BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

ELEMENTARY NEW STUDENT AND MAGNET SCHOOL REGISTRATION
Registration for the **2017-18 school year** opens on **January 3, 2017 and closes on February 24, 2017**

Welcome to the Burlington Schools! The Burlington School District has six excellent elementary schools that families can choose from when registering their children. Please read below to learn more about these schools and then rank your preferences for which schools you would like your children to attend when you **register on-line** at the district website: **www.bsdvt.org and then going to "Registration"**. If you do not have access to a computer or need asssitance you may stop by your neighborhood school where they can give you access to a computer and help you as needed with any questions.

How do we determine which elementary school a student will attend? We ask families to indicate a first, second and third choice school for their children. Enrollment is ultimately determined by school capacity or how many spots are available in schools, and if necessary, these factors: *1) Siblings.* What elementary schools do any sisters or brothers attend? We try to keep families together if we can. 2) *Family Income* (magnet schools only). We want our schools to be as representative as possible of all families in the Burlington community. *3) Proximity*. What schools are close to where you live? Please note that **middle school placement** is based upon your home address and is not based on where your child attends elementary school.

Registration for the current 2016-17 school year is now on a rolling basis. Registration for the **2017-18 school year** opens on **January 3, 2017 and closes on February 24, 2017**, with school placement notification sent out the week of April 3, 2017. If there are more First Choice registrations than there are spots, we will look at families' Second and Third Choices. When a student does not receive their First Choice school, a district employee will contact the family to discuss their options for schools.***** *Applications received after February 24, 2017 will be considered based upon available space.*

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Champlain Elementary: Champlain's mission is to provide opportunities for students to achieve their personal best, become responsible and productive citizens, and embrace lifelong learning. Striving for academic excellence in our caring, diverse learning community represents our highest ideal. Located in the South End of Burlington at 800 Pine Street, Champlain serves approximately 320 students K-5. To learn more about upcoming activities and events, visit champlain.bsdvt.org, where you can read the principal's blog and Champlain's Family

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Handbook. Feel free to contact Principal Dr. Dorinne Dorfman at 864-8477 or ddorfman@bsdvt.org.

C.P. Smith Elementary: C.P. Smith Elementary School is a Grades K-5 school of approximately 270 students located on Ethan Allen Parkway in Burlington's New North End. Since 1959, we have worked hard to build a learning community that is respectful, responsible, and safe for all who come through our doors. We offer equal amounts of academic rigor and joy in a wide variety of hands-on learning activities. A focus on science and the environment engages students in learning using the Ethan Allen Woods, the Community Sailing Center, Star Base, Shelburne Museum, and Shelburne Farms as extended classrooms. C.P. Smith serves a diverse population of students and strives to make sure each one becomes an inquisitive learner and contributing citizen. We engage parents and guardians as vital partners in the education of their children. All are welcome at our Friday Community Meetings from 8:10-8:30. To learn more about upcoming activities and events, visit smith.bsdvt.org or contact Principal Amy Mellencamp at 864-8479 or amellec@bsdvt.org.

Edmunds Elementary: As parents and educators of young children, we share in the desire to provide an exciting and engaging school experience. Increasing educational mandates for our youngest students have caused us to look hard at how to balance their developmental needs with academics. When touring EES, you will encounter happy learners as we work to meet students where they are. We are excited about the new literacy program being piloted at EES that addresses our children's needs through sound, sight, motion and stories. Walking field trips provide our students with ready access to the Flynn, the Fletcher Free Library, the Echo Science Center, UVM, as well as North Beach, Centennial Park, geological formations along the lake and the city center. The flavor of the Edmunds Community can be experienced through our Blog on our website and through our Wednesday Morning Assemblies which all are welcome to attend from 8:10 to 8:30. Edmunds serves approximately 325 students K--5. To learn more about upcoming activities and events, visit the ees.bsdvt.org or contact Principal Shelley Mathias or Assistant Principal Thom Fleury at 864--8473 or smathias@bsdvt.org

