

FLYNN FLYER

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Whose superhero are you? Visit the new PTO bulletin board in our Main Entrance to see the many classroom supply needs for our students and teachers.

It's easy to be a hero: pick out a tag, swoop into a store, and bring items to classrooms to be thanked for your generous deed!

Dear Flynn Families,

Thank you to the PTO for organizing a well-attended Flynn Family Traditions Dinner in late January. Families brought a dish to share and had a chance to visit with friends and meet new people while dining on a wide variety of tasty and interesting foods.

All grade 1 students have been participating in a Literacy Breakfast. Students practice public speaking by sharing a written opinion piece that includes reasons and evidence. Families have enjoyed a healthy breakfast and time to visit after the presentations. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have given the students a real--and large--audience.

Grade 2 students have an exciting upcoming literacy performance on February 18 at 1:15. Emily Willette, Flynn's new music teacher, collaborated with the second grade team as they developed their Fairy Tale unit. Together, the teachers created an enriching opportunity for students to learn and express themselves through writing, reading, singing and musical concepts. The result is the "Three Piggy Opera!"

Cold, winter weather has finally arrived. Even though students are not outside when the wind chill factor is below zero, dressing warmly with gloves, hats and a winter jacket is important. Students who walk home or wait to get picked up by a vehicle can be outside for a long period of time, and their health and safety are at risk if they don't come to school fully dressed for extreme temperatures. Also, please remember: do not send your child to school before 7:50 am. The front lobby is not a place to stay out of the cold. Starting at 7:50, the doors to the cafeteria will be open.

-Graham Clarke



Flynn Annual Title 1 Meeting
Thursday, February 4
5:30 pm

PTO Meeting
Thursday, February 4
6:30 pm

Flynn Talent Show
Friday, February 12
6:00 pm

Report Cards sent home
Friday, February 19

Winter Break No School
February 22-March 1

Flynn School's Annual Title 1 Meeting



Thursday, February 4th
5:30 pm
In the Library

Our monthly PTO meeting will follow at
6:30 pm

This meeting will address the following:

- *Reviewing the Title 1 policy
- *Reviewing the Home-School Compact
- *Reviewing the District's Parent Involvement Policy

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Flynn Home and School Compact

We, the students, parents and teachers of Flynn Elementary School, teach each other and learn from each other every day. We affirm our support for each other in this learning process. We, the parents and teachers, promise to direct our efforts toward our children so that they may pursue lifelong learning. This is our gift to them. We, the children, take responsibility for our learning.

Teachers/Staff will:

- Challenge students with skills to be successful learners.
- Give clear information to parents.
- Communicate with families about children during the school year.
- Listen carefully when parents talk about their hopes and concerns for their children.
- Help children understand and follow the school discipline plan.

Parents will:

- Provide an atmosphere for study with a scheduled time, a quiet place, and encouragement.
- Encourage children to complete and return assignments on time.
- Read to children and/or listen to children read aloud.
- Attend school conferences.
- Sign and return written school communications.

Students will:

- Come to school on time, well-rested, and ready to learn.
- Ask for help when needed.
- Finish homework and bring it in on time.
- Be a responsible messenger between school and home.
- Follow the school discipline plan.

Parent: _____

Teacher: _____

Student: _____



January 25, 2016

Re: Superintendent Update

Happy New Year Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

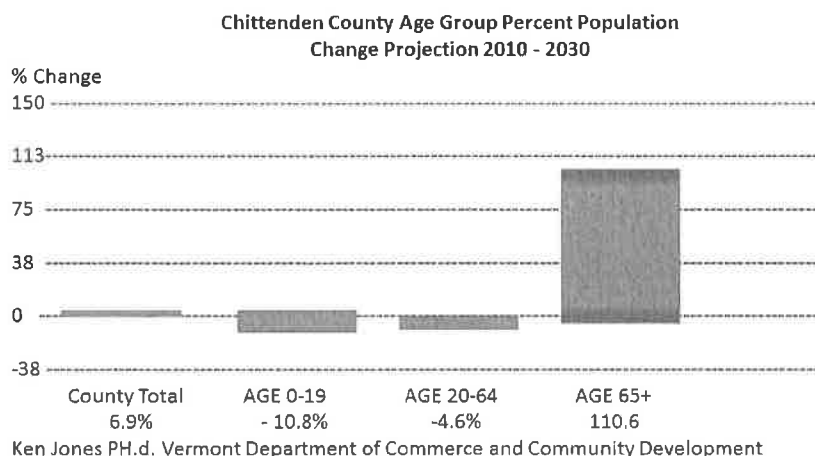
It has been a great start to the New Year.

