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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Up Coming Events:**

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

October 24 - Nov. 6 - PTO Winter Gear Swap

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

**From the Principal's Desk**

Celebrating Creativity:

Edmunds has quite a few traditions and we've got one coming up. We celebrate creativity and the fall with our annual Halloween Parade and the celebration of creative pretend. I'm highlighting creativity because this is truly a time when our imaginations regarding what we can be can truly be let loose. I always marvel at the home made costumes that our students come up with. Whether a student chooses to walk in our parade or enjoy the fun activities that we have for those who don't want to participate, we have something for everyone to enjoy. We do have plenty of costumes for any children who don't have one to choose from, as our families have donated outgrown costumes over the years.

Creating a costume from home is entirely possible and something that was done long before stores loaded their racks with costumes. While it is fun to pretend to be a Disney or Marvel character, it is also fun to create a costume out of what you can find around the house. There's no reason that one has to be a person. One can be an object - one student was a framed self-portrait - cleverly dressed as his painted self, his face sticking through a hole in the canvas held tight with a frame. Some opt for group costumes, like a bunch of grapes, or a roll of life savers. Sharing in how to create the costumes is as much fun as actually wearing the costume.

We do have some costume guidelines to insure safety and respect for all.

- Weapons - even pretend ones, are not appropriate for school.
- Masks that are intended to scare that have any depiction of violence (blood, etc) are not to be worn.
- Costumes should not assume a religious or ethnic identify (a hijab, or kimono would be examples of this). For Disney characters, please look to fairy tales rather than those portraying any ethnic group such as Native Americans or Polynesian characters.
- Costumes should be safe to walk in and not drag on the ground.
- Children should be able to see clearly at all times while wearing their costume.

Our emphasis is on creativity, pretend and fun. We strive to be inclusive by insuring that all children have choices. Parents and friends are welcome to join the parade which goes around the block or to celebrate with those children who are enjoying other fall celebrations in school.

**Whole School Assembly**  
**October 19, 2017**  
**Be Responsible**  
**Miss Bellavance's Class Leading**

**SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER AT EES:**

The clinic is now open 2 mornings per week, Monday and Tuesday, and staffed by Dr. Frankowski and Mary Lee Ritter, PNP. We are able to see your child if ill, if care is needed for chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, ADHD etc., and also can help with coordination with existing primary care provider and other services including mental health. Mrs. Charlson in the Health office is able to help arrange an appointment for your child. We look forward to meeting you and your child.

**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](mailto: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!

**FY 2019 BUDGET PROCESS IS STARTING!**

Over the next 3 months the School Board and District Administration will be developing the FY 2019 budget for consideration on Town Meeting Day. Join us for community budget meetings next week. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.bsdt.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/FY-19-budget-outreach-flyer.pdf>

**BHS RE-ENVISIONING COMMUNITY INPUT MEETINGS:**

Come learn about current BHS renovation concepts and give your input. Dates and locations can be found at: <http://www.bsdt.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Community-Input-Meetings-Final-Flyer.pdf>

**PTO NEWS**

**PTO LEADERS:** Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley

**PTO CONTACT:** [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org)

**EDMUNDS ANNUAL WINTER GEAR SWAP**

**Tuesday, October 24 through Monday, November 6th.**

Please drop off any items 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)

**THANK YOU**

To everyone who came out to our first PTO meeting. Our next one will be November 9th immediately following the whole school assembly.

**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](#) is

here: <https://beta.doodle.com/poll/4sqgyber9seh78z6>.

Additional ideas and offers to volunteer - please

contact [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org)

**FOUR WINDS FUNDRAISER**

Thanks to those who have signed up to staff a table at the October 28<sup>th</sup> 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-](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aa9aa2aa20-four1/59306975)

[four1/59306975](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aa9aa2aa20-baked1). 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-](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aa9aa2aa20-baked1)

[baked1](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](mailto:grosevt@gmail.com) or [802-343-](tel:802-343-5886)

[5886](tel:802-343-5886). Thank you for your support!