca8a722a5fa7-springfest>

Thank you! Flynn PTO

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS: COMMUNITY FORUMS

The Burlington School District invites all to attend one of two upcoming community forums to collaborate and gather input on District mission and values, as well as priorities for multi-year strategic planning. Please consider participating in this process of **improvement**, which will guide us to the type of educational system we can all be proud of.

JOIN US FOR ONE OF THE NIGHTS BELOW:

Thursday, April 28th, 6:30-8:30PM

Integrated Arts Academy, 6 Archibald Street

Monday, May 2nd, 6:30-8:30PM

C.P. Smith Elementary School, 332 Ethan Allen Parkway

Childcare provided.

Please RSVP if you require childcare to Maryann Kalman:

mkalman@bsdvt.org or **(802) 864-8474**

For details on translation services at the event, contact Miriam Ehtesham-Cating:

mcating@bsdvt.org or **(802) 343-3775**

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