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FLASH


EDMUNDS
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk

I have been very excited about the plans to improve the Edmunds Campus that are slated to begin this June. I have been reviewing the plans and making suggestions through the year. The plans have included input from the various municipal departments including Public Works, Public Safety and Zoning.

As many know, EES and EMS share the campus and our needs sometimes conflict because of the current design. The new design solves a number of problems including equity, security, accessibility, confidentiality, traffic, environmental impact (watershed) and enhancing early dismissals.

Equity - EES students will finally have a dedicated gym. The combined gym/cafeteria results in EES 110 students having to have gym in a space with concrete support posts and a ceiling so low that I can almost touch it and I'm 5'2".

Security - The building has too many entrances and EMS does not have a dedicated person to monitor security - making the entire campus less safe. The new design has one central entrance that will have a dedicated monitor.

Accessibility - We will have full accessibility to both sides of the complex for the first time with an elevator that goes from the cafeteria and up to the second floor, meaning that wheelchair bound individuals can enter the main entrance of the school and go to whichever school they want to access. Right now, anyone needing to get to the middle school has to go through the EES entrance in a circuitous route.

Confidentiality is improved. There is a conference room that will be available for meetings with parents, which allows us to better preserve confidentiality as the parents don't need to be in the area of administrative offices to meet with personnel.

Traffic flow - The way this is designed results in better overall traffic flow, especially for the Special Ed bus. There's more visitor parking. People on Main Street will not be impacted as badly by Edmunds Campus traffic twice a day (it's not just about the Edmunds Community). It gets kids away from the street. It will definitely help with supervision for students accessing CCTA buses at pick up and drop off.

Easier for early dismissal or late arrivals for parents. The central entrance will have a joint nurses office - for both schools with the health clinic centrally located. Students needing to be picked up from the nurse's office will be readily available instead of having to go to the office or the 2nd floor of either school where there are frequently students in the office for behavior reasons.

April 20, 2018

Up Coming Events:

April 22 - Earth Day

April 23-27 - Spring Break: No School for Students

May 7-11 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 18 - Mayfair!

Whole School Assembly
May 3, 2018
Red Clover Winners!
Ms. Bonanni's Class Leading

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South Entrance - Dumpsters and delivery trucks being more appropriately located. Those dumpsters that are near where EES students play will be gone and they will be relocated.

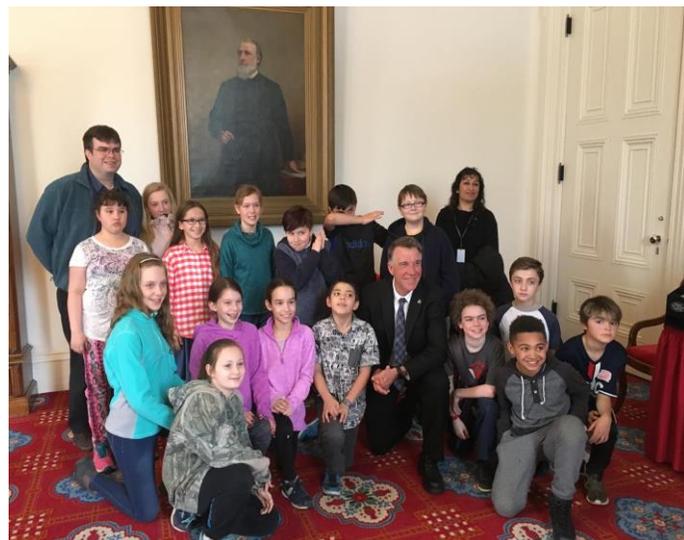
Watershed/environmental improvement: Our current "green space" is constantly compromised by excessive student traffic because there are no sidewalks to the bus pick up areas. This results in the land not doing its job in terms of reducing storm water runoff. The new design allows foot traffic to remain on the sidewalks as students access their rides - whether buses or cars, better protecting the green space and its environmental function with the added bonus of looking far better. Our field is large enough to accommodate both schools' athletic needs during and after school, restricting the amount of compacted grounds to one area that will perpetually be compacted.

The improvements that are planned are really beautiful and include outdoor seating for lunch with green space. Quite an upgrade to a 100+ year old campus that is the first Burlington School seen by visitors to city.

Renderings of the proposed campus design can be found on page 3 of the Flash!

FIFTH GRADERS TRAVEL TO THE STATEHOUSE!

On Tuesday April 17, our fifth grade classes traveled to Montpelier to see our state government in action. The students toured the statehouse while it was in session, and Mr. Styles class was lucky enough to meet Governor Scott! The students had a chance to talk with the Governor about his job, where he lives, whether he likes his job and whether he plans to run for governor again. All the classes were able to participate in a mock trial at the Supreme Court. Several legislators, including Ione Burns' mom Selene Coburn who is a representative in the House, had lunch at the Vermont History Museum with Mrs. Bonanni's class. Mr. Gillard's class was invited to eat lunch in the Lt. Governor's office and learn about his role from his chief of staff Meg Polyte and special guest House Minority Leader Don Turner. They were also invited to visit the house while the legislators were on the floor and were recognized by the house members who stood and clapped for them. It was quite a day! The fifth graders would like to send a very heartfelt, huge **THANK YOU** to our **angel donors — fifth grade families** that funded the trip for us! Without them this trip would not have been possible. We are so lucky to have such a caring and supportive community!

**SAVE THE DATE: CITY WIDE COMMUNITY DINNER AND DANCE!**

The music departments of the Burlington Elementary Schools in collaboration with Young Tradition Vermont and the Burlington School Food Project are pleased to invite Burlington's third-fifth grade students and their families to Burlington High School for a community dinner and contra dance at 5:30 pm on **Thursday, May 3, 2018**. Students from around the city have been preparing fiddle tunes to accompany the dances with the help of the amazing teachers from Young Tradition Vermont. Students in third, fourth and fifth grades have been learning the dances in their music classes and are ready to pass on that learning to their families. The Burlington School Food Project which provides nutritious and delicious food to Burlington students everyday will be providing the meal for this event!

Burlington Elementary Schools 3rd-5th Grade **DINNER AND DANCE**

Thursday May 3 | 5:30-7pm | Burlington High School



Burlington 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have been learning **contra dances** in their music classes and are ready to pass on that learning to their families! The dance will be called by Burlington Elementary School music teachers.



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Free meal from 5:30-6:15 provided by The Burlington School Food Project, which provides nutritious and delicious food to Burlington students everyday

We invite 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and their families to
JOIN US!

PTO NEWS

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SAVE THE DATE! MAYFAIR, MAY 18TH (4-7PM)

Mayfair is fun for the whole family! Games, prizes, food with your EES community. Activities include a bouncy castle, musical cakes & more. Tickets available at the fair!

