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SUSTAINABILITY ACADEMY BUZZ - SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Dear SA Families,

We've completed our first full week at SA! This week SA students were out and about in the community. Students in various grade levels visited Shelburne Farms, Pomeroy Park, and Mt. Phillo. At SA we strive to prioritize place-based and experiential learning, and it's great to see students out in the community engaging in meaningful learning experiences.

Please read through our newsletter for important information and updates, and as always, reach out with any questions. Enjoy the weekend and I'll see you next week!

With gratitude,

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Nina Oropeza (she/her)

Principal, Sustainability Academy

UPCOMING EVENTS



Save the Dates:

- Lunch Clubs Begins week of September 18
- September 27 - Half Day, 11:30am Dismissal & No Afterschool - Professional Learning for Staff
- September 28 - SA Open House & Potluck Dinner, 5:30-7:00 pm
- October 5 - Make-up Picture Day
- October 6 - No School - Professional Learning for Staff
- October 13 - Community Meeting, 8:10-8:30am (Community coffee after for SA families!)
- October 15 - Harvest Run at the Intervale

THIS WEEK IN PICTURES @ SA



This week, 5th graders explored the idea of community by taking several trips for offsite learning. On each trip they asked, "Who is in this community?" and explored what it means to be a community by doing team building challenges. They will build upon this knowledge with their upcoming ecosystems unit and with their work on sustainable communities throughout the year.

UPDATES & RESOURCES

Make-Up Picture Day NEW

Picture day was a success yesterday! Make-up day is October 5th. In the spring we will do a whole school picture. Please send in your order form to purchase pictures for your student.

SA Open House & Potluck Dinner

You are invited to SA Open House! Join SA teachers for dinner and then check out the learning spaces at SA on September 28th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. [Link to learn more about the event and potluck](#). This will be a potluck dinner. Please bring what you can to share! Food should be peanut and sesame free.

Kindergarten Families, please bring a dessert

1st Grade & 2nd Grade Families, please bring a side dish

3th, 4th, 5th Grade Families, please bring a main dish

Community COVID Update

COVID is present in our community. If you or your child has symptoms, the health department encourages people with symptoms to test. **We DO have antigen tests available in ALL of our schools for anyone who wants tests to take home, while supplies last.** Please request tests if you would like some.

Those who test COVID positive must quarantine at home for 5 days. Day 1 is the day after symptom onset or the day after an asymptomatic test. Those who test positive may return to school on day 6 as long as they have had no fever for 24 hours AND symptoms are improved. CDC recommends masking days 6-10, but this is optional in the school setting. People do not have to test again after they have tested positive to return to school.

There is New Close Contact Guidance. Close contact means being within 6 feet, for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, of someone with COVID-19 while they are contagious. If no symptoms are present but there has been close contact with someone who tested COVID-19 positive, it is recommended to test five (5) full days after the COVID-19 exposure. If an at-home antigen test is used and the result is negative, test again 48 hours later. If a negative PCR or LAMP test is used, no follow-up test is needed.

Please protect yourself by washing your hands frequently, stay home when sick, stay up to date on your vaccinations, and distance yourself from others when you have symptoms or have people around you with symptoms. Masking also remains a personal option if you are symptomatic or around those who have symptoms.

Lunch Clubs at SA!

This year we will be offering Lunch Clubs to grades 3, 4, and 5. Students can participate in one club at a time, and will be chosen using a lottery system. Club membership will rotate every 8 weeks to give everybody a chance to participate in a club. Clubs include: Clay Club, Music club, Art club, Book club, Chess club and Comic club. These are separate from Lunch bunches, which will be offered on an as-needed basis by support staff.

Returning Student Registration (Formerly ASU)

It is time for you to complete Returning Student Registration forms (formerly called Annual Student Update) for your students. These forms ask you to update critical information, such as emergency contact information, medical information, and a device agreement form. This process generally takes about 10 minutes per student, and the update must be completed for all students before the start of the school year. Please [log into your PowerSchool account to complete this update as soon as possible](#).

PTO Corner

September PTO Meeting Minutes

Thanks everyone for the great turnout at Monday's PTO meeting! If you missed the meeting and would like to catch up with what was discussed, please feel free to review [the meeting minutes](#).

12th Annual Harvest Run, Sunday October 15!

We are so excited to come together for the annual Harvest Run for Sustainability on Sunday October 15th! This event is one of the biggest fundraisers and community builders for the Sustainability Academy at Lawrence Barnes. We invite everyone to romp through farm fields and dirt roads of the Intervale in this family-friendly event to support place-based learning at the Sustainability Academy.

Register online: <https://runsignup.com/Race/VT/Burlington/Burlington> or in person on race day.

Don't feel like running? No problem! Still join us for live music, snacks, and kids' activities.

Race Day Information

9:00 Registration

10:00 Start: Kids' 1K

10:30 Start: 5K

10:30 -12 Post Race Celebration!

The top-finishing male, female, and student will each be recognized and receive a small prize!

This year's generous sponsors:



Future Meetings and Events:

Meetings this year: 10/2, 11/6, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/11, 4/1, 5/6, and 6/3. A full calendar of events [can be found here](#).

Join the SA PTO Email List:

To be added to the email list, please send an email to sustainabilitypto@gmail.com. Once added, you can post to the email list by emailing barnes-ptogooglegroups.com.

Questions? Here's how to reach the 2023-2024 PTO Leadership Team:

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