



FLYNN FLYER

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Remember to Schedule Your Conference!



Use this link to begin scheduling:

[http://ptcfast.com/schools/John J. Flynn Elementary School](http://ptcfast.com/schools/John_J_Flynn_Elementary_School)

Conferences are Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd.

If you are not able to access this system or need help, please call the Flynn office (864-8478) to schedule a conference appointment with our administrative assistant, Karen Priebe.

November 11 & 12
Flynn School Play

November 18
Report Cards Go Home

Remember to fill in back to school forms on Powerschool

November 21 & 22
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Computers and assistance are available at Flynn during the school day. Look for information in your child's report card envelope.

November 21-25
No School

Remember to bring in items for our annual food drive

December 1
PTO Meeting
6:30

November 1 - 18

Bring in canned goods or Hannaford Gift Cards to the office.
All food collected will go to Flynn families!



December 22-January 2
No School

Please contact Liane Couture if your family is in need of receiving food items for the holiday at 864-8445

Disney's MULAN JR.

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Tonight at 7 pm and November 12 at 4 pm

Come support our Flynn School thespians!
Admission is FREE. Playbills, flowers and baked goods will be available for purchase.

Can you help? Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Bring something for the bake sale. Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090449ABAA29A13-bake1>
2. Help out at the Front of House with sales of flowers, bake sale, DVD sales. Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090449ABAA29A13-jiflynn1>
3. Help backstage in the Green Room before and after the show and during intermission. Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4da5a92ca5fe3-mulan>

Help earn money for our community schools.
Buy 4 products, get 3 school dollars!

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August 28 - December 3, 2016

From the PTO

Upcoming Events at Flynn

11/1 - 11/17 : Annual Family Food Drive

11/21 - 11/22 : Parent Teacher Conferences (no school for students)

11/23 - 11/25 : No School

12/1 : PTO Meeting (Provided: Sitter, Pizza and Dessert)

12/1 - 12/20 : Community Holiday Food Drive

12/23 - 1/2 : No School

1/25 : Family Traditions Dinner

Fun Fabulous Flynn Fundraisers

November - Original Works ~ Amazing artwork from your own FireFly

January - Vermont Cookie Love ~ Cookies, what else can I say?!

February - Online Auction ~ Get your bidding on!

February - Change Race ~ Start your container of coins now; the race by each classroom is coming soon!

PAY IT FORWARD for Flynn - Letters were sent home this week. There are so many ways to give back to Flynn. Make a one-time donation to the Flynn PTO and 100% of your money will go directly to funding many important programs, projects and events for our students this year.

Volunteers needed - Girls on the Run : The 10-12 week program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k run/walk. The goal of the program is to inspire confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness. Please contact the PTO if you are interested. <http://gotrvt.org/>

Volunteer needed for next year: PTO bookkeeper. Unfortunately, our bookkeeper will be moving on to the middle school next year. We would like to get someone in this school year to shadow the current bookkeeper.

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From the Classroom

Library News

Our Flynn Firefly Library has checked out 10,710 books since school began in August, an increase of 12% over last year.

We ordered 186 new books for our multiple copy library with Fall book fair profits, as well as \$243 worth of new books kids here at Flynn requested.

Mrs. Clopton and Ms. Margolin received two PTO mini grants to order new graphic novels and updated dinosaur books. HOORAY!!!

We removed 264 worn out and/or outdated books from our library collection.

Note: That's about \$5,200 worth of books we will want to replace with new, relevant, and culturally diverse materials!

Thank you for supporting our eager readers and researchers at Flynn!



From the Office

**Please be sure to call the office if your child will be absent
OR late!**

864-8478

864-8506

Leave a message

From the District

1) FY18 Budget Development Process

The Burlington School District has established a website to allow community members to follow the budget development process. This website includes a tool for submitting your input at various stages in the process. Currently, the District is soliciting ideas for content to include in its comprehensive budget document. Visit www.bsdrv.org - Budget tab on left side of main page.

In addition, please review the below timeline, with opportunities for public input noted in **bold**.

November 15	Finance Committee meeting – Public input opportunity: <i>Ira Allen Building, 7PM</i>
December 12-16	BHS class preference data collected
December 13	School Board meeting – Public input opportunity: <i>EMS Library, 7PM</i> FY18 Current Services Line Item Budget
December 20	Finance Committee meeting – Public input opportunity: <i>Ira Allen Building, 7PM</i> Enhancements and reductions discussion
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January 9	City Council budget presentation
January 10	School Board meeting – Public input opportunity: <i>EMS Library, 7PM</i> Board vote on proposed budget
January 17	School Board meeting <i>if necessary</i>
February	Comprehensive budget document released Dissemination of budget information via public meetings (NPAs, etc.)
March 7	Town Meeting Day – public vote on school budget

2) Chat with the Superintendent

Join Yaw Obeng for the second in a series of "Chat with the Superintendent" opportunities at local venues. Different topics will be highlighted at each, the second being the FY18 Budget Development Process, to be held

3) Strategic Planning Forum (Visit www.bsdrv.org for details on this process.)

What has happened?

Last spring, parents, staff, students, community organizations, business partners, state agencies, City Councilors and others reflected on BSD mission and values, generating input on priorities for multi-year strategic planning. In addition, a variety of stakeholder groups within the student body discussed what District priorities should look like over the next four years, including: their own and other students' experiences relative to injustice or intolerance; how schools should address this type of behavior; barriers they experience in school; and how to remove barriers in these areas. New American families discussed goals for their children's education, what they need to achieve those goals, what might stand in the way of those goals or isn't working now and the most important things that BSD needs to focus on over the next four years to help ALL students reach their goals.

In June, 350+ BSD faculty and staff reviewed input from previous forums, and made recommendations on prevalent issues, mission, vision and core beliefs, in order to determine District priorities which will be used to inform an operational plan. Sample questions posed during the day included: What do these priorities mean in the daily lives of teachers/students? How do we ensure that the daily experiences of our students reflect District priorities?

After reviewing information and identifying trends using input from the earlier community forums, Board Members discussed mission, vision and core beliefs for the District.

Next Steps

SAVE THE DATE! We invite the community to review the work done on the Burlington School District Strategic Plan thus far, and to provide further input into the future of Burlington Schools. Please join us on **Thursday, November 17th at 6 p.m. in the Hunt Middle School Cafeteria.**

Translation and childcare services will be provided. Please RSVP to Phuket Jennings at pjenning@bsdrv.org or (802) 324-7872 with childcare needs.



Student Support Services

Parent Forum

Join

Cat McKelvey, School Psychologist

and

Laura Nugent, Student Support Director

Student Emotional and Mental Health

Concerns

C.P. Smith Elementary

332 Ethan Allen Pkwy, Burlington, VT

Monday, December 5th 6:30-8:00 p.m.