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Up Coming Events:

October 23: Picture Retake Day!

October 24 - Nov. 6: PTO Winter Gear Swap

October 31 - Annual Halloween Parade 1:30 - 2:30

November 5 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 6 -10th: Scholastic Book Fair, EMS Library**From the Principal's Desk**

"Are we there yet?" We've all heard it and it can be a little annoying, especially the 10th time. If you think about it, that question is actually a positive. It shows a level of hope and eagerness for the destination or event. When it comes to academics, perhaps the most powerful word that our children can incorporate into their vocabulary is "Yet". Children delight in knowing things, but there are times when not knowing or not getting something becomes a source of discouragement or embarrassment. We know that all children learn. What they learn, how much, and when they learn can vary significantly, but that doesn't change the fact that they all can learn. A Growth Mindset assumes that all will learn, and it is simply a matter of time. Learning is not dependent upon a deadline but rather a readiness to assimilate the information and make sense of it, (regardless of what state and federal requirements may exit).

The word "yet" applied to learning is a statement of belief in the eventual ability to gain knowledge. How much more hope is there in the response "I don't know yet" versus "I don't know"? The simple word "Yet" reinforces the idea that they are still working on learning. They will acquire the understanding. When they say, "I don't know" it can be more defeating in that there is no suggestion that they will, in time, know.

If your child is learning something new, whether it's how to tie their shoes, encouraging them to use the word "yet" when describing where they are in their learning, helps to reinforce the idea that they will learn the skill or the information, and that they are still working on it. If they say "I don't know", why not finish their sentence with the word "yet". You don't know how to tie your shoes yet...you don't know how to read yet... you don't know what that word means yet, but you will. Using a simple word can help reinforce their understanding that you believe in their ability to grasp the material or learn a skill and trust that the moment will come when they master the information. When they begin to say, "I don't know yet" we will know that they understand that learning something is simply a matter of time and effort and that they will "get it".

Whole School Assembly
October 26, 2017
Halloween Expectations
Ms. Palmer's Class Leading

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!

Our annual book fair is once again being held in the Edmunds Middle School Library the week of November 6-10. To make sure our fair is a success we need **YOUR** help!! We are looking for volunteers to assist us with stocking the bookcases, keeping the displays neat and in order, running the cash register, and helping students with their purchases. We need volunteers for the following days and times:

- Tuesday, November 7th: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
- Thursday, November 9th: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
- Friday, November 10: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

If you have some time to volunteer (we are asking for an hour or more if possible) please contact EES Librarian Kathy Neil: kneil@bsdvt.org Thank you in advance for your help. More information about the fair itself will be coming home with your children soon. Please be on the lookout for it!

BIKE SAFETY TIPS FROM EES HEALTH OFFICE:

At EES, we love to see our students staying active and walking and rolling to school in the morning! Safety is our top priority, and with it being dark in the early morning, it is very important that we make sure cars are able to see our student's while on the road. We recommend they wear fluorescent or bright-colored clothes and something that helps to reflect lights, such as reflective tape! To help ensure our kid's safety, we will be providing reflective tape here in the health office! Please have your student stop in to see the school nurse and we will assist in making their backpack and/or helmet reflective with our tape. Also an important reminder that helmets should be worn at all times when our students are riding into school!

Picture Retake Day
Monday, October 23!

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Shared with all our district schools from our Multi Lingual Liaison Coordinator, Nijaza Semic: The happy festival of Diwali (Tihar) is here again. It is the second biggest festival celebrated by Bhutanese Nepalese after Dashain. Diwali, or Deepavali, is the Hindu festival that celebrates the victory of good over evil, knowledge over ignorance. It is celebrated in honour of Lord Ram's return to Ayodhya after an exile of fourteen years. The festival is also linked to Goddess Lakshmi - the Goddess of wealth and prosperity. Also known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is traditionally celebrated by lighting diyas and candles, praying to Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Ganesh and meeting friends and family to exchange Diwali greetings and gifts. It is considered to be of great importance as it shows reverence to not just the humans and the gods, but also to the animals like crows, cows, and dogs that maintain an intimate relationship with humans. This year, Diwali will be celebrated from October 17 to 21.

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

EDMUNDS ANNUAL WINTER GEAR SWAP

Tuesday, October 24 through Monday, November 6th. Please drop of 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 [802-233-1734](tel:802-233-1734)

TEACHER APPRECIATION POLL

Parents & Guardians!! - let us know your opinion about Teacher Appreciation here at EES. Feel free to use a pseudonym for privacy. The [link](https://beta.doodle.com/poll/4sggyber9seh78z6) is here: <https://beta.doodle.com/poll/4sggyber9seh78z6>. Additional ideas and offers to volunteer - please contact pto@eespto.org

SAVE THE DATE PTO MEETING NOVEMBER 9TH

Outside the cafeteria immediately following the Whole school assembly

BHS RE-ENVISIONING

The BHS Re-Envisioning Committee will be holding a series of community forums later this month. The committee is working to build community support around a renovation / addition of the high school or construction of a new building. At these forums you will be able to learn about the design concepts under consideration and share your voice in this important discussion.

(BHS Re-Envisioning Continued)

The committee wants to hear from you to address these questions:

- Should we build new or renovate with a partial demolition?
- Do the current design directives capture all the needs?

The times and dates are as follows:

- *Tuesday, October 24, Champlain Elementary Cafeteria, 6-8 PM*
- *Wednesday, October 25, Integrated Arts Academy Cafeteria, 6-8 PM*
- *Monday, October 30, Hunt Middle School Library, 6-8 PM*

If you need childcare, please contact the Superintendent's Office at superintendent@bsdvt.org.

If you cannot attend a community forum, please consult [the district webpage](#) for additional information.

Here's a link to the flyer: <http://bhs.bsdvt.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2017/10/Community-Input-Meetings-Final-Flyer-1.pdf>

FOUR WINDS FUNDRAISER

Thanks to those who have signed up to staff a table at the October 28th bake sale! There are still two vacant spots: 12-2PM and 2-4PM. Here's the link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aa9aa2aa20-four1/59306975> We also need baked goods to sell. Can you make a donation to help our sale? Please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aa9aa2aa20-baked1> Baked goods should be **dropped off at the EES horseshoe on Friday morning, October 27.** Questions? Contact Gail Rose: grosevt@gmail.com or [802-343-5886](tel:802-343-5886). Thank you for your support!