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Thank you to the many parents who have completed the Update Current Student Info using Powerschool/Infosnap. This is really important contact information that all schools need when communicating with families about safety-related news, parent-teacher conference information and other related topics. We have computers available at school that you can use to complete this online information that is found under the "Registration" tab in the top, middle of the Flynn School homepage.



October 17

Picture Retake Day

1:45

The BSD is again offering, through a federal grant, free Homework and Tutoring Services (HATS) to a limited number of qualifying students. Many Flynn students have benefitted from participating in this program in past years. I encourage parents / guardians to fill out the HATS application which was sent home at the very end of September. The deadline is Wednesday, October 19. We have extra applications in the office if you need one (It only takes a few minutes to complete the application form.)

October 21

No School

Students in grades 4 and 5 have recently been on sailboats through the Floating Classroom program of the Lake Champlain Sailing Center. Their educators have worked with Flynn teachers to have those experiences connect to the science learning at each grade level. We are excited about this partnership that we are piloting for students throughout the region. (This year, only Flynn School is having both its fourth and fifth grade students participating in this program!) Thank you to the Sailing Center for providing generous grant funding for Flynn students to connect classroom learning to their environment.

October 26

Book Fair/Dinner

5-7 p.m.

October 31

Annual Halloween

Parade 1:30

"Once a week, University of Vermont student Nathaniel Sharp trudges through Burlington's wildlife-rich Derway Island with the nature club from the J.J. Flynn Elementary School, hoping to spot a turkey vulture or a pileated woodpecker." This is the opening line of a NBC News article posted today on their national website. Read the full article with great photos at this web page, <http://nbcnews.to/2eaoPu0>

November 11 & 12

Flynn School Play

Need warm coats, snow pants, mittens, hats or boots? Have some to donate? Our annual outerwear swap is coming! Donations of clean items can be sent into the office any time, or brought with you when you come for your child's conference. Look for the outerwear swap rack to be set up in the front lobby during Nov. 21 - 22 Parent - Teacher conferences. There are many sizes and all items are free for anyone. Please help yourselves to whatever you need.

Parent/Teacher

Conferences

November 21 & 22



Disney's Mulan Jr.

November 11 at 7 pm and November 12 at 4 pm

Playbill cover artwork - We are accepting artwork submissions from students for our playbill cover. If interested, hand in your artwork on an 8 ½ x 11 paper to your teacher. Your teacher will put it in a folder in the PTO mailbox. Submissions are due by Friday, October 21 at 3 p.m.

Advertise in the playbill! Do you own a business or work for a company that might want to place an ad in our playbill? Contact Sarah DeShaw at sdeshaw@champlain.edu for information about sizes and prices. Deadline for ad submissions is October 30.

Do you have old **white sheets** that you want to get rid of? Donate them to the show for our avalanche scene! We are also in need of **pillowcases** for kids to store their costumes in during production week. The pillowcases will be returned!

Any parents interested in volunteering during production week, helping with sets or costumes, or selling ads for the playbill, please contact Denise Haggerty at 863-5607 or Amy Perry at 658-1591.

PTO News

Fundraiser - Charleston Wrap, first fundraiser of the year Please make sure to order online or send in your envelopes to the school. There is a new PTO fundraiser box in the office just waiting for your envelopes to arrive. Don't forget about the crazy coupons to receive your gift. Those need to go to the office as well. Final due date is : **Monday, October 17th.**

Box Tops - Please tell your friends, neighbors and family about Box Tops. Each Box Top is money that will go directly back into the school. We are getting ready to send in to Box Tops for our first collection date. Please send them in as soon as you can. We need to process all of them and send them before the November 1st due date. Our next, and final, due date will be in the Spring.

Pasta Dinner / Book Fair - Coming soon on Wednesday, October 26th is a wonderful event for the school. Shop for all the books you want and have a yummy pasta (we will do gluten free as well) dinner with a fabulous salad. Make sure to check on the donations that are needed and the Sign Up Genius for volunteers.