



PTO meeting, Art room 7:30 am, Thursday, February 8, 2018

Principal's report

- Due to snow days and scheduling crunch, there will be a Spring 'celebration of learning' instead of full conference days like in the Fall.
- Parents who may be interested in the longer term project of working with an artist on planning a mural for Champlain, talk to Dr. D.

Reading to End Racism

- **Volunteers needed:** Need volunteers to help bring Reading to End Racism to classes, this will happen Thur 2/15 through 2/23. Email Dr. D. An equity team is working on this as a larger effort, including tips on how to talk to your children about racism.
- March 9 at the high school- celebrating Burlington's efforts towards diversity and equity. Champlain will have a table with some readers.
- **Volunteers needed:** Dorinne is looking for a volunteer to create a Reading to End Racism bulletin board in the lobby
- There is a plan to build a pre-K facility behind Champlain grounds, plan for breaking ground this summer and ready after Jan. 2019
- Dr. D has to be thoughtful about her online presence, PTO can continue this conversation on how to support.

Treasurer's report

Grant round update

- One grant for \$400 is for the Reading to End Racism program, from Flying Pig Books. Board unanimously supports funding this.
- A/V system conversation is ongoing.

Support the school budget, call to vote:

- Burlington Friends of Education (BFOE) donation of \$150-200, to support the construction of signs, taking out an ad in the North Avenue News for the March edition, and potentially for making flyers.
- Please sign up for Front Porch Forum posting to support the budget.

Five Guys Fundraiser

- Remember Five Guys this Thursday for dinner! 10% of proceeds go to Champlain PTO. The flyer is required in order for the purchase to count. We will send it home with all students and it is also included here. Thanks for your support!

Lake Monsters 2018 School Fundraiser- Vanessa

Spare Time bowling community event- Sun April 8, 3-5pm

Champlain Talent Show Returns! Wednesday, April 18, 2018

- Auditions will be on Thursday, March 22, 3-4pm.
- Rehearsals will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 3-4.
- Ms Goetz is looking for an additional parent to help out, please contact:
lgoetz@bsdvt.org

Lunch room update

The kids on lunchroom committee worked together to create a video introducing four changes. This week, teachers will show the video to their class and facilitate a discussion. On Monday of next week, Ms. Mattina and Ms. Legault will join both lunches to help put the plan into action.

- Using a common system of "voice levels"
- At the end of lunch, having a slow countdown from 10 - 0 to be back in your seat and quiet and ready for....
- Adults (Dr. D, Trish, Heather Driscoll) will lead a mindful moment at the end of lunch using a guided visualization/meditation
- Dismissal class by class at the end of the mindfulness moment

Ward 5 NPA Candidate Forum

- Sunday, February 11, at the Department of Public Works.
- 2:00-2:30 - City Council (2 candidates, 30 minutes)
- 2:30-3:15 - School Board (3 candidates, 45 minutes)
- 3:15-4:00 - Mayor (3 candidates, 45 minutes)

Special guest:

- Beverly Hill, Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains
Serving New Hampshire and Vermont, Recruiting Team, Mission Delivery
- It has been hard to reach families in Burlington because schools have not been willing to distribute materials. Suggestions for how to reach Burlington families- Seven Days, Find and Go Seek, North Avenue News

*****LUNCHROOM HELP NEEDED!*****

There is a great need for lunch room volunteers to help support students in the school cafeteria. All volunteers must meet with Dr. Dorfman before volunteering.

Please contact ceslunch@gmail.com to learn more.

Lunchtime volunteers are eligible for City Market discounts.

Contact champlainvolunteers@gmail.com for details.

In attendance: Kerrie Mathes, Vanessa Berman, Katlyn Morris, Kath Laing, Carina Driscoll, Kathleen Laramee, Erica Housekeeper, Alison Harte, Angela Duquette-Catlett, Dorinne Dorfman, Tammy Charbonneau, Ms. Goetz, Heather Chernofsky