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**From the Principal's Desk**

Today your child is bringing home their report card. Please be sure to ask them for it as they may be so excited about the start of vacation that they forget to give it to you.

Our culture has a tendency to focus on failure first when considering performance. I saw a perfect example of this during this morning news, where news footage of three top U.S. figure skaters was only of the falls that each had during their their performances. I'd seen the event and while each fell once, they completed the rest of their routine flawlessly. Understandably, this is the Olympics, but given the level of competition, why not show one of the beautiful feats performed? Surely the personal sacrifice, work ethic and risk involved in achieving the level of an Olympian should be treated more kindly than that.

As you look at your child's report card, I would ask that you look for the areas where your child showed improvement and growth first. Ask them what they had to do to accomplish the improvement. I can pretty much guarantee you that they actually worked harder in those areas. If there are areas of concern, talk to them about how their effort compared to the effort in the more successful subject. They will probably tell you that they like the subject they do better in and that's why they work harder. In all probability, they are more comfortable with the subject and because of that, they give it more time and effort. Help them to understand that it is the effort they gave their better subject that helped them be more successful. Without that effort, it will be much harder to get comfortable.

One other thing I would ask all to consider is to refrain from saying that a child is "smart". Instead, compliment them on how hard they work. The world has plenty of smart people who never achieve anything, and lots of "average" people who are highly successful. The difference is the work and effort expended. Intellect is not something that a child can control. Work and effort is. If a child comes up against a task that they're struggling with and they believe their success is based solely on being "smart", they start to question their ability. If we focus on how hard they work, they can gauge themselves whether their work was enough or they needed to try harder.

Perfection is nothing that we require in a student. What we want to see is growth resulting from the effort they put in.

February 23, 2018

**Up Coming Events:**

Feb. 23: Reports Cards Go Home

Feb. 26 - Mar. 5: Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

Mar. 22 - Full Day of School

Mar. 23 - ½ day for Students - Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Whole School Assembly**  
**March 8, 2018**  
**If the World Were a Village of 100**  
**Miss Flynn's Class Leading**

**NOTES FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE:**

- Health Education classes, taught by Dr. Andrea Green from Vermont Children's Hospital, will begin after February break for all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Please look for letters home with students on Friday for further details. Please direct any questions you may have to the health office.
- Also, a big thank you for all the wonderful donations of clothes to the health office! They are very much appreciated!!

**FROM THE COMMUNITY:****CENTERPOINT & GRANDPARENT CONNECTIONS**

Centerpoint is offering a new Grandparent Caregiver group, which meets every Wednesday from 3:30 - 5:00. This group brings grandparents who are raising their adolescent grandchildren together, to increase their skills, learn about available supports and focus on self-care. More information can be found by calling Centerpoint at 488-7705.



## **PTO NEWS**

**PTO LEADERS:** Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley  
**PTO CONTACT:** [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org)

### **CALLING ALL MUSICIANS:**

The EES Musical needs your help! Any parent or guardian (or musician of at least high school age) that is available to be a part of our orchestra March 15th (12-3), 3/16 (6-9pm) and 3/17 (3-6). We are looking for volunteers to play acoustic bass, electric bass, percussion, horn, keyboard, various guitars, trombones, trumpets, clarinet, flutes, tuba... If you are available - please contact our Musical Director, Ashley O'Brien at [ashleyobrienmusic@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyobrienmusic@gmail.com)

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS - MARCH 18TH!**

American Flatbread has generously offered to host a "benefit bake" to support our drama production. A portion of all proceeds of diners AND take-out pizzas will go directly to our drama production. Please take the night off from cooking dinner for a great cause..... See you there!

### **LOST AND FOUND CLEAN OUT MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Are you wondering where that pair of boots you bought is? Are you pretty sure you had at least 2 sweatshirts for your child? Missing a lunch box? If you can answer yes to any of these questions then CHECKING THE LOST AND FOUND might be the answer. ON March 9th we will be cleaning out the LOST and FOUND. Stop by and have a look you never know what your child might be missing.

### **5TH GRADE PARENTS:**

PLEASE remember we need a kindergarten photo of your child to be emailed to: [courtneypasaro@gmail.com](mailto:courtneypasaro@gmail.com). A hard copy can also be handed into any room parent and we will scan it and return it to you. We are hoping to get this project done by the end of March, so please find a cute photo and get it in! Please direct questions to Kate Lekstutis at [katelekstutis@gmail.com](mailto:katelekstutis@gmail.com)

### **EES DRAMA BAKE SALE:**

Please donate your baked goods and sign up to sell the goodies all to benefit the EES Play, Mary Poppins! We will be holding our annual Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, March 6th. (The first day back after Winter Break). This year, the kids will be at school so hop on over the EMS Gym and take a shift at the table. All the proceeds from this event will go towards helping us reach our financial goal for our 2018 production of Mary Poppins We will start collecting all food/drink donations as of 8:00 AM. While we do charge a nominal fee for the play, most of our expenses are paid through the generosity of our community.

[Sign up Genius is here!](#)

## **EES MINI MILERS**

We are pleased to announce that Mini Milers will return to EES this Spring thanks to our willing Parent Volunteers!! EES Mini Milers will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 1:50pm-3pm. This ten week running program provides opportunities for kids to learn and practice fitness, good nutrition, teamwork and goal setting. Registration opens on Monday, February 26th is filled on a first come, first serve basis at [www.runvermont.org](http://www.runvermont.org). The cost is \$35 and scholarships are available. Contact [eliza@runvermont.org](mailto:eliza@runvermont.org) with any registration or program questions. If you would like to be one of our parent volunteers for the program, please contact Kirsten McNeil at [knstorch@yahoo.com](mailto:knstorch@yahoo.com).