

# The Core



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## Important Dates

**March 31, 2017**  
**No School**  
**Teacher Inservice**

**Parent Conferences**  
**April 6 & 7**  
**11:30 Dismissal**

**Kindergarten**  
**Registration**  
**April 18 & 19, 2017**



## Dear Parents,

This is winter in Vermont! In my mind, there was no question we needed two full snow-days. The snow was beautiful outside but not good for transporting so many students and staff to school.

The Science Fair was a complete success. We had a great turnout and some really new, creative experiments! A very special thanks to Emily and Ryan Frazier, for coordinating their first Science Fair ! It was also really nice to have our mentor, Rich Kelly, back to help out.

Next week we are starting the first-ever **I Love Math Week!** Our staff, along with our Math Coach, Kathy Lamphier, are putting a special week together incorporating creative math ideas. We started I Love Math Week today with our annual Pi Morning Meeting. Sandy Flemer coordinated our annual 5th Grade Competition of reciting the most digits of Pi. Congratulations to our winners: Bernice Fala, Lucy Flemer, Jaden Lee, Alina Mack, Katie Ford & Grace Stein!

Finally, we had originally scheduled having a Winter Carnival right before the February Vacation. Unfortunately, there was no snow at the time and it was cancelled. With all the snow this week, the teachers decided to stage a quick one today. The snow was fantastic and the kids and staff had a great time outside playing!

*Happy St. Patrick's Day, we're all Irish today!*

*Have a great weekend; take some time to read with your child. Mark Trifilio*

## Narnia—Encore!

Narnia DVDs and photos of the show are now available! Order forms went home today in backpacks.

Orders are **DUE FRIDAY MARCH 24th**. Also, the wonderful group and candid photos of the show that were taken by AnneMarie from AMV Photography are now available. Look for the detailed email this weekend with instructions on how to download or order your prints.

Did your family participate in the science fair?  
Send your pictures in to be included in the memory book. Please send the largest size possible (choose "large" when sent from your phone)a, to either [lpe-triesmith@gmail.com](mailto:lpe-triesmith@gmail.com) or [caroline.lyon@comcast.net](mailto:caroline.lyon@comcast.net)  
Thank you!

## ~ PTO News ~

**Science Fair!** There are MANY thank yous needed for everyone who was involved in the huge success of another Science Fair at Orchard. Thank you to Rich Kelly who has been amazing in the past years with his leadership and guidance. He has built this event into another reason that Orchard is so great. Thank you to Emily and Ryan Williams for organizing, overseeing and making everything happen this year. We could not have done it without your commitment. Thank you to all the families and students who spent their Winter Break and probably the snow days this week perfecting their wonderful projects, inventions and displays!

**Skate Night is next week!** Skate Night is on Friday, March 24th. This is a fun family event at Cairns

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arena that not only includes skating with family and friends, but also a very popular basket raffle that raises money for the Orchard PTO. Please read the Skate Night attachment for more information and for the pre-order form for admission and basket raffle tickets.

**The deadline for pre-ordering has been extended to Tuesday, 3/21 due to the snow days.** This will save your family a lot of time on the evening of Skate Night. Returning this year, there will be a food drive at Skate Night for the Vermont Foodbank. For each item of non-perishable food your family donates, you will receive a free raffle ticket!

**Save the Date for *The Incredibles!*** Family Movie Night on Friday, April 7th at 6:15pm.

**Next PTO Meeting** will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the teacher's lounge. All parents are welcome to attend, we hope to see you there! Attached to The Core email is an updated PTO Calendar for your reference!

Each year, Orchard School art students participate in the **Champlain Valley Regional Art Show**. This is an art show that features selected student art from all Chittenden County elementary, middle and high schools. A couple of students from each grade have been selected to represent **Orchard Elementary School** in this prestigious event. This means that he/she has demonstrated the knowledge, creativity and craftsmanship in his/her work that reflects the best efforts of elementary artists. Congratulations!

I hope that you with your family & friends will take the opportunity to view your artwork in the mall along with hundreds of other art students from our neighboring schools.

**Where: The University Mall, South Burlington (in front of Kohl's and Applebee's)**

**When: March 14, 2017 – March 31, 2017**

*Thanks,*

*Mrs. Ely (Miss Susie), Art Teacher*

**MALL ART SHOW ARTISTS**

Grade k

CHARLIE STINCHCOMBE-GARLAND

Art

CITY

Grade 1

EVE MENGUC-KLEIN

CITY

PETER LYON-PECOR

APPLES IN A BOWL

JAMES LANGAN-ADAMS

CITY

Grade 2

ISLA SIDDLE-FISCHER

COW

MILES VAN MULLEN-BAUMAN

COW

Grade 3

LILY WHALEN-VERRILL

KOALA

MOLLY LEAVY-SCHMIDT

PATTERN PUMPKIN

Grade 4

CHLOE SUSKIN-TATE

CITY

ABERNATHY BUNTING-BAHRENBURG

FALL LEAF

Grade 5

ARIEL HASSENBERG-BLISS

1PT PERSPECTIVE

GIULIA GENNARI-GURWICZ

BANYAN TREE

## Make Art at Davis Studio

Sponsored by Common Roots

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**5-6:30**

**or**

**7:30-9**

**Mark Your Calendars**

**Fun Family Event!**

**Food and Music**

**Art with a Mission**

**RSVP @**

**[www.commonroots.org](http://www.commonroots.org)**

## Lunch Menu from March 20 — 24

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Day of Spring! Chicken or Tofu Noodles Peas Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Taco Bar Beef or Bean Saffron Rice Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Roasted Chicken Mashed Potatoes Roasted Green Beans w/garlic Dinner Roll Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Hamburgers/ Gardenburgers Coleslaw Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk	Crunchy Hawaiian Chicken Wrap Black Bean & Sweet Potato Salad Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk