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From the Principal's Desk

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Up Coming Events:

Dec. 20 - EES Chorus at COTS Vigil 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Dec. 24 thru Jan. 2 - Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

You have probably heard the term Restorative Practice spoken and possibly your children are talking about the circles they have in their classroom. Yesterday, the Burlington School District In-Service training was organized in such a way to provide training to over 500 employees, in different locations, and based upon the training they had received to date. It was a pretty complicated endeavor, involving three campuses and a large cadre of trainers dispersed throughout the district.

I am very excited about the inclusion of Restorative Practices in our school as a means to continue to improve our school climate. Restorative Practices is focused on building the community through building relationships by actually learning more about each other. We have done so much work over the years, including new, research based practices and actively teaching students the social and emotional skills needed to be successful. Research has evidence that building better relationships within schools results in better outcomes, both behavioral and academic. The Restorative Practice circles provide an opportunity for each individual to speak or not speak as they choose. There are so many people who may not speak up readily, or raise their hands in order to share their thoughts. The Restorative Practice circle gives an opportunity to each individual to speak if they so choose. Perhaps as important, is the need for each individual to listen when others are speaking. When we consider our current climate, especially what children are seeing on the news in terms of politicians, it is readily apparent that teaching them how to listen is very important.

Starting in January, I will be scheduling some Restorative Practice Circles and posting the times in the Friday Flash and on our website for parents to attend. I have noticed that there are a number of parents who arrive early to pick up their children and wait outside. This would be a perfect time for you to be able to experience what your children experience and to learn more about Restorative Practice Circles. We will finish in time for dismissal so it won't delay you and will provide an opportunity to also get to know more about the other parents who share this community with you. I will also be working with Burlington Kids to run some Restorative Practice Circles for parents that they can

Whole School Assembly

December 20, 2018

Winter Sing

EES Chorus

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participate in before picking up their children.

The number of people who chose to participate can vary, so it will not be necessary to sign up. Simply keep your eye on the Friday Flash for the dates and come!

CHORUS NEWS:

The EES chorus will be performing on the steps of city hall for the COTS Candlelight vigil on Thursday, December 20th. Each year the Committee on Temporary Shelter holds this vigil to recognize the people in our community who struggle with housing insecurity. We are so grateful to be able to support this essential program with music! Students will meet at city hall at 5:10 PM in the downstairs of city hall (the acoustics are amazing!); the vigil begins at 5:30 and lasts about half an hour. The event is outside so, come prepared for the weather (rain location is right inside at Contois Auditorium). Cookies and cider follow the event in the front lobby of Contois auditorium. All are invited! Please reach out if your child needs transportation support! enolan@bsdvt.org

COMMUNITY EVENT FOR HUMAN RIGHT'S DAY:

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will be hosting a Human Right's Day Event for children aged 7-13 at the Fletcher room at the Fletcher Free Library on Saturday, December 15th from 10Am-12 PM. The presentation will include a story, a video, some singing, a discussion and the opportunity to create a human rights paper quilt square. Parents are welcome to join in the fun too!

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Jenny Sullivan, Pam Moreau & Stacey Kelleher

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

MULAN (SCHOOL MUSICAL) SIGN UPS:

Permission notes along with payment are due by Friday, December 21. Remember no child will be turned away if he or she cannot contribute. Scholarships are available. Please contact Genevieve Henry with any questions geniehenry@gmail.com

HONEY FUNDRAISER:

EES Parent Brennan Martin has generously offered to donate (100) One hundred (.5lb) bottles of honey from his **Settlement Farm Apiary** to help raise funds for EES PTO. These jars would make great holiday treats, teacher gifts, housewarming presents and holiday party gifts. We are selling them for \$6.00 each - please contact leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com to put in your order for this amazingly sweet donation of honey to benefit EES PTO efforts! Please indicate quantity and if you are planning on using as a teacher gift - let us know the teacher name so we can keep track! Also - feel free to use the EES PTO Fundraising PayPal on line at [EES](#)

[PTO](https://eespto.org/fundraisers/no-frills-fundraiser/) or <https://eespto.org/fundraisers/no-frills-fundraiser/>. **Orders Due: Friday, December 7th** and the delivery will be on Friday December 14th.

Student Name: _____
 Classroom: _____

Yes! I would like to purchase _____ # bottles of Honey
 for \$6.00 each ----- Total \$ _____

Yes! I am going to use as a Teacher gift!
 Teacher name: _____

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EES NO FRILLS FUNDRAISER:

The EES PTO is launching our annual appeal, with a goal this year of raising \$3000. Please take a few moments to make a donation so that all of our students can continue to benefit from the rich classroom activities, educational field trips, and fun community events that are sponsored by the PTO. 100% of your donation will go towards programs for our students. Remember that your donation is fully tax-deductible. What's more, many local businesses will match your contribution, so be sure to ask your employer about this opportunity to raise even more funds for our school. Donations can be made online at EES PTO or <https://eespto.org/fundraisers/nofrills-fundraiser/> or be sent to EES PTO to the front office at EES.

