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Up Coming Events:

November 17: Report Cards Sent Home

November 20, 21: Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL

November 22, 23, 24: Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL

November 30: Multi-Cultural Night

Whole School Assembly
November 16, 2017
Kindergarten Number Rock
Ms. Fitzpatrick's Class Leading

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Damaging school property is very disrespectful to all the adults providing the money for our school. Too often we see students treating their own belongings carelessly, dragging coats on the ground, leaving nice sweaters and jackets on the field, never retrieving them and never looking in the lost and found for their belongings. Creating an awareness and appreciation for what they have is really important as is reinforcing their responsibility to take good care of things so that they last and none of us have to work extra to replace what is damaged or lost.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE:

In accordance with the Vermont Standards of Practice for School Health Services we will be conducting vision screening for all Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th graders on Monday, November 13. This year the Lions Club of Colchester will be conducting our vision screening with their Spot Vision Screener. To read more about their initiative and this screening technology please follow these links:

KidSightUSA.org

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D2HLxnaoio>

Thank you, Nurses Jamie and Lauren

CHORUS NEWS:

The EES 4th and 5th grade chorus has gotten off to a good start! Below are three upcoming events for the chorus and opportunities for parents to hear the kids perform. If you are a chorus parents and did not receive this information via email please contact me at enolan@bsdvt.org so I can add you correct email to my list.

From the Principal's Desk

There are times when children are mischievous. It took three years as a teacher to keep from laughing when confronted by some of the mischief. Such was the case a few years ago, after the summer construction resulted in a much needed make-over of all our bathrooms. A 5th grader came to my office a week into the school year. He was very serious and told me that he needed to show me something. I followed him upstairs to the third floor boys' room where he brought me to the open window and pointed. I looked out and saw toilet paper streaming from the trees about 50 feet from the window. I had to bite the inside of my cheeks to keep from laughing. I turned and thanked him for letting me know, making sure to maintain a serious expression. After he left, I promptly took a picture and posted it on Instagram saying, "open window, rolls of toilet paper and 10 year old boys. I would have been disappointed if someone hadn't thought of this"

I can understand mischief, I can understand curiosity and I can understand impulsiveness. I have a hard time with deliberate harm being done - whether that harm is hurtful to people or to property which ultimately impacts people. We have times when we see damage done around the campus. This week, the harm was a student's obvious curiosity to see exactly what would happen when they stomped on a pudding cup in the boys restroom. What happened was chocolate pudding sprayed all over the walls and even the ceiling which is remarkable considering that it is at least 12 feet high. The result was that the custodian had to pull out the large ladder and add scrubbing down the walls, tiles, and the stall divider - tasks that added to an already very full load. Thankfully, he was able to remove all the pudding and there are no stains. There are times when harm is being done that is essentially thoughtless behavior. Other times we see harm that is intended to hurt others, such as graffiti. Interestingly, other students do not like the impact of the harm and report it quickly when they discover it.

We work with the students to encourage the ability to think harder before simply acting on an idea to consider whether harm is being done. We generally focus more on harming others but harming others includes harming property, whether personal belongings, belongings of others, supplies, equipment or the building and grounds because of the labor involved in paying for those things. Children need to be made aware that adults work hard to support our schools and that paying taxes is hard for many people.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 6:00 PM EES MULTI-CULTURAL DINNER

Students will meet in the EES music room at 6:00 to prepare for a 6:15 performance in the EES cafeteria as part of the EES Multicultural dinner. This event is potluck so bring a dish to share if you can and a good appetite!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 11:30-1:50- CHORUS FIELD TRIP TO CHURCH STREET

The chorus will be taking a field trip to Church Street Market Place to do some outdoor singing to support the COTS Coolest Lunch fundraiser. ***We will need five chaperones*** to make this trip happen. Please RSVP if you are able to join us!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 5:15-6:00 PM- COTS CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

The chorus will be performing two pieces at the Committee on Temporary Shelter's candlelight vigil on the steps of City Hall (Church Street side). We will meet inside city hall at 5:15 to warm up our voices (and bodies). The event ends at 6:00 pm with cider and cookies inside city hall. In the event of rain or extreme cold the event will be held inside

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

EES MERCHANDISE SALE:

Just in time for our cold Vermont winter - EES pom pom hats, sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts etc., are on sale now! Look for the flyer in your child's backpack or check www.eespto.org under Fundraisers. Orders are due Wednesday, November 29th and will be delivered the week of December 18-22nd. Questions - leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com.

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT NOVEMBER 30:

Join us on November 30 from 6-8 pm for the EES Multi-Cultural Night. We hope to see as many families as possible joining us to celebrate the journeys that we've all taken to arrive in one community.

- The EES Chorus will perform at 6:10 pm
- The potluck will begin at 6:30 pm
- Country and cultural tables available to visit throughout the evening.

This is a potluck dinner so consider making a favorite dish to share. Please sign-up through this link so we know how many folks are sharing

food: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094ba5aa22a13-eesmulticultural>

There will be tables throughout the cafeteria if you wish to set up a cultural display (past examples include tortilla making, arts and crafts, travel information, photos, clothing, cultural artifacts, stories to share). If you would like to perform a dance, song or share music with the whole group, please email Peggy O'Neil: peggyov5@gmail.com. If you would like to prepare a dish or an activity to share, but need some financial support, please contact Melissa Hathaway: mhathawa@bsdvt.org. All EES community members are welcome to attend! There is no need to share anything to participate in the evening.

HEALTH OFFICE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Health Office needs your help with vision screenings, next Monday, November 13th. We need 6 volunteers, in 2 hour blocks, from 8-10, 10-12 and 12-2.

Please contact Jamie at jcharlso@bsdvt.org if you can help.