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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk

This week, the principals, together with the Superintendent and District Directors talked about the National School Walkout Day that was inspired by the students from Parkland, Florida. The following statement is the result of those discussions:

"At Burlington School District, we support this national student movement towards safe and inclusive schools. Our students are engaged in critical thinking to empower student voice. As such, we are working with the principals in each of our schools to ensure that any and all activities undertaken in our District on the 14th will be done so in an age-appropriate manner, be student-led, and, above all, happen in a safe manner.

To this end, we have encouraged teachers, support staff, and principals to engage their students in critical thinking around the national demonstration: Why is this happening? What are the next steps? Should young people do more and, if so, what can they do? How do you interact with and respect peers who wish to refrain from protesting? What happens when protests don't happen as planned?

This day is not about staff or parents, and the expectation of the District is that parents and staff will be respectful of each students' decision whether or not to participate. Parents may engage directly with their schools to find out ways they can support student-led voice."

Student initiated action will be supported at Edmunds Elementary and will be voluntary. We have had interest in participating by some 5th grade students. We will provide an opportunity for our older students to discuss the initiative and participation. Those choosing to participate will be supported with supervision as will those who choose not to participate. Parents may join the students with the understanding that the students are taking the lead.

I am not surprised that EES students would express interest in participating in this event. Over the years, our students have taken initiative on many issues, even giving testimony at the State House on various issues about which they've learned and become passionate. I cannot think of a more pertinent issue for students than the safety of their schools.

The fact that students would want to participate in activism is an exercise in free speech, a First Amendment right. Understanding that right, and the responsibility inherent in that right is important to our students' understanding of their responsibility as citizens in a democracy. --Dr. Michelle B. Mathias

March 9, 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

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

As you may be aware, the day and a half allotted for spring parent conferences has been changed to a full student day on Thursday March 22 and a half day on Friday March 23rd. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 on March 23rd and we will have a Celebration of Learning that afternoon. Please feel free to drop in to your child's classroom and Art, Library/Technology, P.E, Music, sometime between 12:15 - 2:30.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALAIZA ROTH!

It might only be her first year as a snowboarder, but you'd never know it. Fourth grader, Alaiza Roth qualified to represent Vermont at the 29th Annual National Championships at Copper Mountain, Colorado. Alaiza is ranked 1st in Vermont for 8-9 year old girls in Slopestyle, Giant Slalom and Slalom, earning her the invitation to compete in the national championship. Way to go Alaiza! Best of luck to you. We'll all be rooting for you!



GIRLS ON THE RUN IS COMING TO EES!

Unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health, compassion, and community! As part of the Burlington Kids After School, this 10-week program culminates with the girls being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5k on June 2nd with girls from all over Northern Vermont. We'll meet Mondays and Fridays starting March 19th. Participants must register for Burlington Kids After School. Contact Leigh Madalinski at lmadalin@bsdvt.org for more information.

**FOR THE COMMUNITY:****BLACK HISTORY DOES NOT END IN FEBRUARY**

In recognition of this, and in the spirit of the District's commitment to representation, reflection, and dialogue, BSD proudly invites the community to "Beyond Black History Month," a free, district-wide event on March 9th. Featuring exhibitions and presentations from students from around the district reflecting on Black History Month and what they learned in school. The event will take place at Burlington High School at 6:00 PM. Attendees can expect an engaging and inclusive evening of conversation, education, and community building. Childcare and snacks will be provided. For more information visit www.bsdvt.org. To sign up for childcare, call [\(802\) 864-8474](tel:(802)864-8474).

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley **PTO CONTACT:** 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

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

It is 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

We are working on getting a video production of Mary Poppins made into DVDs. **If anyone has video recording equipment to lend please contact me ASAP as that will allow us to avoid the cost of renting equipment and minimize the cost of the DVDs.**

PERFORMANCE BAKE SALE

Thank you to all who brought in treats for the Election Day Bake Sale. All the money went to support EES Drama.

Please sign up to bring in treats for the Performance Bake Sales on Friday March 16 and Saturday March 17. We run the bake sales during intermission and after the Friday and Saturday performances. We use money from the bake sales every year to help pay for the performances. Everyone is encouraged to participate by bringing in at least one bake sale item to each performance. Please use the sign up genius link below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0444a4ad23a2f58-mary>