- ✓ School Board approved and adopted FY17 Proposed Budget: School Year 2016- 2017 (Met ACT 46 requirements - NO DOUBLE TAX for taxpayers)
- ✓ External Auditors present positive report for FY15 Budget (last year) – NO DEFICIT (Demonstrating our financial practices are moving in a positive direction)

Allow me to share my gratitude to the parents, individuals, staff and organizations who communicated all sides of several issues throughout the budget process. It certainly gave us a great deal to consider and a sense of community perceptions. The challenge of finding 2.5 million dollars in an organization that has had recent reductions is difficult, and with the added restrictions and parameters of Act 46, it makes this an exceedingly arduous task.

You may rest assured that our decisions are based on data, experience, identified priorities and effective school/organization principles. As we move from this approval phase to our implementation phase (late February – March), we will provide additional details.

I would like to share some data to illustrate how we analyze societal impacts down to the school level. The chart below demonstrates a trend that is occurring and will continue to trend in Vermont, Chittenden County and Burlington. The percentage of school age children Age 0-19 is decreasing at a rate of -10.8%. The largest cohort group is Age 65+. Burlington School District has only been able to plateau in school age growth, due to the fortunate opportunities of refugee influx and immigration.



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An example of how this data is reflected at the school level is found at Burlington High School.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Student Enrollment</u>
2008	1,100
Jan 22, 2016	<u>990</u>
Net Difference	-110 Students

We need to be able to make adjustments to reflect our reality, while simultaneously delivering offerings for students to graduate and find their college and career pathways. This proposed budget allows us to do this and also sets the stage for our Strategic Multi-Year Planning beginning this spring, which will determine what the priorities should be going forward. Bring your thoughts, ideas and voices.




Yaw Obeng
Superintendent, Burlington School District

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Burlington School District Pre-K - 8 Lunch Menu FEBRUARY 2016



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Chicken Patty Sandwich Baked Potato	2 PIZZA DAY! Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni or Veggie	3 Shepherd's Pie Whole Wheat Roll	4 Chicken & Biscuits Green Peas	5 All-Beef Burger or Cheeseburger or Veggie Burger Roasted Roots
8 Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries	9 PIZZA DAY! Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni or Veggie	10 Chicken or Bean Fajita with Lettuce, Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa, Rice	11 Meatball Sub Roasted Roots	12  Baked Ziti with Cheese Mediterranean Vegetables
15 Chicken Patty Sandwich Baked Potato	16 PIZZA DAY! Cheese, Turkey Pepperoni or Veggie	17 Beef or Bean Nachos with Lettuce, Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa, Rice	18 Spaghetti & Meatballs Broccoli	19 Macaroni & Cheese Roasted Broccoli



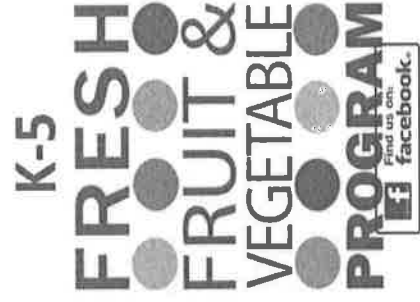
Available with
Every Lunch

Local Vermont Milk
1% White Milk
Fat Free White Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk

Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar

Soup-of-the-Day

Vegetarian options are
available every day.



Our Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar features an ever-changing assortment of fruit, vegetables, whole grains, beans, homemade salads, meat, cheese and dairy selections!

Menu items are subject to change without notice. We offer a variety of choices every day.
For more information, please contact us at 864-8416 or schoolfood@bsdvt.org.
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