Flynn Elementary: Flynn School is a strong, community-based school where adults, parents and staff consistently focus on meeting the various needs of all students, helping them learn, play and laugh. It is a professional community that partners with a wide range of community organizations to support and enrich student learning. Some examples of our community partnerships include: Echo Center, VT National Guard Starbase Program, Very Merry Theater, Audubon Center,Burlington Community Sailing Center and the Flynn Theater. Located at 1645 North Avenue in the New North End of Burlington, Flynn serves approximately 380 Pre-K through 5th grade students. To learn more about upcoming activities and events, visit flynn.bsdvt.org or contact Principal Graham Clarke at 864-8478 or gclarke@bsdvt.org.

Integrated Arts Academy (IAA): The mission of the IAA is to explore academic knowledge through intentional art experiences. Our diverse community collaborates and celebrates the world through meaningful learning and creative self-expression as we prepare students for success in the 21st Century. At this magnet school, students are learning through the lens of the four art forms: movement, drama, music and visual arts. IAA core partners include the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, Burlington City Arts and St. Michael's College. Located at 6 Archibald Street in the Old North End of Burlington, IAA serves approximately 300 students in grades Pre-K-5. To learn more about upcoming activities and events, visit iaa.bsdvt.org or contact Principal Bobby Riley at 864-8475 or briley@bsdvt.org.

Sustainability Academy (SA): The mission of the SA is to educate and empower students to improve the quality of life for all - economically, socially, and environmentally - now and for future generations. At the SA magnet school, students are learning through the lens of sustainability by exploring our diverse society, our local economy and the environment through hands-on projects. SA's core partner is Shelburne Farms. Located at 123 North Street in the Old North End of Burlington, SA serves approximately 200 students in grades Pre-K-5. To learn more about upcoming activities and events, visit sa.bsdvt.org or contact Principal Lashawn Whitmore-Sells at 864-8480 or lsells@bsdvt.org

VISITING OUR SCHOOLS

To learn more about our schools you may choose to come in for a visit. Many of the scheduled assemblies and events at each of our schools are open to new families. This winter we will add scheduled tours and visits to this page as they become available. These tours will be geared toward families looking to enroll the following school year.

To visit any of our elementary schools for a tour, contact the school directly.

Champlain: Tuesday, January 17, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; Thursday, January 19, 9:00-10:00 a.m.; Thursday, February 9, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Please call the school at 864-8477 to let us know that you're coming.)

CP Smith: Monday, January 9, 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, January 25, 8:30 a.m.; Friday, February 3, 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 7, 12:30 p.m.; Monday, February 13, 5:00 p.m; Wednesday, February 22, 8:30 a.m. (Please call the school at 864-8479 to let us know that you are coming or to schedule a tour by appointment).

Edmunds: Wednesday, January 4, 2017, 8:45 a.m.; Kindergarten "Sneak Peek" Pizza Party, Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Friday, January 20, 2017, 2:00 p.m.; Friday, February 3, 11:30 a.m.; Monday, February 13, 11:30 a.m. (Please call Trish Palmer at 864-1791 to let us know that you're coming.)

JJ Flynn: Monday, January 9, 8:45 a.m.; Wednesday, January 25, 10:00 a.m.; Thursday, February 2, 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, February 22, 10:00 a.m. (Please call the school at 864-8478 to let us know that you are coming. If these dates cannot work for you, please call for a tour by appointment).

IAA: Monday, January 9 - 8:10 am; Tuesday, February 7- 5:30 pm (Please call the school at 864-8475 to let us know that you're coming. If these dates cannot work for you, call for a tour by appointment).

SA: Wednesday, January 18, 9:30am-10:30am; Tuesday, February 7, 9:30am-10:30am; Thursday, February 23, 6:30pm-7:30pm
(Please call the school at 864-8480 to let us know that you are coming)

*** Waiting Lists**: Applicants will be placed on a Waiting List for their First Choice school if we do not have capacity. The same criteria listed above will be used to determine placement.. Families will be contacted as soon as an opening occurs, and they will have 72 hours to decide if they want to switch their registration to their First Choice school.

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