



Champlain Elementary School

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Blue Note ❀ May 4, 2018

❀ GREEN UP DAY at CHAMPLAIN ❀

Saturday, May 5 @ 8 AM - 1 PM in our School Parking Lot

Please join the 4/5 students for our annual Green Up Day Fundraiser! Come get your car washed, enter our raffle for great South End business prizes, enjoy hot dogs and baked goods, beautify our school grounds, and play some eco-friendly games! Special guest Stevie Beatz from Planet 96.7 will be joining us, and a Burlington Fire Department truck will be here for kids and families to tour. Community members can drop off used tires for recycling at this event (the first 4 tires are free -- any after that are just \$2!). All proceeds benefit the 4/5 end-of-year trip and PTO.

Celebrating Champlain's Talent Show!

By Dr. Dorinne Dorfman, Principal

On Wednesday, April 18, Champlain Elementary School presented an extraordinary talent show, featuring dozens of K-5 students in twenty-seven acts. To prepare, students participated in an audition and a month of after-school rehearsals with the support of their directors, fourth-grade teacher Lisa Goetz and parent Jessica Blackman. Like all show business, the behind-the-scenes preparations required dedication and coordination. How can elementary-age children look like shiny big stars in a gym? Ms. Goetz arranged a professional sound engineer and hired the Anthill Collective to paint a bold backdrop announcing, "Celebrating Champlain's Talent!" Fourth graders Cora Lea, Samara Berman, Julianna Bridges, Annie Harte, and Jane Laramee managed the many stage operations to whisk performers and props on and off stage.

Performing before a live audience of hundreds packed into the gym demonstrates not only practiced talent, but fearlessness. Many Champlain faculty and staff attended, joining Champlain's extended families. All of our performers deserve recognition for their personal achievement and contribution to our school pride! MC Ms. Goetz launched the night with gratitude to all and enthusiasm for every number. Sasha Moneagudo, Aven Smith, Sabrina Borrow, Lucia Eskilsen, and Stella Eskilsen danced and performed gymnastic feats – choreographed twirls and cartwheels – to "Cotton Eye Joe." Next was Arthur Lea, who, back in kindergarten, began asking when Champlain would have a talent show. Nearly two years and many conversations later, Arthur rode his skateboard across the stage, turning and flipping and beaming in this special moment. Together, two of our youngest students, Alana and Hazel Berman, sparkly dressed for Broadway, played the piano singing, "Row Row Row Your Boat." Playing "Minuet 2" on the violin, Aven Jorgenson showed two years' achievement on a very difficult instrument. Not to be outdone, Owen Guyette and Hunter Stratton dribbled basketballs over one hundred times. Dressed as a duo in matching outfits, sunglasses, and hairstyles, Rozella VanTubergen and Taylor Montani danced and lip-synched to "I'm a Lady." Jump ropes and hula hoops were the order of business for Prabita Gurung, Miranda Rectenwald, Lucille (Lulu) Colman, Ruthie Shover, and Mae Dery. Decked out in matching colors, Tegan Bushey and Fiona Agnew stopped the music with jokes, most memorably, "What's a bunny's favorite dance?" Answer: Hip hop.

No Vermont talent show is complete without the state song, "These Green Hills." Ella McCormack sang with love in her heart wearing a dazzling sequin dress. Countless hours of practice paid off when Lydia Allen played Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" in perfect time on her violin. "Wild Thing" on the electric guitar has no

parallel, and when Elliot Throop strummed the chords and offered the audience to join, they resounded the lyrics, enthralled. Darth Vader took center stage on the piano with Jack Dion hidden underneath to play the theme song of Star Wars. The mood lightened when Yusuf Ibrahim and Khalil Philie invited members of the audience onstage for magic tricks with playing cards and balloons. Marina Twohig and Cameron Gurry followed with dancing and lip-synching to, “Your Lips are Moving,” in perfectly coordinated outfits. Accompanied by Champlain alum Laura Zhou-Hackett and wearing exquisite Chinese dresses, Tess Ewoldsen and Lisa Zhou-Hackett performed “Jasmine Flower” on the violin. In a very grown-up voice with a British affect, Teagan Berquist sang, “I Don’t Know My Name.” Mother and daughter duo, Jessica and Julia Blackman, played two songs together on the piano with proud concentration on synchronization. Intentionally unlisted in the show program was Champlain’s faculty/staff surprise dance to “The Cupid Shuffle,” which they (somewhat) secretly practiced for weeks.

