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Up Coming Events:

October 20: In-Service Day (No School for Students)

October 27 - PTO Winter Coat Swap

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

From the Principal's Desk

This week was a tough week for everyone in the country. The event that took place in Las Vegas was deeply troubling and tragic. The innocent desire to enjoy an evening of music was senselessly destroyed along with far too many lives. The need to consider how to respond in emergencies is part of the work that schools must do with our school community periodically throughout the year. In fact, police have found that the training that children and teens have received at school has resulted in them helping adults to know what to do when there have been incidents at shopping malls and other locations.

Our school will be doing drills every month. Some are fire drills, one will be an evacuation to Champlain College which will happen soon, and others are lockdown drills. If at any time any of you come to school and no one answers the buzzer during the day, it may be a lockdown drill. An indication would be Burlington Police Department cars parked near the school. When we are in lockdown, your children are instructed to sit silently in their rooms, away from the doors with the lights off and shades drawn. If they happen to be out of the classroom they are instructed to go into a restroom, in a stall, on the toilet with their feet pulled up on the seat. The BPD officers go through the school with myself and one other member of the faculty, as they would if there was an actual intruder. This is part of the process that your student will experience.

If you happen to be volunteering in the building when a lockdown is announced, you should proceed to the nearest open classroom and remain in the locked room with the class. If you are unable to get into a locked room, go to the restroom and get into a stall. If you are in a classroom and someone knocks on the door to get in, do not open the door. This is difficult but it is a necessity. Our classrooms are all connected through a second door inside the rooms. If someone knocks on the door who intends harm, opening it gives access to students in all the rooms connected by the back doors.

Please share the importance of taking drills seriously with your children. People are far less likely to panic if they know what to do. The drills give the children the tools to remain calm and do what is necessary to stay as safe as possible.

I've thought about the work that has been done

Whole School Assembly**October 12, 2017****PTO****First Grade Class Leading****(cont)**

over the years to train us in how to respond to emergencies. One thing that may have helped people in Las Vegas would have been something that we've now done twice at our Whole School Assembly which was to review how to exit the cafeteria when we are all together in a large crowd. Hopefully the day will come when performances and sporting events will begin with announcements regarding where all exits are. Until that happens, each of us needs to remember to look for the exits and more one because the one closest may be blocked.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

The Burlington Education Association will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast to say "Thank You!" to Burlington residents on Saturday, October 7th from 7:30-9:30 AM at C.P. Smith Elementary School. All are welcome!

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley

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DANS CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER! WEDNESDAY 9/27-OCTOBER 13TH

Please help your children participate in the largest fundraiser of the year for our school! The funds raised pay for many school activities such as the Welcome BBQ, Math Night, Skate night, field trips, author visits and much much more. Chocolate delivery will be completed before Halloween! Use the flyer sent home on Wednesday to help raise money for our school! Questions? Contact Leigh Fisher at leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com or [802.735.6942](tel:802.735.6942).

FOUR WINDS FUNDRAISER

Please help us continue to offer the Four Winds program at EES by helping out with our annual fundraiser. We are hosting a bake sale on I-89 at the Williston exits from 8:00-4:00 on Saturday, October 28th. You can help by volunteering to take a shift at the sales table. Shifts are 2 hours. We raise hundreds of dollars each year doing this bake sale but your help is essential.

Here's the link to sign up: [Four Winds Williston Rest Stop Fundraiser, Saturday, October 28th 2017 from 8:00-4:00](#)

Please contact Gail Rose if questions: grosevt@gmail.com or [802-343-5886](tel:802-343-5886).

Thank you for your support!