



FLYNN FLYER

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Spring Music Concert Cancelled

During the school year, the Flynn School community offers many different opportunities outside of the regular school day for students and families to participate in; the Spring School Concert is one of those popular events.

Although we try very hard to keep to the calendar for these scheduled performances and opportunities, there are times when any one of these events may have to be cancelled.

The Spring Music Concert scheduled for May 5th has been cancelled because of unforeseen medical circumstances. Information was shared with students today. Thank you for your understanding and modeling respect for privacy.

Dear Flynn Families:

Thank you in advance to all the Flynn students and families who are volunteering for tomorrow's Day in the Dirt (4/30). It's not too late to join us for any part of the 9 am-12 pm window you have free. Over 30 volunteers will be working to install our new outdoor classroom in the courtyard area--as well as planting blueberry bushes and preparing the two gardens. Yesterday, students were already so excited to see the natural benches. The fruit orchard will be installed in the front of the school in September. Thank you to Flynn's Outdoor Learning Community for organizing this collaboration with UVM and their Sustainable Design class.

Flynn students have been working hard this spring—3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are completing SBAC assessments in Math and English Language Arts. The SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) test is a web-based Common Core State Standards assessment tool given in 46 states and the District of Columbia. Flynn students have impressed us with their adaptability and perseverance as they work to complete this series of tests. Great job!

Right before April break, grade 1 students performed a Penguin Opera for an audience of more than 60 parents and community members. This original production was written by grade 1 teacher Claire Noble and performed by all of the first graders. The grade 1 teachers (Susan Brooks, Melisa Peterson and Claire Noble) worked with music teacher Emily Willette to plan the interdisciplinary performance, which wove together music, reading, math and science.

Thank you to our outstanding Flynn community for helping us host another successful book fair and hot dog dinner. Special thanks go to the volunteers who helped set up, serve dinner, and run the registers. We couldn't have done it without you! -Graham Clarke



Day in the Dirt
Saturday, April 30

CANCELLED
May 5
Spring Choral
Concert

Flynn Kindergarten
Orientation
Friday, May 13

No School
Memorial Day
Monday, May 30

Flynn PTO Meeting
Thursday, June 2





Attention Flynn Families: It's time to search under beds, in closets, and on bookshelves! **Our last student check-out day will be Friday, May 20. ALL student library books are due back to school on Friday, May 27.** Thank you for returning your books and supporting the Flynn School Library!



Wingspan Studio is offering an exciting array of classes in the Arts & French this spring for youth of all ages.

Spring Session is from April 25-June 6.

1. **Daytime Immersion FRENCH: FRART!** with art, movement and music for adults to learn with their little ones (ages 0-4. Mondays, 10-11 am)
2. **Afterschool FRENCH:** same as above (ages 4-12. Mondays, 3:30-5 pm)
3. **Early Evening Teen Painting & Art Exploration** (ages 13-18. Mondays, 5:30-7 pm)

Summer Camps start early the week of June 13 (there are 6 weeks to choose from). We are having one special **Teen Week: Art & Architecture** August 8-12.

Please note: age ranges are a suggestion as we all learn at different rates.

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The Edmunds Middle School Drama program is proud to present *The Wizard of Oz!* Dorothy and Toto are swept away by a cyclone and dropped in the magical Land of Oz. Will the Great Wizard help Dorothy and Toto get back home to Kansas? Will he also grant the wishes of the Tin Man, the Lion, and the Scarecrow? Performances are Thursday, May 5 @ 4 pm; Friday, May 6 @ 7 pm, and Saturday, May 7 @ 7 pm on the EMS Stage. \$5 suggested donation. Questions? Call Celia: 862-6450



****The PTO is saddened to say that Springfest has been cancelled for this year. If you are interested in bringing Springfest back next year, please reach out to support this fun family event.****

Flynn Students Participate in 2016 Flame Challenge & World-Wide Assembly with Alan Alda



What is Sound? is the Flame Challenge question posed to scientists in 2016. International scientists are tasked with answering the question, in written or video form, in a manner “most appropriate for 11-year-olds.” Entries are then judged by tens of thousands of 5th and 6th grade students from around the world.

In addition to judging scientists’ entries, 4th and 5th grade students at JJ Flynn were selected this year as one of 7 schools from around the world to participate in the World-Wide Assembly on April 26th. Other schools were from varying regions of the United States as well as from England and India. The Flame Challenge World-Wide Assembly is in its 5th year and is moderated by Flame Challenge creator Alan Alda (star of the TV show *Mash*). During the *live* World-Wide Assembly, Alan Alda seeks commentary from students in participating schools defending or questioning the effectiveness of the finalists’ entries in this year’s competition. Three students from Mr. Mack’s and Mrs. Pecor’s 4th and 5th grade classes spoke to students and teachers from around the world about scientists’ entries during the World-Wide Assembly. Next year, we will have a larger group of fourth and fifth grade students participate in the Flame Challenge with STEAM teacher, Courtney Asaro.



You can watch the JJ Flynn students and others from around the world in the April 26th World-Wide Assembly and learn more about the Flame Challenge at <http://www.centerforcommunicatingscience.org/flame-challenge-2015/>



2016 Burlington School District Pre-K - 8 Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Chicken Patty Baked Potato Bar	3 PIZZA DAY! Cheese or Turkey Pepperoni	4 Roasted Chicken Peas & Corn Dinner Roll	5 Macaroni & Cheese Roasted Broccoli	6 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Wedge Fries
9 Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Tots	10 PIZZA DAY! Cheese or Turkey Pepperoni	11 Chicken or Bean Fajitas with Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa & Sour Cream	12 Baked Ziti Mediterranean Veggies	13 Meatball Sub Roasted Roots
16 Chicken Patty Baked Potato Bar	17 PIZZA DAY! Cheese or Turkey Pepperoni	18 Beef or Bean Nachos with Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa & Sour Cream	19 Spaghetti & Meatballs Broccoli	20 Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Brown Rice Veggie Eggroll
23 Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Tots	24 PIZZA DAY! Cheese or Turkey Pepperoni	25 Chicken Caesar Wrap Chef's Choice Broccoli	26 Chicken and Noodles Roasted Broccoli	27 Cheesy Breadsticks Roasted Cauliflower
30 MEMORIAL DAY	31 PIZZA DAY! Cheese or Turkey Pepperoni	Menu items are subject to change without notice. We offer a variety of choices every day. For more information, please contact us at 802-864-8416 or schoolfood@bsdvt.org .		



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Every Lunch**

- Local Vermont Milk
- 1% White
- Fat Free White
- Fat Free Chocolate
- Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar
- Soup-of-the-Day
- Vegetarian options are available every day.

