

# FLYNN FLYER

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



Daylight Savings Time  
Sunday, March 13  
Set Clocks Forward

Flynn Family  
Skate Night  
Friday, March 18  
5:30-7:30 pm

Parent-Teacher  
Conferences  
March 24-25

Early Release Day  
Thursday, March 24  
11:30 am Dismissal

No School  
Friday, March 25

## Scheduling Your Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences

Flynn will continue to use the electronic scheduling system PTC Fast to schedule our March 2016 Parent-Teacher Conferences. This system will allow you to select the teacher(s) with whom you would like to conference. By registering your email address, you will be able to view and select conference times that work for you.

If you have more than one child at Flynn School, you may begin scheduling your conferences on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. If you need to schedule conferences for more than one child, you should select (check) all teachers with whom you need to conference from the list of available instructors. You will be prompted to enter your children's names for their corresponding teachers. You can then proceed with registering your email address. You will receive a link via email to access and view the teachers' schedules. You will see all selected schedules at one time.

Follow this link to begin scheduling.

[http://ptcfast.com/schools/John\\_J\\_Flynn\\_Elementary\\_School](http://ptcfast.com/schools/John_J_Flynn_Elementary_School)

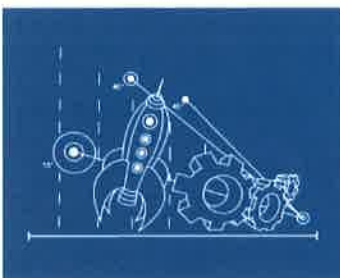
Supporting documentation can be found at

<http://tinyurl.com/flynnparentconferencehelp>

Families that need to schedule for one child only may begin on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are not able to access this system and need help, please call the Flynn office (864-8478) to schedule a conference appointment with our administrative assistant, Karen Carr.

## Family Maker Faire returns to Flynn

...on Monday, March 28 from 5.30-7.15 pm. Join us for Flynn Elementary's Family Maker Faire, a STEAM event merging Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math through hands-on projects that blur boundaries. Explore stations like 3D printing, Jitterbots, and Makey Makey Piano. You'll also have the chance to take home some of your creations—like origami insects with blinking LED eyes! We hope to see you there.





Dear Parents/Guardians,

Burlington School District will continue to implement the *Care For Kids* program for students in grades K-2 and the *We Care Elementary* program for students in grades 3-5.

These programs develop adults' capacity to protect children from sexual abuse and take a comprehensive approach to helping students build healthy relationships. Both programs are brought to us by Prevent Child Abuse Vermont, a non-profit serving parents, schools, and individuals throughout the state.

As you may be aware, Act One, *An Act Relating to Vermont's Sexual Abuse Response System*, passed in 2009 and took effect in July 2011. This law came about, in part, as a result of statistics that pointed to the widespread nature of child sexual abuse both nationally and across the state of Vermont. One component of the law requires that all Vermont schools provide sexual abuse prevention education at every grade level (Pre-K through 12) that is both age and developmentally appropriate.

*Care For Kids* and *We Care Elementary* meet all of the new sexual violence prevention criteria mandated by Act One, as well as National and Vermont Health Education Standards. These experiential and interactive curricula focus on helping children build empathy, develop healthy communication skills, and understand boundaries. Additionally, *Care For Kids* teaches students the correct names for all of their body parts, including the penis and vagina, as this has been shown to increase communication skills and serve as a protective factor.

*Care For Kids* and *We Care Elementary* operate at many different levels for maximum involvement. They work to build support around students, parents/guardians, and teachers to create a safe school environment. Parent/guardian involvement in the program is welcome and encouraged with frequent opportunities for parents/guardians to engage with the material.

If at any point you have questions or concerns, please contact Liane Couture, School Counselor. If you would like to learn more about the curricula, feel free to contact Johanna Straavaldsen, the Healthy Relationships Project Director at Prevent Child Abuse Vermont or Jennifer Casserly, Care For Kids Trainer. The contact information is listed below. We are more than willing to provide you with any support you need.

