

SUSTAINABILITY ACADEMY BUZZ

12/15/23 - 1/04/23

Dear SA Families,

Happy Friday! This is our last family newsletter of 2023. Please read through for updates and upcoming events at SA. We're excited to celebrate the season together as a community with our winter spirit week next week!



A few additional upcoming events:

- **Annual Title 1 Meeting** - Friday, December 22 at 8:15am in the cafeteria.
- Friday, **December 22 is an early release (11:30am) day**. There is no preschool or afterschool.
- Save the Date! Our **January Community Meeting will be a school-wide celebration of learning**. Families are invited to join us between 8:10-8:45am to visit classrooms and see what students have been working on during our informational text unit. This event will take place instead of our monthly community meeting in the cafeteria for the month of January.

With gratitude

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Nina Oropeza (she/her)

Principal, Sustainability Academy

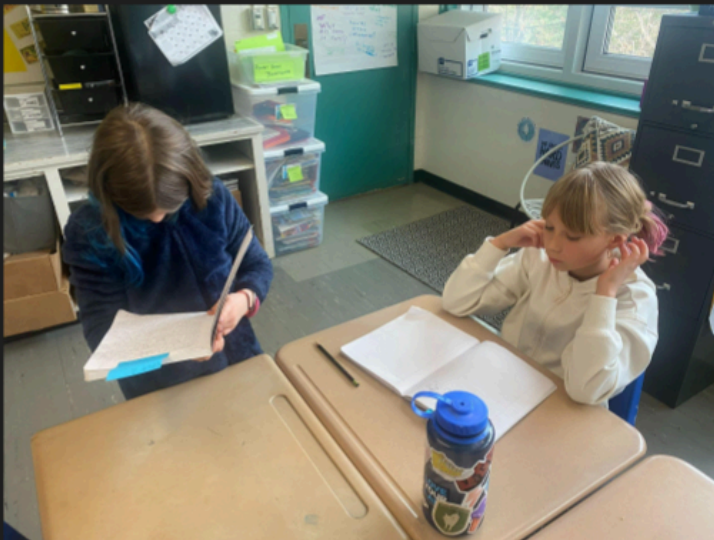
UPCOMING EVENTS



Save the Dates:

- **December 22** - Annual Title 1 Meeting 8:15 am
- **December 22** - Early Release 11:30 am, No Preschool or afterschool
- **Winter Break- December 25 - January 1** - Return to school January 2nd
- **January 4** - No Afterschool
- **January 8** - SA PTO Meeting - 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- **January 12** - Community Meeting / Celebration of Learning 8:10 - 8:45 am (more details below)
- **January 12** - Community Coffee Chat - 8:30 - 9:00 am
- **January 15** - No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **January 18** - SA Community Dinner

SA IN PICTURES!



4th grade has been busy studying and writing about animal adaptations, including a visit from a VT small mammal biologist.



3rd Graders made curried vegetables with jasmine rice with Kestrel. It was a big hit! Check out the recipe below.



2nd Graders embodied the insects they are studying by using their antenna to find food at the center of an obstacle course.



Kindergarteners and 5th Graders have been spending time as classroom buddies on Friday mornings.

UPDATES & RESOURCES

Celebration of Learning - Friday, January 12 NEW

On Friday January 12 from 8:10-8:45am families are invited to visit students' classrooms for a celebration of learning. Students have been hard at work studying informational topics, and we want to share their awesome work with you!

- Kindergarten - Zoology
- 1st Grade - Wild and endangered animals, with a focus on birds
- 2nd Grade - Bugs in their Ecosystems
- 3rd Grade - Weather & Climate
- 4th Grade - Animal Adaptations
- 5th Grade - Ecosystems, with a focus on Vermont ecosystems

Community Potluck to Benefit the International Red Cross NEW

On December 15th there will be a charity potluck, led by students from BHS, to support the International Red Cross's relief efforts for anyone in Gaza or Israel impacted by the conflict. Each plate is \$5 and all proceeds will go to the International Red Cross! Other donations are also accepted!

WHEN? On December 15th from 6pm to 7:30pm

WHERE? At the Sustainability Academy at 123 North St. in the cafeteria.

WANT TO COME? Follow the QR Code to sign up:



or click on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/w4b8sr49>

To see and share or print the flier click [here](#).

For more information: Contact Rose Howell - howellr@bsdvt.org

Cooking Cart Curried Veggies with Jasmine Rice NEW

[Here is a link](#) to the recipe that the 3rd graders made this week. It was a huge hit! Thanks to Jen Trapani for the recipe.

Sustainability Academy's Annual Title 1 Meeting

When: Friday, December 22nd

Where: SA Cafeteria

Time: 8:15 am

We will review: Title 1 Policy, The Home School Compact, and the District's Parent Involvement Policy



**TITLE I
SCHOOL**

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zmq-zhkg-avj>

Or dial: (US) +1 406-840-4556 PIN: 998 704 622#

It's getting colder! But "Morning Move It!" is just heating up! NEW

As the temperatures drop I want to remind students and families that Morning Move It is a great way to get the blood flowing and stay warm in the morning on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Some students are taking advantage and have reached the 10-mile mark for the year. Congratulations to our new 10-mile students, Prayas (1st Grade) and Crix (3rd grade) who have completed 100 laps during Morning Move It! Don't forget, you can make this list too! Come join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:45-8:05 on the back field. See you then!

~Mr. Bissonnette – Physical Education

January Lunch Menu - [Link](#) NEW

Counselor Corner NEW

This week in guidance class, students learned about steps for conflict resolution and "I Messages". "I messages" are a strategy used for conflict resolution, self-advocacy, and communication. "I messages" help students identify their feelings, what triggered the feelings, and how they hope to move forward. Students are taught to say, "I feel (insert feeling) when you (insert behavior) please (insert hope for future)." Try practicing "I messages" with your student at home!.

- Susan Dodd, School Counselor

Teaching and Learning Updates

Unit 2 in literacy is wrapping up. This unit focuses on informational texts and students in every grade have been learning skills to read, write and discuss a topic. Students may be talking about how finding the main idea and key details helps them understand the important information in a text. We look forward to sharing students' writing with you on Friday, January 12!

- Kim Brockway, Instructional Coach

PTO Corner

Future Meetings and Events:

Meetings this year: 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-pto@googlegroups.com.

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

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