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EDMUNDS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Up Coming Events:

November 6 -10th: Scholastic Book Fair, EMS Library
 November 17: Report Cards Sent Home
 November 22, 23, 24: Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL
 November 30: Multi-Cultural Night

Whole School Assembly
November 2, 2017
Morning Meeting
Mr. Houchen's Class Leading

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!

Our annual book fair is once again being held in the Edmunds Middle School Library the week of November 6-10. To make sure our fair is a success we need **YOUR** help!! We are looking for volunteers to assist us with stocking the bookcases, keeping the displays neat and in order, running the cash register, and helping students with their purchases. We need volunteers for the following days and times:
 --Tuesday, November 7th: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
 --Thursday, November 9th: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
 --Friday, November 10: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
 If you have some time to volunteer (we are asking for an hour or more if possible) please contact EES Librarian Kathy Neil: kneil@bsdvt.org Thank you in advance for your help. More information about the fair itself will be coming home with your children soon. Please be on the lookout for it!

HEALTH OFFICE NEEDS:

Our Health Office is in need of extra clothing to your children may have outgrown. We would appreciate any smaller size clothing for our younger kiddos, sizes 5 to 7, especially underwear and long pants. We appreciate any help you can give us!

October 31 - Annual Halloween Parade!
 All are welcome! Join us on the field at 1:45. Alternative celebrations will be held and parents are also welcome to participate in those at school.

**From the Principal's Desk**

Yesterday, I let our students know about the passing of our crossing guard Reg Robair over the weekend. I realize that only those families that came through the intersection of South Willard and Maple Street knew Reg, I've waved to him as I drove to school since starting at EES seven years ago. After our assembly, I received a video story that was created by a 5th grader in 2006. The student is now in college, but he knew Reg as his crossing guard. His story tells of a near miss with a driver one morning and Reg's quick actions which prevented a tragedy.

The story was that he and his friend were walking to school and needed to cross at South Willard and Maple Street. As usual, Reg walked to the middle of the intersection and held up his stop sign, and then indicated to the boys that it was safe to cross. The boys started crossing when suddenly a motorist, driving fast, drinking coffee and paying attention to papers, drove fast right through the intersection. Reg pushed the boys out of the way of the car. After collecting themselves, and thanking Reg, they ran down to the writer's mother who was by then, yelling at the driver who had stopped. The driver offered to call the police and did. He received a ticket for reckless driving. The boys thanked and hugged Reg again the next morning.

While the moral of the story from the child's perspective was to "be safe" and pay attention, I heard another story. I heard the story of Reg, an individual who protected children and cared enough to put himself between children and imminent danger. What most do not realize, is that our crossing guards are faced with this kind of situation more frequently than they should be. Drivers, stressed and busy with their own lives and thoughts, fail to remember that their immediate needs are not more important than the lives of those crossing the streets.

Our school counselor, Melissa Hathaway, will be offering small group counseling/ support sessions around this loss for students who would like to join. Please let your child's classroom teacher, or Melissa, know if you are interested in having you child participate.

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

EDMUNDS ANNUAL WINTER GEAR SWAP GOING ON NOW!!!

Tuesday, October 24 through Monday, November 6th. Please drop of any items (NO HATS) for the swap in the Main Lobby of the school. There will be space to hang your items. You don't need to give to get! Please take what you need. Any questions, contact Courtney Asaro at [802-233-1734](tel:802-233-1734)

BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

November 6-10 at the EMS Library.

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Volunteers help students select books, run the cash register and keep the displays stocked and in order.

Contact Kathy Neil, EES Librarian, @ kneil@bsdvt.org to sign up for an hour or more time slot on any or all of those days.

PTO MEETING NOVEMBER 9TH

Outside the cafeteria immediately following the whole school assembly.

SAVE THE DATE MULTICULTURAL NIGHT 11/30

More information to come!

BOX TOP COORDINATOR NEEDED

We raised \$191 from cashing in our box tops. A task that can be done at home. Please contact Rachel at pto@eespto.org if you can help.

AMAZON SMILE

Remember if you shop at using our Amazon Smile contact EES PTO raises money.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/03-0368400>