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Flynn Food Drive Fundraiser

Donations Accepted through December 21

Holiday Break

No School

Wednesday,

December 23-

Friday, January 1

Chess Club begins

Wednesday,

December 9!

Club meets

Wednesdays

7:30-8:05 am

Parent volunteers & more chess boards needed!



J.J. Flynn School's Annual Fundraiser

During the month of December, we will be collecting money and/or canned goods and non-perishable food items for the local food shelf. Students may bring donations to school now through December 21st. Please help our hungry neighbors and support this service-learning project by sending in your donations today!

Dear Flynn Families: The first grade bottle drive fundraiser will continue through the month of December. Thank you for your donations!

Fourth Grade Wrapstravaganza!

Leave your gift wrapping to us while supporting the Flynn fourth grade end-of-year field trip. Bring in your boxed packages and we'll wrap them--complete with a bow and gift tag.

When: Saturday, December 5 from 10:30am-12pm

AND Saturday, December 19 from 1-4pm

Where: Flynn School Lobby

Suggested Donation: 50 cents per wrapped package

Hope to see you there!



Local non-profit Bike Recycle Vermont wants to help residents of the Burlington community feel more empowered and connected by offering discounted bikes! Visit them at 664 Riverside Ave. or give them a call at [\(802\) 264-9687](tel:8022649687) to see how it works.



Burlington School Food Project Receives \$100,000 USDA Grant to Increase Local Foods in School Cafeterias

Burlington, Vermont – The Burlington School Food Project (BSFP) is pleased to announce that they are one of 74 projects spanning 39 states receiving support this year through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Farm to School Program, an effort to better connect school cafeterias and students with local farmers.

The Burlington School Food Project will use the \$100,000 USDA grant funds to implement a “center of the plate” project that focuses on making local beef accessible to all of Burlington’s District Schools. “Knowing where your food comes from is one of the most important aspects of creating a sustainable food system. Burlington has been working in Farm to School for well over 10 years, and this grant will help us to move our program forward and allow us to create a model that can be replicated around our state,” says Doug Davis, Director of Food Service for the Burlington School Food Project. “Farm to School Programs work—for schools, for producers, and for communities,” said Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

The implementation of these grant funds will be aided by BSFP community partners: The Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont, Intervale Community Farm, and the Vermont Community Garden Network. Each organization is working to expand the District’s local food consumption through educational outreach, sustainable purchasing systems, and product development.

The Burlington School Food Project is the largest Farm to School Program in Vermont. Widely recognized as a model program for the rest of the state and country, BSFP offers wholesome and nutritious meals daily to 4,000 students in the Burlington School District (including breakfast, lunch, and afterschool supper). More than one-third of foods purchased are sourced locally, and the Farm to School team runs a network of educational programming that includes a greenhouse, farm, and orchard on three different school properties.

Talent Show Sign-Ups Have Begun!



See Ms. Carr in the office!

Talent Show: February 12, 2016

Dear Flynn Families,

We are working on ways to streamline communications and reduce the amount of paper we use. To that end, we want to make better use of the technology we have available to us. We would like to begin sending our newsletters home via email (they will also be posted to our website). Please let us know if you prefer to receive a paper copy.

Once we have collected and updated your emails, we will start sending our Alert Info Calls by email as well. Thank you for your flexibility as we move in this direction. Please contact us if you need additional information.

_____ I prefer to receive an emailed copy of the newsletter.

Preferred email address(es): _____

_____ I prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter.

Student Name(s): _____

Teacher Name: _____