



EDMUNDS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Up Coming Events:

November 5 - Daylight Savings Time Ends: Turn Clocks Back!
November 6 -10th: Scholastic Book Fair, EMS Library
November 6-10: Students Perform Week
November 17: Report Cards Sent Home
November 22, 23, 24: Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL
November 30: Multi-Cultural Night

Whole School Assembly
November 9, 2017
Veteran's Day
Ms. Johnson's Class Leading

SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISIONS

The following changes to the 2017-18 District Calendar have been made to account for student days lost during the work stoppage in September. These school days are being made up in March rather than June to allow for greater instructional value and to prevent extending the school year.

--School will be in session on **Tuesday, March 6** (Town Meeting Day), ending spring break one day earlier for students. Teacher in-service will no longer take place that day.

--**Thursday, March 22** will now be a full day of school. It was originally scheduled for a half-day followed by parent/teacher conferences.

--**Friday, March 23** will now be a half-day of school for students followed by parent/teacher conferences. It was originally scheduled as a "no school" day in the District and a full day of conferences.

There will be added time made available for spring parent/teacher conferences to accommodate this modified District calendar. This will happen on a school by school basis.

The tentative last day of school remains Wednesday, June 13th as originally planned, subject to change if there are snow days this winter. Any snow days that occur will be made up in June.

HEALTH OFFICE NEEDS:

Our Health Office is in need of extra clothing to your children may have outgrown. We would appreciate any smaller size clothing for our younger kiddos, sizes 5 to 7, especially underwear and long pants. We appreciate any help you can give us!

From the Principal's Desk

I often wonder if we could get Congress to consider aligning the time change we will be making this weekend with Halloween. Daylight savings time and Halloween both create disruption for children in terms of sleep and that impacts their level of energy (or their exhaustion) in school. Why not combine the two! Wouldn't it be great to have an extra hour of sleep after trick or treating? (Of course, that would require that leaders actually consider the state of the nation through the needs of children.)

In my idealistic world, if I were President, I would have a Secretary of Children as part of the Cabinet and at Department of Children, whose purpose would be to look at proposed actions of the legislators and the executive branch in terms of impact on children. For example, when things like minimum wage or housing are considered, what would be the impact on children in terms of access to their parents if there was a liveable wage and affordable housing? How much better would all children be if we recognized that our future workforce was dependent on developing socially and emotionally healthy humans and that is an investment of 18 years which requires that parents are able to be more involved - and that parental involvement by industry was supported and encouraged as a long term investment in our society. If I were President, this is where I'd be directing my energies.

I think the traditional greeting of the Masai and the philosophy behind it could change our culture for the better. That greeting is, "And how are the children?" The significance is that the emphasis of the culture is to insure that the proper caring for the children is the responsibility of all, and the young warriors with no children of their own adopt that responsibility as an important aspect of their role.

I realize I started with a simple thought of thinking about how Daylight Savings Time could be changed, from impacting children to benefiting children, while still benefitting adults; wouldn't it be better if we came from a place of caring and asking "and how are the children"?

STUDENT HANDBOOK UPDATE:

Be sure to check out the updated student handbook, where you'll find healthy snack ideas for the classroom, like nuts and seeds or edible art! There's also ideas for non-food rewards and getting kids involved in the food choices. The handbook can be found by clicking [here](#)!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

The annual Edmunds Elementary School Book Fair will be held this year from **November 6 - 10 in the Edmunds Middle School Library**. Scholastic will once again be providing the books for our sale. We will have a wide variety from which to choose in fiction and nonfiction titles for children in both paperback and hardcover.

Book Fair hours are:

Monday, Nov. 6th - 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
 Tuesday, Nov. 7th - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm & 5:00 - 6:00 pm
 Wednesday, Nov. 8th - 8:00 am - 2:30 pm
 Thursday, Nov. 9th - 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
 Friday, Nov. 10th - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Special Family Night, Tuesday Nov. 7th 5:00 to 6:00 pm

During the school day students will have an opportunity to preview and purchase books from the fair. Many children make a list of books that interest them, along with their prices, so you can plan their purchases. As I meet with each class during the book fair week, I let them know that I also purchase books from the fair for our library and that they will certainly be able to borrow these books to read at home. **If you send in cash or a check, please remember to include TAX of 7% in your total. If you send a check in with your child, please make the check out to Edmunds Library.** A percentage of sales is returned to our library for use toward author visits, book purchases and other school-wide library events throughout the year. Thank you for your support of our library! ~ Kathy Neil, Librarian

MUSIC NEWS:

Next week, November 6th-10th is our first **Students Perform Week** of this school year! **Students Perform Week** is a chance for any student to share music learning that happens outside the music class.

Successful performances have these qualities:

1. **PREPARED:** They have been practiced ahead of time and show effort.
2. **TIMELY:** 1-3 minutes is usually perfect.
3. **APPROPRIATE:** Song must use school appropriate lyrics and themes.

This is also a chance for students to demonstrate their skills as audience members.

Successful audience members have these qualities:

1. **QUIET:** Listening to the performance with voices quiet.
2. **POLITE:** eyes watching, ears listening, bodies still.
3. **THANKFUL:** clap at the end, share kind words.

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley

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EDMUNDS ANNUAL WINTER GEAR SWAP GOING ON NOW!!!

Tuesday, October 24 through Monday, November 6th. Please drop off any items (NO HATS) for the swap in the Main Lobby of the school. There will be space to hang your items. You don't need to give to get! Please take what you need. Any questions, contact Courtney Asaro at [802-233-1734](tel:802-233-1734)

PTO MEETING NOVEMBER 9TH

Outside the cafeteria immediately following the whole school assembly.

SAVE THE DATE MULTICULTURAL NIGHT 11/30

More information to come!

AMAZON SMILE

Remember if you shop at using our Amazon Smile contact EES PTO raises money.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/03-0368400>

FOUR WINDS REST STOP FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thanks for all the generous food donations from families and thanks to the parent volunteers who manned our tables at the annual rest stop fundraiser held on Saturday, Oct 28. A big thank you to City Market, Great Harvest, and August First for their generous donations of yummy treats! Our fundraiser yielded about \$770! This goes a long way toward supporting the cost of Four Winds. We are still hoping to raise \$600 to help cover the cost of the program for this year. We have received some "no frills" donations in prior years. Please contact Carolyn Hanson at carolynhanson21@gmail.com if you know of any local businesses or individuals who might wish to make a tax-deductible donation to support Four Winds at EES. MANY thanks to Gail Rose for organizing the rest stop fundraiser again this year!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SUPERINTENDENT CHATS IN NOV.

Superintendent Obeng will be holding community chats over the next 2 months throughout the city to connect.

November 9th: 8 - 9 AM - The Bagel Cafe & Deli - [1127 North Ave.](#)

November 16th: 8- 9 AM - SEABA (next to Speeder & Earl's)
[404 Pine St.](#)

December 7th: 8 - 9 AM - Nunyun's Bakery & Café - [139 N Champlain St.](#)