When Emanuel Jorgensen played the guitar and Holden Mulvey sang, “Count on Me,” adorning bright hats and suits, one could feel the crowd’s excitement for the cherished chorus, rocked out by two budding stars. Jamming on the djembe drum, Kezia Bibens led the beat with backup percussion of fellow fourth graders. John (Bowie) Creason commanded 115 seconds to create his magical symmetrical speed painting. “Rainbow Rocks” was Beau Wallace’s song choice for breakdancing with impressive leaps and spins. On the piano, Aiden DePolo spread his hands wide to perform, “Where’s My Mind.” At that very moment, a sunray beamed on his face and keyboard. Felix Roesch worked up his diablo, spinning to a blur and tossing into the air, followed by a quick dance of “the floss.” In sophisticated dress, Kaiya Corbett danced in rhythm and smiled with contagious joy to the tune called, a propos, “Confident.” “The Entertainer,” played on the piano by Miles Kenney, reminded that, through the decades, the classics stay true. Chaplain’s talent show concluded with a kindergartener’s act by Andre Redmond singing, “The Way I am,” in a powerful voice far larger than his young size. This finale pronounced that Champlain’s talent has years ahead to grow and thrive. A HUGE thank you goes to director Ms. Goetz, our students, our Parent-Teacher Organization, and the many volunteers who made this performance possible! This was a night to celebrate and remember for years to come!

Presentations on the BSD Capital Plan for the South End Early Education Center

Information on the BSD’s capital plan for Champlain and the Property Services area that abuts our school, can be found here on the BSD website, under the menu “District” and “Capital Plan 2018-19,” http://www.bsdt.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/South_End_Early_Education_Center.pdf. To provide input on the plan, please fill out the “Community Input/Question Form” found on this webpage: <http://www.bsdt.org/district/budget/capital-planning>. On that page you can also find information on all school sites. **To explain the plans to our Champlain community, BSD Property services director Marty Spaulding will be presenting at Champlain’s PTO meeting on Thur. May 10 @ 7:30 AM and Wed. May 16 at 6:00 PM.** Construction on the building that will house a PreK center and central offices on the grounds of Property Services will begin this summer, accessing the site from Shelburne Road. The proposed driveway for the preK and Champlain has been placed on hold for more community input.

***** Help Celebrate Our Amazing Champlain Teachers! *** From Our Champlain Elementary PTO**

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11. We have three great ways for families to help our teachers feel the love:

- 1. Make a card!** The Champlain PTO has provided card and art supplies to students in the breakfast and after-school programs so kids can participate in a card-making activity. These cards will be collected by the PTO and distributed to teachers the week of May 7. A box will also be placed in the school’s front office starting Monday, May 7 for any students or families who would like to drop off a card they made at home. Don’t forget to make cards for all faculty (art, music, PE, library, guidance, special educators, interventionists)!
- 2. Provide a dish for the annual teacher appreciation lunch on Tuesday, May 8!** Everything from salads, side dishes and main dishes to beverages and desserts are needed. Sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/dwwvq4>
- 3. Bring a bouquet of flowers for the teacher appreciation lunch!** Sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/dwwvq4>

Mark your calendars! **Thursday, May 10 @ 4:00-8:00 PM**, the **Champlain PTO will host a fundraiser at Panera Bread at 1184 Shelburne Road in South Burlington**. 20% of sales will be donated to our school's PTO. The attached flyer (paper or electronic version is fine) must be presented when ordering. Hope to see you there!

Important Dates

Saturday, May 5	Green Up Day Gr. 4/5 Champlain Fundraiser and Car Wash
Tuesday, May 8	Champlain Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Bring a potluck dish/flowers @ 11:00 - 12:30
Thursday, May 10	PTO Meeting & South End Capital Plan presentation @ 7:30 - 8:30 AM Panera Bread fundraiser - 1184 Shelburne Road in So. Burlington @ 4:00-8:00 PM
Friday, May 11	Trivia Night and Live Auction - St. John's Club, 9 Central Ave @ 6:00 - 9:30 PM
Tuesday, May 16	South End Capital Plan presentation with Property Services director Marty Spaulding & architect - Champlain library @ 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Friday, May 18	BSD Elementary Schools Spelling Bee at the Miller Center @ 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day - School closed
Sunday, June 3	Champlain Fun Run - 1-3 mile run/walk - Oakledge Park lower pavilion @ 8:30 AM
Tuesday, June 12	Champlain Fifth-grade Step Up ceremony in the gym @ 6 PM
Thursday, June 14	Anticipated last day of school