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From the Principal's Desk

This week, we saw the activism of students across the nation concerning the importance of school safety to them in the Walk Out on Wednesday, March 14. Burlington students participated including about 23 EES students, who walked out for 17 minutes. Some people feel that children shouldn't have a say, or be listened to. Who has a greater right to be listened to? I'd like to point out that children are legally required to attend school. School should be made as safe as possible. You as parents and guardians also have a right to expect that your children are safe in school. Faculty and staff also have a right to be safe. We felt it important that the children lead the initiative on the 14th. If you are inclined to speak out about school safety, there is a march in Montpelier this Saturday from 12 to 2 in support of the March for our Lives initiated by the Parkland, Florida high school students.

We do all that we are able at EES to keep our school as safe as possible. As you know, we have a buzzer system and a sign in. We are tightening procedures even more and ask for everyone's understanding and cooperation. The first thing we ask is that everyone follow the procedure of signing in and getting a visitors pass. Everyone who comes to EES will be asked to let us know who you have come to see. We may ask the person you come to see come to escort you to the meeting or classroom that you've come to see. If you are unknown to our door monitor, they will check our student information system to insure that your name is on the list of approved individuals to pick up your child and you will be asked for an ID to verify that you are who you say you are.

School personnel are required to ask those who do not have a visitor's pass who they are in school to see and to go back to the office to sign in and get a visitor's tag. They are also required to alert the office if they have had to do this and give a description of the person to the office so that we can use our security cameras to verify that the person has followed the instructions they were given. All individuals in the building should be wearing an ID or a visitors tag.

There are those who try to skip the process to save time by entering quickly behind someone who was buzzed in after following the procedures (coasting). It can be difficult for the door monitor to manage people signing in while watching for those coasting. If you are aware of someone coasting in behind you, please help us by taking the initiative to say "Safety is important to all of us. Please go back and follow the procedure to sign in". If you are aware that an individual has ignored requests to sign in, and is in the building, please alert the office so that we can address the problem. I know that you may feel that it is somehow not your responsibility to speak to an individual who is coasting in but our school's safety needs to be everyone's concern. Simply assume they don't know the

March 16, 2018

Up Coming Events:

- Mar. 16 - EES Production of Mary Poppins - 7:00 PM
- Mar. 17 - EES Production of Mary Poppins - 4:00 PM
- Mar. 22 - Full Day of School
- Mar. 23 - ½ day for Students - DISMISSAL AT 11:30
- Mar. 23 - Celebration of Learning 12:15 - 2:30

Whole School Assembly
March 22, 2018
Miss Palmer's Class Leading

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procedure and inform them. I will seek out individuals who I've been alerted to and escort them back to follow the procedure. Finally, if someone enters the building and actively refuses to follow procedure, we will go into a lockdown.

I believe that all of the rights in the Constitution need to be in balance in their application; that one amendment in the Bill of Rights does not supersede all others. A 2nd Amendment right defined too expansively has resulted in denying the First Amendment guaranteeing freedom of speech for approximately 7,000 children since 2012's Sandy Hook shooting. I plan to attend the march on Saturday.

LET THE SHOW BEGIN!

After many weeks of hard work, it's finally here! Hope to see you tonight (3/16) at 7:00 PM or tomorrow (3/17) at 4:00 - EMS Gym



WINTER FUN!

We have had a lot of snow this year to play in, but this week's snow was ideal for building snow forts and snowmen. We have had a great time playing outside. The teamwork involved in making the snow creations was a lot of fun to watch. Some of the snowballs were so huge that four people were needed to push them.



PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley **PTO CONTACT:** pto@eespto.org

LOST AND FOUND CLEAN OUT MARCH 16TH

It's time to retrieve all lost, forgotten and misplaced belongings from the Lost and Found! All items left behind after Friday, March 16th will be donated.

MARY POPPINS DVD ORDERS

We're making a DVD recording of the Mary Poppins performance. Watch the EES production of Mary Poppins with your actor/actress and share with loved ones who weren't able to attend the performance! Cost: \$10 per DVD. Please let myself or EES school counselor Melissa Hathaway know if you would like a DVD without cost. Check or cash made out to EES PTO Drama. Please use included order form along with cash or check and give to Alicia Cunningham (will be at the bake sale table at the Friday and Saturday performances) or put in the PTO box in the EES front office. *Orders due on or before Saturday's performance.* We hope to have DVDs ready by week of March 26.

MARY POPPINS PERFORMANCE BAKE SALE

Our EES Drama depends on many revenue sources, including the Production Bake Sale for both the Friday and Saturday Productions. Please click below if you can drop off some seltzer, water bottles, brownies, cupcakes, etc. Also - we NEED help to staff the very popular bake sale....if you will be at the show - helping to work the bake sale at intermission is a fun, quick and easy way to help and make a big difference. [Mary Poppins Performance Bake Sales](#)

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!

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 The cost is \$35 and scholarships are available. Contact 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.

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

CENTER CITY LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION & INDOOR SESSIONS

It's baseball time! Registration for Center City Little League is now open. You can register on-line at www.centercitylittleleague.org or come to one of our registration or Indoor Sessions below.

ALL KIDS who plan to play baseball this Spring need to come to AT LEAST 1 Indoor Session.

Registration Session - (all ages)

Location: Integrated Arts Academy Café

Date: Saturday March 24 - 9:00 -11:00 AM

Indoor Sessions

Kid Pitch - Minors (ages 9-12)

Location: Edmunds Middle School Gym

Date 1: Saturday, March 31st 11-12:30 PM

Date 2: Saturday, April 7th 11-12:30 PM