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Up Coming Events:

Dec. 21. Whole School Celebration -UVM Women's Basketball
Game 10:30 - 1:30

Dec. 21 - COTS Vigil: EES Chorus Performs (5:15 PM)

Dec. 25 - Jan. 2: Holiday Break - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Jan. 3: Return from Break

Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

From the Principal's Desk

Baby, it's cold outside! While it's true that the students get pretty warm climbing up the sledding hill over and over again, they still need to come to school dressed for the cold. We stay outside until the wind chill hits 0. Today it was 1° and we were outside. I was right out there with them and honestly, with the right clothes, it was fine. The sun was shining, and the fresh air felt great.

Children are coming to our spare clothing area expecting that we can supply them with snow pants, gloves and boots. We have some spares, but we are not in the position to have sufficient supplies for every student who forgets their clothing at home or in the car. A natural consequence is to miss sledding with their friends because we don't let students go sledding if they don't have appropriate clothing. They get too wet. That said, children are forgetful, and need to have help checking their "equipment" before leaving the house or the car.

The best rule of thumb is to assume we will go outside. The students need the fresh air and the exercise. They need to be wearing boots, snow pants, a heavy parka, a hat, and good snow mittens or gloves. Mittens are always warmer. There are places where these are very affordable - Walmart, J.C. Penny's and Kohls all have winter mittens for under \$15 (there are mittens for \$9 at Penny's right now). We found that Costco has snow pants for under \$20. Outdoor Gear Exchange has a used clothing area in the basement that you could also check out. You might want to get an indelible marker to put your child's name in or on the clothing. There are so many pairs of black snow pants that marking them would be really helpful!

Everyone needs boots and everyone needs to know how to keep them warm. Rule number one is that the boots need to be dry on the inside. Boots frequently get wet from sweaty feet, snow and condensation created by warm feet and cold temperatures on the outside of the boot. The liners of the boots get very wet, yet they look fine from the outside. If the liners can be pulled out, that makes drying faster but simply putting them upside down over a heater all night should dry them out. Please teach your children how to dry their boots in the evening and to make sure that all their winter clothing is hanging up to dry. That way, their clothes are ready to keep them warm the next day.

Whole School Assembly
December 21, 2017
Winter Sing Along
Chorus

WALKING FIELD TRIP TO UVM FOR
BASKETBALL GAME, THURSDAY -
12/21/17 - MAKE SURE STUDENTS
ARE DRESSED WARMLY

MUSIC NEWS

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

The 4th and 5th grade 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 students start off the event with two songs. Following the student performance we ask families to stay as community members come forward to share stories of the wide variety of people who are served by COTS each year. 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 Contois Auditorium.

WINTER SING-A-LONG

Thursday, December 21st will be our annual winter sing-a-long at the morning assembly! 8:10-8:30. Come sing with us!

STUDENTS PERFORM WEEK:

The next students perform week will be December 18-22. Any student in grades 2-5 can bring in a performance to share with their class. Ideal performances are school appropriate, show musical practice from outside of school, and are about 1-3 minutes long.

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

EES COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS:

During this holiday season, if you are looking for an opportunity to give to a family in the EES community, consider purchasing a gift card (Amazon, book store, grocery store, department store, etc.) to donate anonymously. This year Ms. Hathaway (EES School Counselor) and Tyler Sessions (P.E. Teacher) are working to connect EES families in need of some extra financial support with gifts and gift cards for the holidays. This year we are reaching out to the EES community to help provide gift cards to families in need. The gift cards can be sent to school in an envelope where they will be collected by the class teachers, and given to Ms. Hathaway. In order to reach families before the December break, please send in gift cards no later than Monday the 19th of December. Thank you EES community for your generosity during this holiday season.

SETTLEMENT FARM APIARY FUNDRAISER:

Thank you to EES Parent Brennan Martin from **Settlement Farm Apiary** for generously donating over 100 (1/2 lb) bottles of honey raise funds for EES PTO this December. The fundraiser has been wildly successful and we cannot thank Brennan and all those who chose to buy the honey for their generosity in raising over \$500! Look out for your honey delivery soon!

EES NO FRILLS FUNDRAISER:

The EES PTO is launching our annual appeal, with a goal this year of raising \$3,000. Please take a few moments to make a donation so that all of our students can continue to benefit from the rich classroom activities, educational field trips, and fun community events that are sponsored by the PTO. 100% of your donation will go towards programs for our students. Remember that your donation is fully tax-deductible. What's more, many local businesses will match your contribution, so be sure to ask your employer about this opportunity to raise even more funds for our school. Donations can be made online at EES PTO or <https://eespto.org/fundraisers/no-frills-fundraiser/> or be sent in to EES PTO to the front office at EES.

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Wrap-up your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/03-0368400 and Amazon donates to Edmunds Elementary PTO Inc.

CHAPERONES NEEDED!!**UVM BASKETBALL GAME! WHOLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP 12/21/17**

Thursday, Dec. 21, we have tickets for the school to go to a Women's Basketball game. We will be walking to the Patrick Gym, leaving EES at 10:20 and returning by 1:45. The game starts at 11.

The ability to go to a college event during the school day provides many of our students with an opportunity to be introduced to college that they may not otherwise have and we are committed to giving as many students that opportunity as possible.

We could use the help of parents or those older siblings coming home from college (if you have any in your home) to help chaperone our students. We'll have tickets for anyone who wants to volunteer.

If you can help, please email Shelley Mathias at smathias@bsdvt.org to let us know. You can let us know who you'd like to help out or you can let us know that you're willing to help where ever you're needed.

Thanks for your support!

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