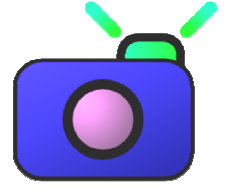




FLYNN FLYER

JOHN J. FLYNN ELEMENTARY 864-8478 WWW.BSDVT.ORG

Picture Retake Day is October 19 (at 2 pm). If you would like your child's individual picture to be retaken, please send in the original package of pictures with your child on the 19th. If your child was absent for the first picture day, please stop by the office to pick up an order form.



Flynn Families:

Last week, I sat in on over 30 parent-teacher conferences with every classroom teacher and over 60 Flynn students and parents. It was an extraordinary experience. Observing Flynn teachers share student work to illustrate key points from the beginning of the school year was very impressive. Parents/guardians and teachers asked insightful questions, and the conversations were focused on how to support student progress. I heard many parents express that they found the time very informative. Several mentioned that the Student Unit Overview documents that teachers shared were helpful in understanding what their child was learning. If you were unable to attend your conference and would like to still do so, please call Karen Carr on our school's main phone line: 864-8478.

Our PTO Outerwear Swap, organized by Janet Coutrayer and Christine Leithead, started with a bang. Many families left Flynn last week with winter clothing items from the lobby. If you would like to donate clothes, please drop them off at our office.

We are excited that Flynn and the other five elementary schools in our District now have 30 Chrome Books for our grade 2-5 students. Each of these students will receive a unique BSD account in order to access the technology. More than 20 Flynn teachers have participated in professional development on the integration of technology in the classroom so that the use of the equipment is meaningful and transformative. As a result, our students are increasingly engaged in student-based inquiry and collaborative project-based work with the aid of technology. Further, Vermont students in grades 3-11 now have their progress measured annually through a web-based assessment called SBAC. The Chrome Books are another step toward our students becoming fluent in the use of technology as a tool to enhance their education. -Graham Clarke



**Family Movie Night
(Ponyo)
Friday, October 16
5-7 pm**

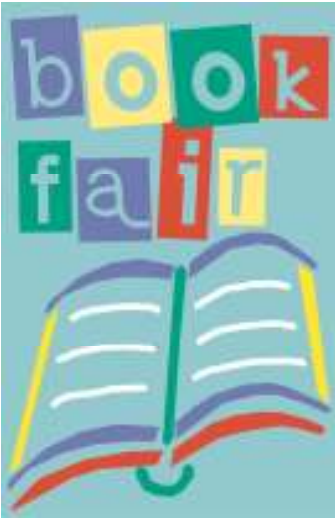
**Book Fair &
PTO Pasta Dinner
Tuesday, October 27
Fair (5-7 pm)
Dinner (5:30-7 pm)**

**Birchwood Costume
Parade
Friday, October 30
1:30 pm**



Join the Outdoor Learning Committee to Put our Garden to Bed for the Winter!

On **Friday, November 6th** (right after-school), we will be cleaning out our garden beds, pulling out annuals, and weeding if needed. Please bring a wheelbarrow and gloves if you have some. We have garden tools. All family members welcome!



The Scholastic logo consists of a red rectangular background. On the left side, there is a white icon of an open book. To the right of the icon, the word "SCHOLASTIC" is written in white, uppercase, sans-serif font.

J.J. Flynn Book Fair

Let's celebrate reading at the Flynn Scholastic Book Fair! We will be holding a **Family Book Fair on Tuesday, October 27 from 5:00-7:00 pm** in the Multipurpose Room. **The PTO will also be hosting a pasta dinner from 5:30-7:00!**

Along with picture books, non-fiction books, early readers, and chapter books, Scholastic will send us award winning and low-priced books. All proceeds from the book fair supplement library funding to help with the purchase of equipment, books, and author visits. In addition, the book fair is a great way to connect with your child about books they would like to read. Families may also choose to make book donations to classroom teachers. Just let us know at the register, and we will hand deliver your gift!

We look forward to seeing you at our book fair, where you are sure to find some fabulously funny, wildly adventurous, and marvelously mysterious reading material! If you have any questions or would enjoy helping out with this fun event, please contact Cara Clopton (cclopton@bsdvt.org) or Corey Wallace (cwallace@bsdvt.org). Happy Reading!

Burlington School District Community Forums

Superintendent Yaw Obeng invites all to attend one of three upcoming Community Forums to gather information on Burlington School District needs, wants, aspirations and ideas. This information will assist in the development of strategic alignment and also support a multi-year planning process that will guide us to the type of educational system we can all be proud of.

Tuesday, October 27, 6:30PM, Champlain Elementary School

Wednesday, October 28, 6:30PM, Burlington High School

Thursday, October 29, 6:30PM, Hunt Middle School

Please RSVP with any childcare or translation needs to mkalman@bsdvt.org or 864-8474. Visit www.bsdvt.org for upcoming details. We hope to see you there! Also, please note that the Superintendent's 100 Day Entry Plan is posted at www.bsdvt.org.



Would you like to see your artwork on the cover of the playbill for Flynn's school production of "Superheroes"?

Design a cover and you could win!

Your cover must...

Represent the play

Fit on an 8.5 x 11" piece of paper

Be completed and submitted to the Main Office by Friday, October 30th.

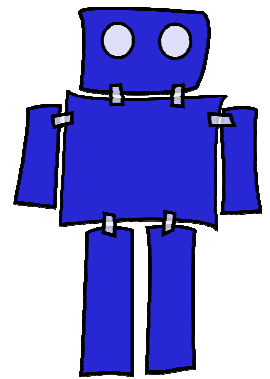
Have Fun!

Parents:

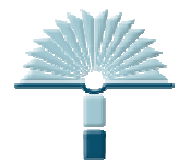
Do you have any old electronic toys around the house that you are willing to part with? I'd love our students to take them apart and try to refurbish them into new toys. I have plenty of batteries--so just need the electronic pieces inside. Please send any donations to school with your child.

Thanks!

Courtney Asaro, STEAM Teacher



BURLINGTON STUDENTS FOUNDATION ENRICHES OUR KIDS



Burlington Students Foundation grants money to enrichment activities in Burlington. We support the Free Summer Program for all middle school students citywide. In addition, we provide grants to Burlington elementary, middle, and high school drama programs. Middle school students are funded to attend the BHS musical, and BHS students have been funded to attend the Play Writers Project. The Burlington Students Foundation supports school community garden projects and Unified Sports for specially-abled students.

Please join us at American Flatbread for a Benefit Pizza Bake on Tuesday, October 20 between 5:00 and 10:00 PM. American Flatbread will donate **\$1.75** for a small pizza and **\$3.50** for each large pizza.

We appreciate your donations to continue enrichment for our students! Please visit our website: bsfmt.org