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EDMUNDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

From the Principal's Desk

November 9, 2018

Up Coming Events:

Nov. 9 – EES Variety Show! 6:30 PM
Nov. 14 – PTO Meeting
Nov. 16 – Report Cards Go Home
Nov. 19 & 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 21, 22, 23 – Thanksgiving Recess - **NO SCHOOL**

I hope that many will be able to join us tonight during the EES Variety Show. Three Fifth Grade girls worked hard to make this happen, enlisting the help of Betsy Nolan. The students have all worked hard to prepare their acts, and it is sure to be an exciting night for all of us. We got a small preview at yesterday's Whole School Assembly and it's going to be a great show. Please plan to come and celebrate the hard work of our students.

While some of the motivation for having a Variety Show was a desire to have a venue to perform, I want to congratulate Victoria Tornwini, Esther Lokossou, and Christina Adolphe for the hard work in organizing and making it happen for so many members of our community. Ms. Nolan's willingness to supervise their efforts came at a cost - they had to do all the work! So, from making posters, getting the word out, scheduling the sessions with those who wanted to perform, it was on the students to make it happen. Even at yesterday's Whole School Assembly, it was the task of the students to review the expectations for the audience at the Variety Show.

While lots of students may have thought a Variety Show was a good idea over the years, few have been willing to do the work involved and carry it all the way through. The other students who are performing are doing so because of the commitment, and selflessness of their classmates (and we can't forget the generosity of Ms. Nolan giving her time as well).

The importance of doing something for others, of providing a service to one's community is something that we hope all our students have opportunities to do. When we teach about community, we start with the smallest community that our children live in, which is their family. Encouraging and teaching contribution to the family, whether it's taking care of belongings, setting a table, taking out the trash or helping to clean up after a meal - all times when a child learns that they are capable of more. We also want to instill the idea that we all need to contribute our own efforts any way we can, in order to make our community better.

Enjoy tonight's EES Variety Show!

Whole School Assembly
November 29, 2018
Gratitude
Ms. Flaherty/Goldsmith Class Leading

Parent-Teacher Conferences

DON'T FORGET TO SCHEDULE YOUR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE!

Conferences can be scheduled from November 12th through November 19th. The web link for EES Parent Teacher Conference scheduling is https://ptcfast.com/schools/Edmunds_Elementary_School and is also available on the EES home page. Frequently asked questions can be found here: http://tinyurl.com/eesptcsupport   If you need assistance, please call the office at 864-8473.

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Jenny Sullivan, Pam Moreau & Stacey Kelleher

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

COFFEE ORDERS DUE!

Orders for Vermont Coffee are due by Tuesday, November 13. Please contact Pam Moreau with questions. pmoreaulawvt@gmail.com

EES SCHOOL PLAY!

*We are excited to announce that the Edmunds Elementary School Play this year will be Mulan! There will be lots of fantastic parts and we hope to see many 3rd-5th graders participate, as well as 1st & 2nd graders sign up for the play chorus! Rehearsals will start in January and the play will be on March 15th & 16th. To help with the cost of the play, we are doing a fundraiser with **Danforth Pewter's beautiful ornaments and zipper pulls, all made by hand in Middlebury**! Order forms were sent home on Monday of this week. Please return the forms to the front office or to your child's teacher by November 12th. Checks should be made to EES PTO Drama. You will receive your products by the end of November. **Thank you for supporting this 20-year-old tradition at Edmunds Elementary school!***