

The Core



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Important Dates

Tag Sale
October 6 & 7

Orchard Fun Run
October 13

Teacher Inservice
No School
October 19 & 20

Early Dismissal
Friday, October 6
12:30/ Bag Lunch



Dear Parents & Guardians,

We practiced our first School-Wide Fire Drill this week. The students and staff did a great job! As I walked around the outside of the school, I noticed there were over 40 bicycles in the bike rack area. This number is really impressive—40 bikers! We want to encourage as many students as possible to ride their bikes, but please remember to always use the bike racks so our pathways are clear. Your help with this will be greatly appreciated.

Here is some other impressive data. Last spring, our 3-5th grade students took the federally mandated assessments: Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC). Each student is assessed online in reading, writing and mathematics. The assessment is very rigorous with high standards; they require extensive writing on both what the students read (ELA) and problem solve (Math).

Individual student scores are being mailed home today from all schools of our district. Our school's data is provided below. You can see our work is never done and we are looking to always improve. I also want to celebrate and honor our teachers, staff and parents for their work in creating such impressive learners.

Have a great weekend, take some time to read with your child.

Mark Trifilio

SBAC Scores

Percentages of students who met or exceeded the standard:

English Language Arts

| <i>Last years:</i> | Orchard | South Burlington | Vermont |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Grade 3 | 66 | 62 | 48 |
| Grade 4 | 68 | 60 | 48 |
| Grade 5 | 79 | 74 | 55 |

Math

| <i>Last years:</i> | Orchard | South Burlington | Vermont |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Grade 3 | 68 | 68 | 52 |
| Grade 4 | 67 | 65 | 46 |
| Grade 5 | 70 | 64 | 41 |

Remember that all of these scores came from last spring. Because of this, a current 4th grader's score is reflected in Grade 3 from last year.

~ PTO News ~

School Directory: Last call to be a part of the Orchard School Directory. Forms/entries due today, 9/22.

Fun Run: Thank you for all of your support and enthusiasm for the Fun Run. We've collected \$1765 in online donations so far. Reminder - each Friday morning before school, students can bring the checks and cash they've collected during the week to the PTO Prize Table. **Mark your calendars for First Annual Fun Run October 13th 8:15am.**

Volunteer Opportunities:

The PTO is seeking volunteers to help with a number of fun/exciting events and committees. Please contact Lianne Cleary liannebaldwin@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Orchard volunteer squad.

- * Classroom Parents
- * Drama Costumer
- * Fun Run volunteers – 10/12 needed for track prep & 10/13 needed for event
- * Author for Other Paper – to submit monthly articles highlighting Students and Activities
- * PTO Board Member – Co-Vice President (2 year commitment)
- * Orchard Tag Sale – Oct 6th and 7th – for set up and work the sale
- * Orchard Gardens Committee – Establishing a parent/teacher-led committee to maintain the cultivated gardens at Orchard School. There are nine raised beds, and we are seeking 1 parent volunteer per bed to manage the space, coordinate work days and any necessary errands.
- * School Photos Coordinator for 2018-2019 school year

Interested in an After School Magic Club? Interested parents/students should contact orchardschoolvt@gmail.com

Important Upcoming Dates:

Orchard Gardens Tag Sale – October 6th and 7th

PTO Meeting: Monday, October 9th at 6:30pm in the Orchard staff room

First Annual Orchard School Fun Run – October 13th – mark your calendars and plan to come cheer your students on as they participate in the first annual Orchard School Fun Run!

Do you have PTO questions? Please find us online:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/orchardschoolpto

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

Email: orchardschoolvt@gmail.com

Volunteers needed—please send in your green form as soon as you can!



ORCHARD TAG SALE

to support Orchard Gardens!

(This Biannual Sale supports the maintenance and teaching from more than 12 gardens!!!!)

Friday, October 16th, 2:30-7 pm

Saturday, October 17th, 8-12 pm

***Clean Out Time is here once again!

***A fun way to Reuse---Reduce---Recycle!!!



Coming—Wednesday,
October 4th!

Lunch Menu from September 25—29

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit/Veggie Bar Milk | Chicken Fajitas Vegetable Fajitas Spanish Rice Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk | Baked Fish Mashed Potato Vegetable Medley Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk | Chicken Nuggets Rice Pilaf Peas Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk | Beef Hamburger Garden Burger Sweet Potato Fries Coleslaw Fruit/Veggie Bar Soup Milk |