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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Up Coming Events:**

May 18 - Mayfair! 4:00 - 7:00 PM

May 28 - No School - Memorial Day Observance

**From the Principal's Desk**

I have been a strong believer in the framework of PBiS which I see as a framework that provides an equitable environment for students. It does this by gaining agreements from all the adults as to a universal set of expectations, common language in stating the expectations and direct instruction to insure that all students understand the expectations.

The goal of PBiS is to insure that students are able to access their education by reducing behaviors that result in disrupting classes for all students and by reducing the number of minutes that students spend outside the classroom being sent to the office. The question is, has PBiS achieved the goal of reducing the minutes of disruption and of time out of class so that children are able to access their learning? The answer is yes. We have tracked student discipline data since instituting the framework and the data is very telling.

To put this into context in terms of learning, for every referral, the research shows that a student misses 20 minutes of instruction. I arrived at EES for the 2011-12 school year and in the seven years I've been here, we've achieved a 45% decline in office discipline referrals from 911 to 502. This equates to not just hours, but days of lost instruction.

I think it is very important to note that the decline in office discipline referrals occurred as EES has experienced a dramatic shift in demographics. We have a far more diverse population than in the past. The result is a far richer community because of the diversity, but the diversity meant that we had to be very specific and consistent in our teaching of expectations to insure that everyone is able to access their education.

It is also important to understand the make-up of the referrals. This year, 31 students generated 78% of the referrals. The referrals tend to occur at the beginning of the year as we work to both fine-tune their understanding of our expectations and our understanding of their needs. For some, re-occurrence of trauma or other issues result in a flare up of behaviors, and that is where our team works to determine how to best help the student be successful. There is so much in the numbers that cannot be seen; so many success stories that we know about but cannot share. We can however, look at those students who used to struggle, and see them joining the ranks of learners, proud in their own accomplishments. I am very grateful to my highly committed faculty and staff for their work to help each student grow and achieve.

**Whole School Assembly****May 17, 2018****Mayfair****Ms. Flynn's Class Leading****PTO NEWS**

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

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME TO THE JOINT EES/EMS MEETING**

- It was a very informative. Tyler Doggett took detailed minutes that we will share next week.

**MAYFAIR AUCTION IS LIVE!!!!!!**

Here is your chance to bid on great items like a night's stay at Hotel VT, a professional photography session, tickets to the Flynn, beautiful handmade bags and jewelry and so much more! Your bids and support are so appreciated! The auction is live until 9:00 pm Thursday, May 17. Remember - the silent auction is only online. There will be no chance to bid at the Mayfair event but you can pick up your winnings then. So sign up to bid soon, and bid generously! All the proceeds go to Edmunds Elementary PTO. See the auction and register at

<https://www.32auctions.com/EESMayfair2018>

And spread the word about the auction with friends, family and co-workers. Anyone can bid.

**MUSICAL CAKE BAKERS NEEDED**

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!!** Cake pans for Mayfair Musical Cakes will be available outside the office starting Monday, May 14th!

**MAYFAIR - FRIDAY MAY 18TH (4PM-7PM)**

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! Please help us at this amazing event by volunteering

at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4aaca723a6fc1-mayfair> any questions please contact Nicole [nicoledehne@gmail.com](mailto:nicoledehne@gmail.com)

**VERMONT COFFEE COMPANY ORDERS****DUE TUESDAY May 15th**

EES makes \$6/bag! Orders will be collected the third Tuesday of every month. This month orders will be delivered Friday, May 18th. Order forms at Front Office and EES PTO website.

<http://eespto.org/fundraisers/Vermont-coffee-fundraiser/> Checks payable to EES PTO, OR Pay via PayPal; Please note in PayPal "Purpose Box" number of bags and coffee choice. Contact Pam Moreau (802.999.4590 or [pmoreaulawvt@gmail.com](mailto:pmoreaulawvt@gmail.com))

**FROM THE COMMUNITY****EMS SPRING MUSICAL**

Come join the students of Edmunds Middle School, under the direction of Very Merry Theatre, for their performance of Seussical - a musical perfect for the whole family! Seussical takes us into the world of Dr. Seuss, where we revisit beloved characters including The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie, and JoJo. Each night there will be tasty treats at our concessions stand, as well as raffles for local entertainment and a one-night stay at Hotel Vermont. Admission by donation.

Performances are Friday & Saturday, May 11 & 12 at 7 pm.

**WANTED:**

**Clear plastic bottles!**  
**Lots and lots!**

A BIG collaborative sculpture is coming to EES, made out of plastic bottles we might otherwise discard. Clear plastic soda bottles, water bottles, seltzer bottles- they are all needed! No caps necessary.

**Please bring clear plastic bottles to school collection points in the lobby, staff room, and Art Room.** All students K-5 will participate in creating this work of art. The goal is to begin the project when at least 350 bottles have been collected.

