

MAY NEWSLETTER

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

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Principal's Message



Hello Parents and Guardians,

Happy Spring! As the year winds down we will have many different activities happening here at Hunt. Our students continue to impress me everyday with their hard work and thoughtfulness. In early April we hosted our first every Engineering Day. This day was created to have students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade to work together in small groups to solve a problem by brainstorming ideas, sketching designs, building prototypes, testing, modifying, retesting. Here are some photos of what students worked on during the day.



Next week on Tuesday and Wednesday the 7th and 8th graders will be taking their Math SBAC test and the following Tuesday and Wednesday 6th graders will be testing. Please try to avoid having your students leave for appointments on these days. We will also ask that if students have their own headphones/earbuds that they bring them to school for testing.

End of the year dates:

May 21st 8th Science test

May 24th 5th grade parent/guardian orientation

May 25th half day for HMS (students will be dismissed at 12:00)

June 7th 8th grade end of the year trip

June 13th half day for 6th and 7th graders (students will be dismissed at 12:00)

June 13th 8th graders practice for Promotion Ceremony in the morning/8th grade Promotion Ceremony at 1:00

June 13th 8th grade dance 7-9 at HMS

June 14th Last day of school 8th graders have no school/6th and 7th graders (students will be dismissed at 12:00)

Team Galaxy

Dear Galaxy Families,

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the fourth quarter! Our year together as the Galaxy Team has been busy and rewarding! We have proudly watched your children grow academically, socially, emotionally, and physically, as they navigated the many ups and downs of middle school and adolescence. We will miss the shared learning community that has evolved on our team. It is always bittersweet to send our students off to their new 7/8 teams, but they are ready! Thank you to all our Galaxy families that have been so supportive throughout the year!

Here is our very last team news update:

Language Arts: Students completed amazing courage awards, based on characters or real people they read about. We are currently working on persuasive writing based on the question, Should there be zoos? We will finish the year reading the book, *The Cay*, by Theodore Taylor, which deals with racism, friendship, war, personal growth, and courage. The setting is on a small cay in the Caribbean, and connects to our study of Latin America.

Social Studies: Students are beginning a long term project called "Eyes on Latin America". They have begun map work of each region using our geography book and atlas. Students will continue with independent research of a natural wonder, the Aztec, Maya, or Inca civilizations, and a notable person or important current issue. Students may go on to research a particular country they are interested in learning about. This should take us to the end of the year.

Science: Students are wrapping up Science with a unit on Motion.

We are currently planning the trout release and day long field trip to the Mills Riverside Park which has been a huge success in the past. Students will enjoy scouting the banks of the Browns River to find the "perfect" release site. After the release, students may participate in a variety of activities such as fishing in the river or pond, hiking, exploring, soccer, team kick ball, flying kites, or just relaxing with friends.

Math: Students are continuing work on ratios, fractions, decimals and percents in addition to exploring equations. We would encourage students to practice extra math through the summer to avoid losing gains made during the year!

Congratulations to our students of the month for May and June are: Jessica Tran, Quinn Boyd, Pratikchhya Mizar, and Augustina Mapouya-Louamba.

**We wish each student much success next year! We'll miss you!!
Go Galaxies....you rock!!!!**

Galaxy Teachers
Mr. Pease and Ms. Picher

Team Phoenix

Don't forget about our team Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/PhoenixLearns>) and team blog (www.hmsteamphoenix.blogspot.com). Please visit them and be sure to sign up/follow for updates. We welcome your feedback as we seek to make these tools as helpful as possible for you all.

Language Arts:

Students this month are:

- taking their last reading test
- calculating their reading rates
- planning how many and what to read over summer vacation
- writing paragraphs in preparation for their 8th grade speeches
- writing welcome letters for our new Phoenix students joining us during step up day
- writing "What I Like About You" pages for departing 8th grade students



Seventh grade students will be expected to read over summer vacation and will be bringing home a packet about this.

Ms. Hickey can be reached at lhickey@bsdvt.org.

Social Studies:

We are in the midst of our student-designed unit on Ancient China. We have built our background knowledge of this fascinating time and place and will put that knowledge into play during the Ancient Chinese Olympics. Up next will be an inquiry unit on Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. Please check the Weekly Class Content announcements in Canvas for further details.

Ms. Fabri can be reached at jfabri@bsdvt.org.

Mathematics:

- 7th graders are studying various geometry topics.
- 8th graders are studying transformations.
- Please consider signing your student up for a **summer school math** course to avoid regression.
- Please make sure that if your student is interested in taking **algebra seminar** next year that the student contract has been signed and turned into Ms. Gagnon.
- Ms. Gagnon can be reached at agagnon@bsdvt.org

Science:

Phoenix scientists have begun a unit on Earth science. They will be focusing on: How and why the Earth's surface is constantly changing.

- Organizing Earth's history based on rock strata
- How geoscience processes have changed the Earth's surface
- Plate motion over time

Ms. Cullen can be reached at mcullen@bsdvt.org

Notes from the Music Department

6th Grade Music Class

The sixth grade general music classes are beginning their composition in ABA form and their second guitar proficiency.

7th and 8th Grade Music Class

In music history, the students are exploring the Classic Era. On the guitar, students are playing Hound Dog or Frankie and Johnny. In composition, our students are working on their last original piece using chords: I, vi, IV and V7 to create an accompaniment and/or 50's Rock and Roll.

Chorus

The theme of our chorus concert is an "Disney." The selections have their origins from the Disney Movies. It's a whole new world!

Orchestra

Our spring concert is right around the corner, on Wednesday, May 23rd, at 7pm, in the Hunt auditorium. Join us as we musically travel to Spain, England, Ireland, Norway, Iowa, Detroit, Middle Earth and who knows where else. All are welcome! We hope to see you there. The annual VYOA Music Day Camp (now called Summer Symphony Camp) will be happening June 25-29. Visit their website (<http://www.vyo.org/special-programs/summer-symphony-camp/>) or see Mr.Hakim for details.

Band

Our annual spring Jon J. Behnke concert is coming up on Wednesday, May 16, at 7pm. Both bands are working hard on their programs, and they are sounding good. Looking forward to showing them off at our concert. Hope to see you there! See Mr. O for details regarding this summer's [VYOA Summer Symphony Camp](#), running from June 25-29.

Concerts

Band Concert	May 16, 2018	7:00	Hunt Auditorium
Orchestra Concert	May 23, 2018	7:00	Hunt Auditorium
Choral Concert	May 30, 2018	7:00	Hunt Auditorium
Step-up day for 5th graders			
• All 6th grade ensembles			
perform (more information to follow soon)	May 25, 2018	12/12:30	Hunt Auditorium

Mr. Hakim
Mr. Korman
Ms. O'Neill
Mr. Owens



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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/

Date	Theme	Description
June 25 - 29	Caring of All Kinds	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	Tending to Nature; Nurturing Adventure	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	Mixed Mental Arts	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	Digital Citizenship	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	Cultivating Healthy Living	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	Who we are, where we've been and where we're going.	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.

