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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Up Coming Events:

Dec. 21 - COTS Vigil - EES Chorus Performs (5:30 PM)

Dec. 25 - Jan. 2 - Holiday Break: NO SCHOOL for Students

From the Principal's Desk

I hope that all had a wonderful break last week. It seemed that all came back to school well-rested and ready to learn. This week we kicked off our Red Clover Book event in which the students are grouped across all grades and meet to listen to one of the ten books nominated for the Red Clover Book Award for this year. The groups are arranged with students from kindergarten through fifth grade and it is lovely to see them all interacting together after they hear the story. There will be five days over the next few months when we will take an hour to do this. It's a great community building event as well as an exploration of literature.

It was wonderful to see so many families join us for the PTO's Multi-Cultural Night last night. Between the company, the sharing of cultures, and the wonderful food, it was a lovely evening. It was a real treat to hear the EES Chorus lead by Ms. Nolan. We want to extend a special thanks to Henry and Prospero Gogo for teaching the Filipino dance. It's always a great hit. I want to thank all the parents who made this event so lovely.

If you missed Multicultural Night this year, plan on coming to one of the other PTO events that will be happening throughout the year. Other events that will be coming include Math Night in January, Pack the Gutt in February, Skate Night at Leddy Park and Family Traditions in April, and of course May Fair in May. If you have not attended any EES event, you will discover with the first one, that they are worth your time and energy as we adults are having as much fun as the children.

Whole School Assembly
December 7, 2017
Winter Snowflakes
Ms. Palmer's Class Leading

Kindergarten registration is starting in January and we would like to fill our classrooms. If you know of families with 4 year old children who will be 5 by Sept. 1 (or you think might be of age), please let them know to come and register their child. Many first time parents are very surprised that we register in January and it is simply not on their radar so helping them will be appreciated.

As you know, Burlington has school choice and we would like to be able to count on you to spread the word about our community. Sharing your experience about EES with friends will help them make educated decisions about what our school has to offer. We will be giving tours in January and into February and that is a good time for families to come, see the school and ask questions.



PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

Multicultural Night Thank you!

Thank you to all the families who joined in to help celebrate the many cultures we have in this community. Thank you to The 4/5 Chorus who joined us for such a lovely concert. Thank You Peggy O'Neil Vivanco and Emily Merrill for organizing the event.

EES NO FRILLS FUNDRAISER:

The EES PTO is launching our annual appeal, with a goal this year of raising \$3000. 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](mailto:eespto.org) or <https://eespto.org/fundraisers/no-frills-fundraiser/> or be sent to EES PTO to the front office at EES.

Thank you to Gretchen and Ethan Platt for donating many many tulip and daffodil bulbs to our gardens. Thank you to Jenny Sullivan and Gretchen Platt for taking some time and planting them over break. Be on the look out in the spring.

EES Community Holiday Gifts Project

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.

Tour Guides Needed

EES parent/guardian volunteers needed to lead potential Kindergarten families on tours of our amazing school. The time commitment for this will be an hour(+/-) twice a month (January-end of March). Times and days of tours are flexible. You will be trained in what to say and the highlights to point out when giving a tour. Looking for 4-6 people to share the responsibility. Please email katelekstutis@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer.

HONEY FUNDRAISER:

EES Parent Brennan Martin has generously offered to donate (40) Forty (.5lb) jars of honey from his **Settlement Farm Apiary** to help raise funds for EES PTO. These jars would make great holiday treats, teacher gifts, housewarming presents and holiday party gifts. We are selling them for \$5.00 each - please contact leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com to put in your order for this amazingly sweet donation of honey to benefit EES PTO efforts! Please indicate quantity and if you are planning on using as a teacher gift - let us know the teacher name so we can keep track! Also - feel free to use the EES PTO Fundraising PayPal on line at [EES PTO](mailto:eespto.org) or <https://eespto.org/fundraisers/no-frills-fundraiser/>. **Orders Due: Friday, December 8th** - Delivery the following week of (Dec 11-15th).



Student Name: _____

Classroom: _____

Yes! I would like to purchase _____ # jars of Honey for \$5.00 each

Total \$ _____

Yes! I am going to use as a Teacher gift!

Teacher name: _____

November 2017

Shelley Mathias, Principal
Edmunds Elementary School
299 Main Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Dear Principal Mathias,

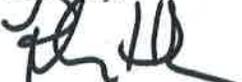
I am pleased to inform you that Edmunds Elementary School achieved the "VTPBIS Exemplar School" status for the 2016-17 school year. This recognition is the result of a significant commitment on the part of you and your staff to implement Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports with fidelity. As Secretary, I recognize the importance of a school culture and climate that contributes to continuous school effectiveness. Your implementation of this multi-tiered system of supports for behavior is an important action toward success for all learners. I thank and congratulate you and your school community for your focused implementation efforts.

In order to achieve the "VTPBIS Exemplar School" status, your school has:

- Implemented Universal PBIS with fidelity, measured as at least 70% on the Tiered Fidelity Inventory and sustained this measurement for 2 consecutive years;
- Used behavior data within a problem-solving framework to improve student outcomes;
- Completed the annual Self-Assessment Survey to inform implementation planning; and
- Demonstrated evidence that sustained implementation has had positive effects on learners' academic and behavioral performance.

Your school was recognized during the Annual Vermont PBIS Leadership Forum on October 9th and highlighted in the 2016-17 VTPBIS Annual Report which can be found on the VTPBIS website at www.pbisvermont.org. I encourage you to celebrate your achievement with the leadership team, PBIS School Coordinators Melissa Hathaway and Chase Rosenberg, your students, staff and community. Again, congratulations for a job well done!

Sincerely,



Rebecca Holcombe, Ed.D.
Secretary of Education

cc: Yaw Obeng, Superintendent, Burlington SD
Melissa Hathaway, PBIS School Coordinator
Chase Rosenberg, PBIS School Coordinator

