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## Up Coming Events:

Feb. 27 - Mar. 6 - Winter Break - No School for Students  
 March 7 - Town Meeting Day  
 March 7 - In-service Day - No School for Students  
 March 12 - Daylight Savings Time Begins  
 March 13 - Holi (Festival of Color)  
 March 17 - St. Patrick's Day  
 March 30 & 31 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

## From the Principal's Desk

I know that everyone is up for a vacation, but I do want to remind all of you to please remember to vote on Town Meeting Day, March 7.

The District has worked hard to ensure that the budget and expenditures are closely aligned over the past several years. We are in a much better position in terms of accountability and we are no longer making up for deficits as we've had to do in the past. This budget does have some increases that are much needed in order to ensure that we are able to deliver the quality of instruction that is desired by all to our students.

I attended the School Finance Forum last Saturday and it was encouraging to listen to the conversation regarding school finance.

It has been common practice by the media and politicians over the years to suggest that there is a lot of waste in schools and that we could do more by "thinking outside the box". I can tell you that we have been doing that for years and we've exhausted the options. The faculty and staff are very much aware of the financial constraints which is why so many teachers have taken to writing small grant requests on websites like Donor's Choose. While this is wonderful, it also takes time that they would like to spend planning for their classroom instruction. We are doing the most we can with the resources we have.

While the Governor continues to state that enrollments are going down, Burlington's enrollments have continued to increase. The thing that you may or not be aware of is that increases in our tax rates have been directly related to actions by the VT State Legislature. It is unfortunate that we have a system that is not more transparent to the voters so that all know the true impact of mandates that have been imposed on school districts by legislation at the state and federal levels. Increasing mandates while state dollars directly impact property taxes.

Please take the time to read through the information regarding the budget that is on the district website at this [link](#).

**Whole School Assembly**  
**March 8, 2017**  
**Expectation Review - Launch Kindness Week**  
**Miss Nolan Leading**

**BSD'S ANNUAL REPORT & FY 18 BUDGET DOCUMENT:**

Burlington residents can review these documents: 1) on our website at [www.bsdrv.org](http://www.bsdrv.org), click the "Budget" tab on left side of page 2) via hard copy mailed to you by calling 324-7872 or 3) via hard copy available at local public schools, City Hall and Fletcher Free Library.

**PTO NEWS**

**PTO LEADERS:** Leigh Fisher, Hollie Foley and Rachel Shelley  
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**SKATE NIGHT SAVE THE DATE!!! - Friday March 24th from 6pm-8pm. Leddy Park Arena**

Please join the EES community for our annual skate night! The PTO will provide FREE pizza and skate rentals. We ask that each family bring a snack, drink or dessert item (if you are able) to share. I'm looking for a few volunteers to help me manage the event. See link below...Mark your calendars and get excited for this fun night!

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/805094BADAA2EAA8-skate](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/805094BADAA2EAA8-skate)

**ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE March 7th EMS GYM**

We will be hosting a **Bake Sale on Election Day, Tuesday March 7th in the EMS Gym between 9:00-3:00 with food collection starting at 8:00 AM.** Please see the link for the SignUpGenius below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4AA5AB23A7F58-election>

**SHREK PERFORMANCE BAKE SALES:**

Every year during the intermission of each performance we hold a bake sale to help cover costs of the annual musical. In order to make this fundraiser successful, we ask for donations of food, baked goods, and drinks for the Friday night and Saturday afternoon performances. We welcome participation from all families whether or not you have children in the musical. Your contribution makes a big difference to our school and offers a popular intermission destination for the audience!

Please use the link to sign up to help at one of the bake sales or to donate food or beverages. Please indicate in comments if your item is gluten, nut, dairy free or vegan. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

You may drop the item off at the bake sale tables at your child's 'call time' or prior to the show at EMS Gym. Please remember to label all plates/containers with your name and include information on ingredients/allergens (nuts, dairy, etc.). Sign Up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b44acab2ba57-shrek/>

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**FROM THE COMMUNITY**

**BURLINGTON AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE 2017 SEASON REGISTRATION OPEN**

Register now for the 2017 baseball season. Kids play at four different levels based on age and experience, with most games at Calahan Park. The program is open to Burlington boys and girls age 4-12, who reside or attend school south of Main St. The spring season runs mid April through mid June. Registration fee is \$60 per child, uniform included. Sibling discounts apply and financial assistance is available. Major league tryouts will be held on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am at Gutterson Field House on UVM campus. Players registering for the Majors division are required to be present on at least one of the two tryout dates.

For more information and to register visit [www.burlingtonamerican.com](http://www.burlingtonamerican.com) or contact Ben Rinehart at [benrin+BA@gmail.com](mailto:benrin+BA@gmail.com)