

# MARCH NEWSLETTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY LYMAN C. HUNT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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# Principal's Message



Dear HMS Parents and Guardians:

I would like to congratulate Nate Mitchell for winning the Scholastic SCOPE Writing Contest. The prompt was: *How does the author, Kristin Lewis, bring the story of the explosion to life using descriptive details?* Nate had to pick out passages that he thought were strong examples of descriptive language, present them as evidence, and explain how they helped him understand and visualize the event. Congratulations Nate!

This week we had Sweethearts and Heroes visit our school to present to our students, staff and families. **Sweethearts and Heroes** is more than an anti-bullying message; it is a bystander empowerment message. Much of their message is modeled after the Albert Einstein quote "The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it." Our entire school community is proud to join the fight against bullying. If you would like to learn more information about this organization please go to [www.sweetheartsandheroes.com](http://www.sweetheartsandheroes.com).

Join us at Hunt Middle School for delicious pancakes, including gluten & dairy-free options, hot coffee and tea and a unique silent auction featuring gift certificates for local restaurants, Vermont products and services, and handmade goods! This fun-filled community gathering is not to be missed! Proceeds benefit student learning, drama, and the 8th grade trip. For information, or to make a donation, please contact Helen Rock at [rockjonesvt@gmail.com](mailto:rockjonesvt@gmail.com).

Hunt Middle School Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction  
Saturday, March 24th  
8:30 am - 11:00 am

Another good way to learn about what is going on in our building is to join me on the first Friday of every month at 7:30am for principal's coffee. We serve the best coffee in the New North End!



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
 FOR HEALTHY LIVES  
 FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# Community Engagement Camps

For ages 11 – 14. Camps are held at Edmunds School in Burlington, 8:30am – 3:30pm daily.

These camps will provide an opportunity to make a real difference! Each day will feature unique and engaging activities, both indoors and out. Campers will be physically active and may get dirty. Each week will feature 3-4 days of direct service with the community partner and 1-2 days of adventure-based camp. For some weeks, the adventure days are brought to us by the LL Bean Outdoor Discovery School where campers will be kayaking or paddle boarding at Red Rocks. Other weeks, adventure days will be swimming and picnicking at North Beach.



Register online at: [www.gbymca.org/specialty-camps-registration/](http://www.gbymca.org/specialty-camps-registration/)

Date	Theme	Description
June 25 - 29	<b>Caring of All Kinds</b>	Campers will work to improve the outside space at the Ronald McDonald House. They will also be baking and cooking dinner for the residents this week.
July 2 - 6	<b>Tending to Nature; Nurturing Adventure</b>	Campers will travel to Camp Greylock each day to complete projects, spruce up spaces, and team up for adventurous activities. Camp is open on July 4. Transportation is provided to and from Camp.
July 9 - 13	<b>Mixed Mental Arts</b>	This week campers will collaborate with the Fletcher Free Teen Librarian to create city word art and a story walk. A week of sharing reading habits, creative strategies and stories.
July 16 - 20	<b>Digital Citizenship</b>	Campers will teach residents at Cathedral Square about social media. They will explore concepts and implications. Play an instrument? Have a talent to share? Perform for the residents this week as well.
July 23 - 27	<b>Cultivating Healthy Living</b>	Encouraging healthy living through hands-on learning, exploration and communal gardening at the Ethan Allen Homestead, partnering with Vermont Community Garden Network.
July 30 - Aug 3	<b>Who we are, where we've been and where we're going.</b>	Campers will be creating toys, no-sew blankets and healthy treats for dogs awaiting a loving home, and appreciating relationships with canine friends at All Breed Rescue.

Activities are subject to change based on the needs of our community partners.

### Questions?

Contact Katelyn Irwin, Greater Burlington YMCA Youth Development Coordinator at 652-8153 or [kirwin@gbymca.org](mailto:kirwin@gbymca.org).



# BHS Music Department

Burlington High School has a diverse and dynamic music program that strives to reach the highest level of potential in all students wanting to participate. New for 2018 is the **Performing Arts Academy** at BHS. The Performing Arts Academy has been designed to help those interested in the pursuing performing arts after high school, and to give them a solid foundation to set them up for college readiness after their high school experience. There are multiple tracks that are offered to those students who are interested in applying to the performing arts track: Classical Voice, Classical Instrumental, Jazz Instrumental, Musical Theater Voice.

***The 2018-2018 Incoming Freshman Class can apply to be part of the founding cohort of the Performing Arts Academy! Please reach out Mr. Poli, Lead Teacher and Choral Director for further information.***

## Incoming Freshman Class Offerings

Concert Choir, Freshman Band, String Orchestra, Introduction to Music Theory, Piano I & II, Guitar I & II, Vermont Voices (Auditioned Vocal Ensemble), Jazz Band (Auditioned Instrumental Ensemble), Pep Band

1. In the 2017-2018 School year over 330 are actively enrolled in a music course offered at BHS.
2. Students enrolled in the Music Program can attend and participate in festivals such as; Districts, All States, New England's, Madrigal Festival, and Jazz Fest.
3. The music department's faculty are frequent guest clinicians and conductors for festivals in and out of Vermont.
4. BHS Music Program has the most music classes and electives offered in and around Chittenden County.
5. A majority of students in BHS Music Program are active members of sports teams, student government and other activities in and around Burlington.

<u>Lead Teacher/Choral Director</u> Billy Ray Poli - <a href="mailto:bpoli@bsdvt.org">bpoli@bsdvt.org</a>	<u>Orchestra Director</u> Kathleen Kono- <a href="mailto:kkono@bsdvt.org">kkono@bsdvt.org</a>	<u>Band Director</u> Clayton Hamilton- <a href="mailto:chamlito@bsdvt.org">chamlito@bsdvt.org</a>
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# **BHS Music Department**

## **Performing Arts Academy Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle School Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Track Interested In (Please Circle)

**Musical Theater**

**Classical Voice**

**Classical Instrumental**

**Jazz Instrumental**

Short Answer Question

1. What makes music special in your life, and what makes you excited to be apart of this academy? (Under 300 words, typed)

Please have this form filled out and emailed back to Mr. Poli at [bpoli@bsdvt.org](mailto:bpoli@bsdvt.org) by March 30th 2018. Questions? Please contact Mr. Poli as well.

## **Risky Business: Why Adolescents Love Taking Risks & How We Can Help Manage It**

When: Wednesday March 28th, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

Where: Hunt Middle School auditorium

As a parent it's not hard to conjure up this scary image: 110 mph on the highway, music blaring, open containers, four teens in the car...why do adolescents find drinking alcohol and engaging in high-risk behaviors so attractive?

Research on the adolescent brain clearly demonstrates that adolescents perceive and process risk assessment in ways that are remarkably unlike adults.

Michael Nerney, a nationally known expert on adolescent development, will offer new ways to think and talk about adolescent risk reduction including drug and alcohol use, sexual activity, and others.

Join the Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community's [ParentIN Burlington](#) program for an evening that will help you understand why teens seem to seek out trouble, and how to encourage them to take healthy, safe risks.

**Please help us spread the word! Forward this email to parents and teachers, print and post the attached flyer at your location, and post the attached social media graphic on your social media pages. For more information & to share the event page directly via social media, follow the event page on [Facebook](#).**

# **Risky Business**

**Why Adolescents Love Risk-Taking,  
and How We Can Help Manage It**

**featuring Michael Nerney**

**Wednesday, March 28th**

**6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

**All are welcome to attend this free event  
at Hunt Middle School.**

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