

Spotlight

NEWS FROM THE BURLINGTON SCHOOLS



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Superintendent's Message – Teacher Feature



Later this week, we will launch "Window into our Classrooms: Through the Eyes of Future Teachers", showcasing 86 teachers throughout our District. Through a service-learning partnership with UVM Education students last fall, we are able to highlight your work! We will post these articles on our website, spread the word through Front Porch Forum, our Facebook page, a press release with UVM and a book for Board members. We know we didn't make it to every classroom...yet. We hope to find other ways to work with student teachers to spotlight excellence in our schools. Feel free to post your ideas on <http://collinsj.wordpress.com/>. Featured teachers:

BHS: Mike Arcovitch, Patrick Barrett, Brennan Carney, Jim Donoghue, Jocelyn Fletcher, Josh Freidman, Mollie Heath, Jill Jacobelli, David Lamberti, Chaim Lodish, Peter McConville, Andreas Nolte, Jonathan Stapleton, Dov Stucker, Dan Ukolowicz

EMS: Jill Ballou, Robyn Battaile, Richard Boyers, Tim Buckingham, Matt Chandler, Jean-Paul Farineau, Jim Kelley, Jane Lavigne, Jim Monahan, Betsy Nolan, Brent Truchon

Hunt: Kate Jesdale, Tim Korman, Craig Olzenak, Joan Shortsleeve, Dan Treinis

Champlain: Tracy Bellavance, Tammy Charbonneau, Liz Fahy, Ashley Francke, Betsy Greene, Matt Hajdun, Rebecca Haslam, Roger Klinger, Deb Lefebvre, Nancy Leon, Betsy Patrick, Bob Thompson

C.P Smith.: Christine Harvey, Sally Hayes, Patty Kissell, Kelly Mancuso, Lee Orlando, Jean Rocheleau, Lynn Slack, Christine Tetrault

EES: Autumn Bangoura, Janice Case, Meg Flaherty, Eric LaDouceur, Anne Lamont, Beth Lane, Heather McMorris, Bob Teer

Flynn: Sue Brooks, Lida Dvorak, Thea Hodgson, David Miller, Claire Noble, Suzy Tenenbaum

IAA: Barb Juenker, Ann Kalinoski, Nick Mack, Peter McCarthy, Maggie Plante, Linda Siegel, Aurie Thibault, Gavin Wallace

SA: Julie Brown, Tim Fitzsimmons, Sarah Gordon, Amy LaChance, Deirdre Morris, Meg O'Connor, Kellie Smith, Leslie St. Pierre

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Budget Update

Our goal is to responsibly manage our budget and uphold our responsibility to continuously improve our high-quality schools. We are committed to providing a good value to taxpayers as we deliver on our core mission to prepare all students for their future. Nearly 80% of our graduates pursue higher education. We have worked to manage costs while being responsive to the needs of our growing student population. We have developed this budget with input from hundreds of community members through an open and transparent process.

Responsibly Managing Our Budget

- Supporting increased student enrollment (3% this year)
- Maximizing administrative efficiency savings
- Managing compensation growth through retirement plan
- Budget Proposal: 2.8% increase
Total Budget Amount: \$53,391,029

Preparing Our Students for the Future

- Focus on academics for all students
- Enriching arts, languages, music, athletics, drama
- College prep, advanced placement and honors classes, electives and virtual classes
- Technical center opportunities
- Athletics and afterschool support
- Reasonable class sizes within Vermont's quality standards
- Critical building repairs and energy savings improvements

Town Meeting Day is March 1st

Remember to VOTE! In Burlington, residents can vote early (now) at the City Clerk's Office.

Come one, come all! The BHS One-Act Festival provides senior drama club students with the opportunity to direct and stage one-act plays. **Tonight, tomorrow and Friday** - curtain at 7:30 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium. We look forward to having you join us!





February is Heart Month

Living a long and a healthy life is simple with these easy-to-follow heart health tips.

- * Maintain a healthy weight.
- * Quit smoking.
- * Exercise.
- * Know your numbers. It is recommended to keep your blood pressure levels below 130/85, total cholesterol below 200 and glucose under 100.
- * Eat healthy. Stick to national guidelines.
- * Reduce fat intake. Cutting your fat intake to no more than 30% of your daily calories will significantly decrease your risk for heart disease.
- * Get a pet. Owning pets has been proven to lower the rate of heart disease related deaths and improve heart and lung function.
- * Have a happy heart. Have a positive outlook on life. Research shows that those who are happy tend to have lower levels of stress-inducing chemicals.
- * Laugh. It's true, laughing makes you healthier. Laughter helps relieve stress and promotes the healthy function of blood vessels.

Following these tips will help you improve your overall health and reduce your risk for heart disease. So get started on a path to healthy living. Also, remember to utilize your health care benefits. Schedule your annual checkup today! Regular healthcare can aid with preventative healthcare and establishes a baseline for your overall health and wellness.

Tech Byte

Take an Educational Technology Course this Summer!

St. Michael's, UVM and CVEDC have all posted summer courses, each sponsoring educational technology offerings. Please see the following links to browse summer ed tech offerings near you:

Champlain Valley Educator Development Center (CVEDC):

<http://www.cvedcvt.org/calendar/index.php>

St Michael's College, Summer 2011 Education:

http://www.smcvt.edu/graduate/courses/summer_ged.asp

UVM, Summer 2011, online, on-campus and courses around the state:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~summer/grad-levels.php>



BSD Annual Report Now Available

The Annual Report includes the comprehensive budget for 2011-12, comparative data on school spending between Burlington and other Vermont communities, and a review of 2009-10 accomplishments and assessments for our schools. To save taxpayer dollars, we did not print the Annual Report for every household. Instead, there are several ways you can receive the Annual Report: posted at: <http://bsdweb.bsdrv.org/Board/BoardAnnual.php>; by calling **865-5332** to request a copy mailed to you; or you can pick up a copy at your local school, library or City Hall.

Making a Difference

Congratulations to the Champlain Elementary School Frozen Wizards and Team Harrison Penguin Plungers. Burlington students (and teachers and parents) plunged into Lake Champlain on February 5th and raised over **\$30,000** for Vermont Special Olympics.



TRAVELLS

Teachers Rediscovering an Academic Vision for English Language Learners

Spring offering: begins March 7th
Enrollment deadline: March 3rd

TRAVELLS is a new and unique professional development opportunity that introduces teachers to targeted strategies and resources for understanding, engaging and assessing English language learners in their classrooms. The program is intended for teachers who have little or no training in teaching ELLs.

The TRAVELLS program provides 30 hours of learning time (for IPDP credit) in a convenient **online format** with face-to-face support from District ELL content specialists for local participants.

The 10-week program will be organized into three, three week-long modules, during which the participants may access readings and assignments and progress at their own pace.

A \$50 fee will be required of all participants, including a **one-graduate credit option** for an additional \$100.

Register on-line: www.cvedcvt.org

Please contact Amanda Gustafson or Kathy McLean with any questions:
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