

SMITH TIMES

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Visiting Owls!

Smith Students were excited to meet two owls in visits to the woods this Wednesday with **Craig Newman** from the **Outreach for Earth Stewardship**: <http://www.ofesvt.org/>. Students asked many great questions and learned much about the lives of the owls, their habitat, and why the Ethan Allen Woods is a good place to observe them. Thanks to **Shelley Spinner** for arranging this great opportunity for the school and the **PTO** for supporting the visit.

Interested in Volunteering?

The first grade classrooms will be beginning a new reading program soon, and we'd love your help!

Every Wednesday afternoon, our goal is to have every child paired up with an adult reading buddy. The child will read a book to the adult, and then the adult will read a book to the child.

This will be a 30 minute commitment every Wednesday afternoon from 1-1:30.

Does this sound like something you'd be interested in doing? Or do you know of an adult who might be eager to help out? Please spread the word – we will need a total of 38 adults.

We'll be having an **informational meeting** about the volunteer reading program on **Wednesday, January 25th at 12:15** in Mrs. Young's classroom. During this time, we'll show you what the process will be like as you read with your assigned student. We'll give you some tips on how to help them grow as readers.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for both adults and children alike! Contact Brittany Young at byoung@bsdvt.org or Shelly Spinner at spinner@bsdvt.org for further information.





International Dinner/Art/Chorus Show

Please put **Thursday, January 26** from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on your calendars for the annual

International Dinner and Art Show. The **C.P. Smith Chorus** is performing too! The **Burlington Food Service** is providing some international cuisine for this great event, but it is a **potluck too**. *Bring your favorite dish to help us celebrate our many diverse traditions.* In addition to exhibits of student art work, there will be fun art projects for students to do as well. **We hope to see you there!**

The Burlington Technical Center Preschool

The **Burlington Technical Center Preschool** is now enrolling for Preschool for the **2017-2018 school year!** Come to our *Open House on Thursday, February 16* from 10:00-12:00 a.m. at the:

Burlington Technical Center

52 Institute Drive, F Building

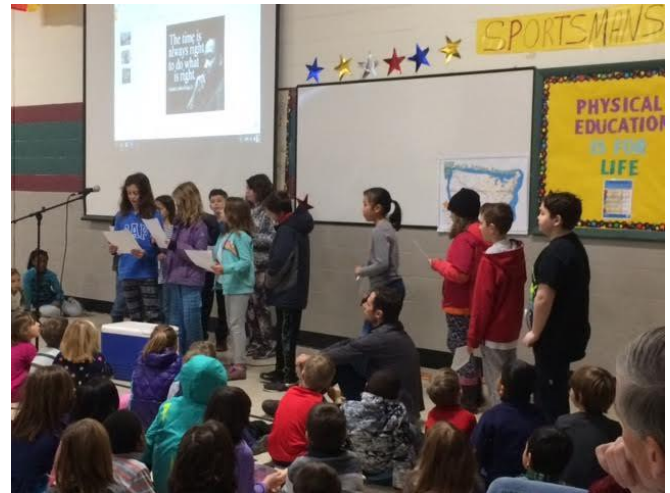
Meet our teachers, tour our large classroom, ask questions, and find out more about what our exciting program has to offer.

The **BTC Preschool** offers a preschool program for children between the ages of 3 to 5 years of age. Our preschool classrooms are specifically designed to provide rich pre-school experiences for all children and follow the Burlington School District's school calendar. The **morning pre-school class** is offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 9:45 and 11:45. The **full day program** is offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:45- 1:45.

Currently, the BTC Preschool is accepting **applications** for children between the ages of 3-5 years of age. If you are interested in your child being considered, please attend our open house. We have reasonable tuition for our morning preschool and offer free preschool for our full day program if you utilize Act 166 Funding. Contact Sara LeBlanc at sleblanc@bsdvt.org or 864-8422 for further info.

SA/Outright VT Program

The **Sustainability Academy (SA)** and **Outright VT** are co-sponsoring a Transgendered Youth Panel on **January 26th @ 5:30 pm -7:00 p.m. at SA.** We're reaching out to all of schools to invite parents who might be interested in hearing about this issues from a young person's point of view. If you know any parents who have children who are questioning their gender identity or are transitioning, please invite them. Pizza and childcare will be provided.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Thank you to the many students and classes who made presentations for our **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Meeting** on Friday. We also had the opportunity to hear one of his speeches as we celebrated his legacy to our nation.



C. P. SMITH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1/26 International Dinner/Art Show 5:30-7:00
- 1/31 4th Grade NAEP Test
- 2/10 Valentine's Dance/Family Fun 6:00-8:00
- 2/13 PTO Meeting 5;30-7:00
- 2/16 School Play **1:00 AND 7:00 p.m.** at Hunt
- 2/17 School Play **7:00 p.m.** at Hunt
- 2/24 2nd Trimester Report Cards Go Home
- 2/27 February Vacation Begins
- 3/7 Inservice Day – No School – Vote!
- 3/8 School Resumes