Liane Couture, School Counselor 864-8445, [lcouture@bsdvt.org](mailto:lcouture@bsdvt.org)

Johanna Straavaldsen Coordinator PCAV 802 229 5724, [JStraavaldsen@pcavt.org](mailto:JStraavaldsen@pcavt.org)

Jennifer Casserly, Care For Kids Trainer [jcasserly@pcavt.org](mailto:jcasserly@pcavt.org)

## Preschool Registration



Burlington's Early Education Program is now accepting applications for the preschool classrooms located at the J.J. Flynn and C.P. Smith Elementary School campuses for the 2016–2017 school year. Our Flynn classroom is an inclusive community-based preschool program that offers both a morning and an afternoon session 4 days per week. Our Smith classroom is also inclusive but offers a full-day program for 4 days per week. Enrollment in the Smith classroom is open only to children who will attend kindergarten the following year. In each program there are a limited amount of spaces available.

Both classrooms offer a curriculum designed to meet the needs of all learners. It is our program's philosophy that all children have the ability to learn--and that children learn best through their active participation in play-based activities. Children in the preschool classrooms are provided opportunities to develop skills in each of the early childhood learning domains: social emotional, language, literacy, mathematics, science, and physical development.

If you have a child between three and five years of age (on or before September 1, 2016) who lives in the J.J. Flynn Elementary School or C.P. Smith Elementary School neighborhoods and you are interested in submitting a registration application, you may download a copy from the Burlington School District's main web page ([www.bsdtvt.org](http://www.bsdtvt.org)). Under the **Parent** tab on the web page, you will find the Pre-Kindergarten registration paperwork. Once the packet is completed, it may be dropped off at either Flynn or Smith School or mailed to 150 Colchester Ave, Burlington, VT 05401. The preschool registration process will close on April 1st. We hope to be able to finalize our class lists by April 15th.

### Register for Youth Baseball with North Burlington Little League!



Register at the Miller Center on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am–1pm. Proof of age is required for all new players. Little League is for ages 4–12. Fees are \$50 for one player and \$60 for a family (2 or more players). Online registration is available now at [WWW.NBLLVT.ORG](http://WWW.NBLLVT.ORG)

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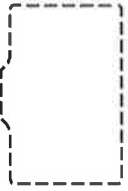




































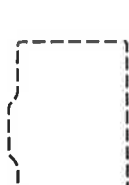






**50 BOX TOPS =  
\$5 FOR YOUR**

**CHILD'S SCHOOL**



Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Tape or paste them to this collection sheet and send it to school. Please note, bonus certificates must be submitted separately. Thanks for your help!

- 1** Clip Box Tops and check expiration date 
- 2** Tape or glue Box Tops on sheet until filled
- 3** Send completed sheet to your school Coordinator

Please Join Us for the Annual

# FLYNN FAMILY SKATE NIGHT



Where: Leddy Arena

When: Friday, March 18

5:30 – 7:30 pm

**FREE SKATING AND RENTALS**

**FOR FLYNN FAMILIES!**

*Sponsored by the PTO*

- Pizza and bake sale play fundraiser
- All students must be accompanied by an adult
- Remember your mittens or gloves
- Bike/ski/hockey helmets are strongly recommended!



# **LAST CALL FOR PIZZA!!!**

## **Flynn Family Skate Night**

### **Pizza Order**

Are you coming to skate night (5:30-7:30) on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>?  
Would you like a hassle-free night with warm pizza?  
Do you want to support the school play?

**Then order your pizza now!**

**Domino's pizza arrives at 5:30 pm if you order ahead!**

**Large 14" cheese pizza \$10**

**Large 14" pepperoni pizza \$12**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of cheese pizzas \_\_\_\_\_

Number of pepperoni pizzas \_\_\_\_\_

Total money for this order \_\_\_\_\_

**We will also have pizza at \$2 per slice that night, but slices will be limited. There will also be a bake sale with desserts and other treats. If you can bake for the bake sale, let Kim know at [kimberlyannhunt@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlyannhunt@gmail.com).**

**Thank you!**

**Form and money due by Tuesday, March 15th** to the PTO mailbox (Checks made to Flynn PTO)

If you have questions or concerns about pizza please email Denise Haggerty at [denihaggerty@yahoo.com](mailto:denihaggerty@yahoo.com) or call 863-5607.