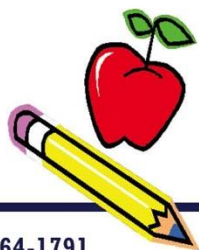


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From the Principal's Desk

This is our final Friday Flash for this school year and I want to take time to thank all who have worked to make this a year of growth and achievement of our students. The faculty and staff have worked diligently with a strong commitment to all of our students. I have often thought that people would be impressed if they could hear the earnest conversations that take place by the large groups involved with your children as we determine classroom placements for the next year. Those conversations show the depth of knowledge and understanding our faculty have gained about each and every student - their strengths, their weaknesses, their friends, those peers with whom they are productive, and those with whom they are not. There is a great deal of care given in passing a student along to another classroom.

I am grateful to parents for their support and for entrusting your children to us. Your support of our school comes in so many different ways - from Thankful Thursday - that lovely monthly gift of a wonderful lunch for the staff, to raising funds so that all children are able to have experiences that would otherwise not have been possible, from participating in a play, and science lessons, to field trips and performances at the Flynn. The efforts to include the entire community through many events over the course of the year are an essential element of what makes Edmunds Elementary School a special place - from the Kindergarten play dates, the BBQ, Skate Night, Math Night and of course, May Fair!

I am also grateful to the Burlington Community at large for supporting our schools financially. I know that most view taxes as a burden, but when it comes to providing for the education of a child, it is an investment in the future of our community, state and country for the 13 years of public education ultimately result in an adult who is a citizen for 60 to 70 years beyond their school years. They will be members of our society, taxpayers themselves and hopefully endeavor to continue to make our world better.

Janet Halpin has been at EES for 20 years, and the district for 30. She's been our Literacy Interventionist for the past three years and prior to that our Literacy Specialist. She has given the gift of reading to so many children over the years, unlocking the mysteries of print on a page to open up the world to those children for whom reading posed a challenge

June 8, 2018

Up Coming Events:

June 13 - 5th Grade Tribute 6:00 PMJune 14 - Last Day of School $\frac{1}{2}$ Day for Students
11:30 Dismissal(CONT)

Janet has been a passionate champion in protecting and promoting and improving literacy at EES. Janet is retiring this year and we already know we are facing a big loss.

Kaitlyn Hale has been our Math Interventionist for the past three years, and has been at EES for 8 years. Kait's knowledge and skills and her thirst for more has resulted in her opening up the world of math for our children as she has assisted our teachers in improving their practices. She has made significant contributions to the climate and the social and emotional skill development of our students over the years. After 14 years in Burlington, we wish her all the best in South Burlington where she will be a Special Educator. Our loss is definitely their gain. Kait will be sorely missed.

Lauren Royer has been our School Psychologist for the past three years and actually did her internship here prior to completing her degree. The shorter duration of her tenure here is no reflection of our respect and gratitude for all the work she's accomplished on behalf of our students and the assistance she's given our faculty in knowing how to best meet our children's needs. Lauren and her husband have decided to move back closer to family in Pennsylvania in anticipation of a new addition to their family and we wish her all the best.

Ashleigh Shepard has been a para educator at EES for close to a decade, and she has been working on her own Special Educator License. We have relied heavily on the skills that Ashleigh has developed over the years. She has been invaluable to our Special Education Case Managers as they work to support students. Her work with our team over the years has provided a wealth of experience that will benefit Ashleigh as she leaves us to become a full-fledged Special Educator for the Sheldon School District. Congratulations Ashleigh! Well done.

Lauren Calkins, our school nurse may have only been with us this year, but we have really valued having her as our school nurse three days a week. Hopefully she'll come back when both of her children are in school, but for now, she wants to take a bit of time before her youngest goes off to school full time. I certainly can appreciate that sentiment.

We will also be saying goodbye to several para educators. Scott Davis has been with us for several years, providing our students with consistent, calm, thoughtful care and assistance. Karen Ruben, Rachel Haar, and Tania Campanelli all joined us this year and we've valued their service to our students and community.

We hope that you will join us in wishing all of our departing staff and faculty well in their future endeavors. We want all to know that once you are an Edmunds Elementary family member, you are always and EES family member!

FIFTH GRADE END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATIONS!

Fifth graders will have a special field trip to North Beach on Tuesday June 12th and parents/guardians we need your help! We need chaperones to walk to and from the school to North Beach, help serve lunch, lend games, and supplement the pizza lunch with other goodies. Please see the sign up genius here for ways you can help! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4caaaf28a57-ees5th> Students will be at the beach from 10-1. Students will have a chance to swim if the weather is nice and a lifeguard will be there so please have your fifth grader pack a bathing suit and towel if he/she would like to swim. Don't forget walking shoes as well. On June 13th, please join us for the fifth grade tribute starting at 6pmsharp. This year the ceremony will be held in the EMS gym. Teachers work hard to make this ceremony special for our fifth graders moving on to middle school and all family members are invited to attend. Please join us immediately after the ceremony in the EES cafeteria for a reception for the students. If you can contribute a food item for the reception, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4caaaf28a57-edmunds> In order to allow 5th grade families to enjoy the tribute, it is an EES tradition for 4th grade families to volunteer to staff this event. It's also a good way to get a preview of next year! If you can help with staffing, please contact Erica Donnis at erica.donnis@gmail.com.

PTO NEWS

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

FOURTH GRADE PARENT HELP NEEDED TO PAY IT FORWARD

Every Year Fourth grade parents Pay it forward at the 5th grade celebration of learning (Wednesday June 13th 6pm) That way the 5th grade parents can sit back and enjoy the celebration. And **NEXT** year so can you. **Please contact Erica at erica.donnis@gmail.com** to let her know you are willing to help.

THANK YOU FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS!!

Thank **YOU** for stepping up and helping TYLER SESSIONS put on a fantastic end of year celebration of all the great stuff that happens in P.E. each year. Without Parents like you we couldn't run these wonderful events.

WELCOME NEW PTO LEADERS!!

Rachel Shelley and Leigh Fisher are stepping down after two years helping to lead EES PTO. It has been their sincerest pleasure to help steer the PTO Ship!! **NEXT YEAR PTO** will be led by Jenny Sullivan, Pam Moreau and Stacey Kelleher! Three fantastic women! Welcome aboard!

CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND!!

You never know what you might find!