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Up Coming Events:

September 26 - October 6: Way To Go Challenge!

October 5: EES PTO Spaghetti

Dinner 5:30 (FREE)

Open House 6:00 - 7:00

October 20: In-Service Day (No School for Students)

October 31 - Annual Halloween Parade 1:30 - 2:30

From the Principal's Desk

When the first days of school were very chilly, I remember thinking that we would be experiencing some hot days before the month was over. We always do. Little did I know that we would be breaking a long-standing record with a heat wave! The school is notoriously hot when it gets like it did this week. It's amazing how well our students and faculty were able to do; continuing to work and learn despite the heat. We are very glad to see the more typical Vermont temperatures return. If anyone questions that the climate is changing, I remember watching my children playing high school soccer games where the snow was flying by the end of September. Granted, I was in the Northeast Kingdom, but this side of the state is only a bit warmer. The change in just 20 years is astonishing and alarming.

We believe in the importance of having our children think about others and our Student Council has organized a fundraising drive with the students for Hurricane Relief. We've all seen in the news how devastated Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands have been. I have friends living in Miami with family in Puerto Rico who have not been able to confirm that all are ok yet - 9 days after the storm. The stories from those they have heard from are of very tough conditions.

Students are bringing in money in - pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters and some bills here and there. We recognize that our students are giving in proportion to their ability to give and value every cent dropped proudly in the container in the office. If they ask you what they might be able to do to earn some money, or if you would like to help them help be able to give, why not suggest that they could do some chores around the house to earn money to give to the Hurricane Relief. Raking leaves, vacuuming, watching a younger sibling for you while you do a task, are all ideas of tasks they can do to earn money.

Having them earn the money to give rather than just giving them money is healthier and more meaningful. When we give, it involves some level of sacrifice; a decision to not have that cup of coffee, or not buy that pair of shoes because someone else needs something more. If we give children money to give, and it involves no effort on their part, they are not

Whole School Assembly**October 5, 2017****Be Respectful****Ms. Flaherty/Goldsmith's Class Leading****(Cont)**

learning about giving of themselves. The pride they feel in contributing when it came from their own labor is very healthy and we can see it in those who have worked to get their money. It also helps give them a mindset of giving of themselves later on as adults.

We look forward to seeing you at our Open House this Thursday and if you would like to contribute to the Hurricane Relief and have not had a chance yet, the students will be happy to receive your donation.

REMINDER! COME JOIN US:

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YOU ARE INVITED!

The Burlington Education Association will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast for Burlington residents on Saturday, October 7th from 7:30-9:30 AM at C.P. Smith Elementary School. All are welcome!

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

VERMONT COFFEE COMPANY ORDERS**DUE TUESDAY OCTOBER 3RD!**

EES makes \$6/bag! Orders will be collected the first Tuesday of every month. This month orders will be delivered Friday, October 6th Order forms at Front Office and EES PTO website.

(<http://eespto.org/fundraisers/Vermont-coffee-fundraiser/>).

Checks payable to EES PTO, OR Pay via PayPal; Please note in PayPal "Purpose Box" number of bags and coffee choice. Contact Pam Moreau (802.999.4590 or pmoreaulawvt@gmail.com) with questions.

DANS CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER! WEDNESDAY 9/27-OCTOBER 13TH

Please help your children participate in the largest fundraiser of the year for our school! The funds raised pay for many school activities such as the Welcome BBQ, Math Night, Skate night, field trips, author visits and much much more. Chocolate delivery will be completed before Halloween! Use the flyer sent home on Wednesday to help raise money for our school! Questions? Contact Leigh Fisher at leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com or 802.735.6942.

PTO MEETING OCTOBER 3RD 6:30 ART ROOM

Please join us for our first PTO Meeting of the year. Childcare Available.

OPEN HOUSE FREE SPAGHETTI**DINNER OCTOBER 5TH EES CAFETERIA**

Join our community before the Open House (October 5th) for a (FREE) Spaghetti dinner! 5:30-6:00.

ART ROOM HELP NEEDED!

Looking for a volunteer or two to paint the bulletin boards. If you can lend a hand, please contact Joanna Elliot at jelliott@bsdvt.org

GOING ON NOW!! WAY TO GO CHALLENGE!**WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL: Sept 25th-Oct 6th****Get Ready to Walk-n-Roll in the State-Wide Way to Go! Challenge.**

- * Let's cut our carbon and have fun getting to school on our own muscle power - walk, bike, scooter, skateboard, etc.
- * If your parents have to drive you, have them drop you off a couple of blocks from school and walk the rest of the way - every little bit counts!
- * We are also tracking Kids who green compete on the way home.
- * We'll be competing with schools across the state for a Solar Tracker valued at \$32,000, permitting and installation included, and save \$85,000 in energy costs.
- * Students and staff will track their modes of transportation to and from school each day during the challenge. Our coordinator will enter our data and we can track our progress.
- * Students can enter to win a Raffle on Wednesday October 4th. Fill out a raffle ticket at the side entrance. Two Prizes awarded K-2 and 3-5
- * Classes compete for the Golden Sneaker AND a class Bike Powered SMOOTHIE Party!! Based on overall participation!!
- * Questions, please contact Rachel: rachskye@gmail.com

FOUR WINDS FUNDRAISER

Please help us continue to offer the Four Winds program at EES by helping out with our annual fundraiser. We are hosting a bake sale on I-89 at the Williston exits from 8:00-4:00 on Saturday, October 28th. You can help by volunteering to take a shift at the sales table. Shifts are 2 hours. We raise hundreds of dollars each year doing this bake sale but your help is essential.

Here's the link to sign up: [Four Winds Williston Rest Stop Fundraiser, Saturday, October 28th 2017 from 8:00-4:00](#)

Please contact Gail Rose with

questions: grosevt@gmail.com or [802-343-5886](tel:802-343-5886).

Thank you for your support!