

# The Core



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## Important Dates

**I love to Read Week**  
February 13th-17th

**Winter Carnival**  
February 20th-24th

**Mid Winter Break**  
February 27-March 7th

**Science Fair**  
March 16, 2017

**Skate Night**  
March 24, 2017



*Dear Parents,*

Math Night was an awesome event highlighting how much fun math can be. The evening was well attended with lots of great activities. Special thanks to Sandy Flemer and her team for putting together another fun and engaging family event.

As of Groundhog Day, we are officially half-way through winter. Unfortunately, we still have students coming to school without all of the winter apparel necessary for outdoor recess. **This includes coats, hats, mittens, boots & snow pants. We need them all everyday—thank you very much for your attention on this.**

As I mentioned last week, our new website is up and running! Please go to: <https://www.sbschools.net/Domain/12> and check it out. We still have a long way to go but it's off to a good start!

Please send your report card envelope back to school with your signature. You keep the report card, we just want the envelope back.

**Superintendent David Young is joining our PTO meeting Monday, February 13 at 6:30pm for a presentation on our budget for the 2017-2018 school year.** I hope you can attend.

Finally, you are probably aware that lots of students (and adults) are getting sick. Please keep your child at home if they are not feeling well or have a fever.

*I hope you can join us at the PTO Meeting. Have a great weekend; take some time to read with your child.*

*Mark Trifilio*

~ PTO News ~

### **Family Math Night – an exponential success!**

Many thanks to Sandy Flemer for organizing the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Math Night! We had a great turnout and a ton of fun!

### **PTO Meeting – Monday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm -- Special Guest: Superintendent David Young:**

The next PTO meeting will be held Monday at 6:30pm. South Burlington Schools Superintendent David Young will join us to present the 2017-2018 School District budget. Other agenda items include

upcoming PTO events and planning for 2017.  
*All are welcome! We hope to see you there.*

### **Memory Book – Photos Needed:**

Please help us gather photographs for this year's Memory Book!! If you have taken any photos – Circus, Harvest Fest, Narnia, Math Night, field trips, other events and/or random candid shots, please send them! Each photo should be highest resolution possible, so if sending from your phone, please send as “actual size” or “large”. All photos can be emailed to [lptriesmith@gmail.com](mailto:lptriesmith@gmail.com). Thank you in advance!!

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**Upcoming Orchard PTO Events:**

**Teacher Raffle – February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

This year, as in the past, our creative teachers and staff are offering a wonderful assortment of fun activities, events and prizes for our students! Please stay tuned for this year’s offerings.

**Science Fair – Save the Date – Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Orchard School’s Science Fair will be held on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm. Please save the date and start brainstorming with your student(s) about what project he or she might like to complete this year! Please see the attached sign up form for more information. Volunteers are needed.

**Skate Night – Cairns Arena - March 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00pm, Volunteers Needed!**

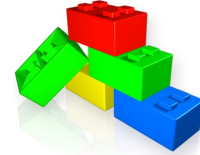
Skate Night is an Orchard tradition that brings the school together for a night of ice skating, community building and fun prizes. We are seeking volunteers who to join the Skate Night Committee. Interested in Volunteering? Please contact Jamie Kelly at [jamie.kelly@uvmhealth.org](mailto:jamie.kelly@uvmhealth.org) for more information.

**Do you have PTO questions? Please find us online:**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/orchardschoolpto](http://www.facebook.com/orchardschoolpto)

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/orchardschoolpto/>

**The LEGO CLUB  
Spring Session**



will begin in March. All 1st and 2nd graders are invited to sign up. Please check your children’s folders for information and registration. They will be due back on Friday February, 17<sup>th</sup>.

Reprinted From Last Week

**"I Love to Read and Write Week"**

is quickly approaching, and will be filled with exciting literacy activities. The kick-off will be on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> during our all-school morning meeting. Orchard teacher and author, Abby Klein, will introduce our celebration by reading from one her many books. The following week, students will have a variety of opportunities that are sure to spice up their reading and writing lives. Our grand finale will include presentations by nationally recognized author and illustrator, Jason Chin, who just so happens to also be an Orchard School Parent!

We look forward to celebrating our community's shared love of reading and writing.

**Lunch Menu from February 13 — 17**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce or Marinara Zucchini Parmesan Fruit/Veggie Bar	Hamburger/Garden Burger Roasted Rosemary Potatoes Gingered Cabbage Salad Fruit/Veggie Bar	Meatloaf with Sour Cream Gravy Bow Tie Noodles Maple Glazed Carrots Roll Fruit/Veggie Bar	Pizza Cheese or Veggie Cabbage & Apple Salad Kale Chips Fruit/Veggie Bar	Grilled Chicken Caesar Wraps Onion Rings Fruit/Veggie Bar