# FRIDAY





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#### From the Principal's Desk

I hope that all are looking forward to a wonderful break. Having grown up in Connecticut where having snow on Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS the ground during the winter became increasingly rare, I treasure a winter that looks like winter with snow on the ground!

Yesterday was a wonderful day here at EES with our entire community going up to UVM for the Women's Basketball Game. The event served as a reward for the students for their behavior this fall. We are excited that students are doing such a good job meeting our expectations because it means that all are more available for learning.

While the Whole School Celebration was a reward for meeting expectations, it served another important purpose, which was to reinforce our sense of community. Belonging to something is so essential to us as humans - whether a member of a family, a school community, a town, a social organization, a religious community - belonging is essential to all of us. We work to develop that sense of community in many ways here at EES. We have been working with circles in many classrooms where students are learning to listen to each child, and each child is given an opportunity to speak without interruption or judgement. In doing this, our students are learning more about each other and that leads to better relationships in the classroom and beyond.

Yesterday's trip up to UVM gave our students a common experience; tromping up the hill, sitting together and cheering the Women's team on, dancing to the music, vying for the t-shirts and talking excitedly about the event walking back. Shared experiences such as these, that can be talked about across all grades creates a sense of unity and belonging that we want for all of our community, including those who come along as our chaperones.

I hope you all have a safe and happy break. To those who are traveling, please be careful. Slow and steady will get you to your destination and insure a safe return. Happy New Year to all. See you Jan. 3!

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#### Up Coming Events:

Dec. 25 - Jan. 2: Holiday Break - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Jan. 3: RETURN FROM BREAK

Jan. 27: Math Night - SAVE THE DATE!

Whole School Assembly January 4, 2018 **Expectation Review** Ms. Nolan Leading





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### PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and

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Thanks to the wonderful generosity of this community we me our Fundraising goal!!!

### SAVE THE DATE JANUARY 27TH

Math Night more details to come!