

# Champlain Elementary School



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*Our mission is to provide opportunities for students to achieve their personal best, become responsible and productive citizens and embrace lifelong learning!*

Dear Families,

February is a busy time of the year for us at Champlain! You will see many dates to mark on your calendar. Tuesday night there will be a repeat of the parent engagement meeting we held last Friday morning. We had a terrific turnout with over 40 parents present. We are expecting 20 more parents Tuesday evening and we will add to the terrific ideas that were already collected around meaningful parent engagement. A small group of parents and teachers will work on a method of sharing this information at the joint parent/faculty meeting on February 16th. Also this week we have an **early dismissal on Wednesday, February 3rd**. Students will be served lunch prior to leaving at 11:30. During the afternoon teachers will be working with colleagues across the Burlington district on literacy initiatives. The following week (February 8th-12th) highlights the musical talents of our students. Monday evening, February 8th there will be a string recital, Wednesday evening the 4/5 chorus will perform and if by chance neither of those nights work for you there will be a concert during the day on Thursday, February 11th featuring the chorus and some Martin Luther King Jr. tributes. Thursday evening the food service program, in collaboration with Champlain's food committee, will be offering a free dinner for all families beginning at 5:30. Come out and enjoy "Lunch for Dinner" featuring delicious items from the Burlington food service program. Stay warm!  
Sincerely, Leslie

### Spanish News—Hola amigos!

Welcome to febrero!! Your children have been learning about el calendario (the calendar) in Spanish classes! They have learned how to say the following days of the week and the months of the year in Spanish. The fourth and fifth graders know how to say dates in Spanish, as well as their birthdays.

Jan. - enero	July - julio	Sunday - domingo	Friday - viernes
Feb. - febrero	Aug. - agosto	Monday - lunes	Saturday - sabado
March - marzo	Sept. - septiembre	Tuesday - martes	Sunday - domingo
April - abril	Oct. - octubre	Wednesday - miercoles	
May - mayo	Nov. - noviembre	Thursday - jueves	
June - junio	Dec. - diciembre		

This month we will be learning about Carnaval! Carnaval, also called carnival, is celebrated in many places throughout Central and South America, and in Spain. It starts on a Saturday and ends on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, just like Mardi-Gras. Dates change every year, but this year it is from Feb.13-Feb. 16. It's always a noisy, energetic celebration of music, dance and exhibitions! At Champlain Elementary, we will have a mini-parade in each classroom during the regular Spanish class time. Students may bring masks, beads, crazy hats, etc. on the day of their class parade. Here is the schedule:

Tues., Feb. 16	Thurs., Feb. 18	Fri., Feb. 19
8:30 - 9:00 Sclafani	9:40-10:10 Roesch	11:00-11:25 Lefebvre
9:00-9:30 Hajdun	10:55 - 11:25 Leon	
9:40-10:10 Felber	1:55-2:25 Gregory	
10:25 - 10:50 Storer		
10:55 - 11:25 Haslam		
12:00 -12:30 Tanguay		
1:00-1:30 Cowell/Patrick		
1:45- 2:15 Sikora-Cain		

If you would like more information, please contact me at: efahy@bsdvt.org  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ✓ Parent Engagement Meeting, Tuesday, February 2nd 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ Early Dismissal, Wednesday, February 3rd 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ String Instrument Recital, Monday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m.
- ✓ 4/5 Choral Concert, Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 11th at 1:20 (families invited)
- ✓ PTO Meeting, Wednesday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m. (following the concert)
- ✓ Lunch for Dinner, Thursday, February 11th 5:30 p.m.
- ✓ Joint Parent/Faculty Meeting, Tuesday, February 16th 2:45



