



EDMUNDS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Up Coming Events:

- Dec. 21. Whole School Celebration -UVM Women's Basketball Game 10:30 - 1:30
- Dec. 21 - COTS Vigil: EES Chorus Performs (5:30 PM)
- Dec. 25 - Jan. 2: Holiday Break - NO SCHOOL for Students

From the Principal's Desk

Have you ever thought about the process involved in becoming a teacher? I know that most of you are aware that there is such a thing as student teachers, but unless your child has one working in their classroom, you haven't had much reason to think about what it takes to cultivate new teachers. As I write this, we have six interns at EES; their semester, includes two weeks of "soloing," a time when they "do it all"; planning and executing their plans from the instant the students arrive, to the end of the day and then on to the work for the next day.

The most important aspect to insuring a successful experience, is dedicated and seasoned professionals, willing to share their expertise and guidance with aspiring teacher interns. We have six such individuals this semester. They include Danielle Weidman, Janet Bellavance, Lori Palmer, Paul Houchens, Jamie O'Brien, Kara Quinn, Melissa Hathaway in Guidance and Aly Riley in Special Ed. Andrew Styles in 5th grade has Maria Medina as an Intern who will be staying for the entire year. It is a testament to our faculty that they are sought out to mentor teacher interns every year.

Our teacher interns started with our teachers during our August In-Service. They will be with us through December 4th at which time they go back to being university students, finishing up and graduating in the spring. We'd like to congratulate the three interns on their work over the past two weeks as they took on the full responsibility of their respective classes and thank them for all the help they've given our students while they've been working to enhance their own skills.

Our interns this fall are:

Whole School Assembly
December 21, 2017
Winter Sing Along
Chorus



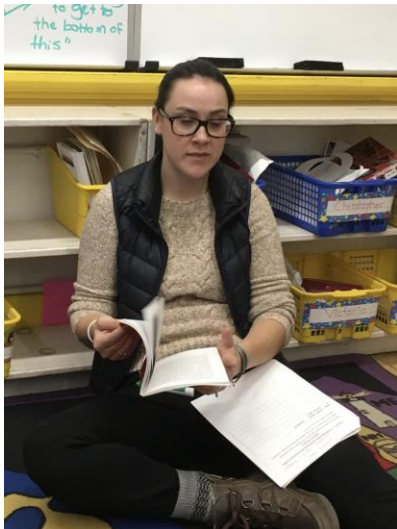
Grace Colbert in Janet Bellavance's 2nd Grade



Maia Minelli in Mrs. Weidman's Kindergarten Class



Ting Xiao with Aly Riley in Special Ed.



Mary Purcell in Mr. Houchen's 3/4



Abel Fillion in Kara Quinn's 1st Class

Kadee Moonie in Ms. Palmer's $\frac{3}{4}$ 

Jordan Mascetti in Jamie O'Brien's 1st Grade Class



Amanda Payne with Melissa Hathaway in Guidance

MUSIC NEWS:

- **Ukuleles!** The 3rd and 4th grade music classes have been learning to play the ukulele. The fifth graders will be starting ukulele in January. Many students have inquired about taking a ukulele home to practice. Unfortunately, I do not have enough instruments to provide loaners to students. Advance Music on Maple Street in Burlington sells ukuleles for about forty dollars. Walmart in Williston also carries ukuleles starting at about twenty dollars. If you are looking to purchase an instrument for your child, you should look for instruments made of wood or bamboo with tuning mechanisms made of metal (plastic keys ok). This will help insure the instrument is tunable and playable! Happy strumming!
- **Students Perform Week:** The next students perform week will be December 18-22. Any student in grades 2-5 can bring in a performance to share with their class. Ideal performance are school appropriate, show musical practice from outside of school, and are about 1-3 minutes long.

BURLINGTON ELECTRIC CALENDAR WINNERS:

Congratulations to Lily McArthur and Antonia Escobar, whose art work was chosen to be included in the 2018 Energy Efficiency Calendar! An award's ceremony with Mayor Weinberger was held for the energy efficiency champions, along with the student winners and their families. Look for the calendars to be sent home next week!



where they will be collected by the class teachers, and given to Ms. Hathaway. In order to reach families before the December break, please send in gift cards no later than Monday the 19th of December. Thank you EES community for your generosity during this holiday season.

HONEY FUNDRAISER

EES Parent Brennan Martin has generously offered to donate (40) Forty (.5lb) jars of honey from his **Settlement Farm Apiary** to help raise funds for EES PTO. These jars would make great holiday treats, teacher gifts, housewarming presents and holiday party gifts. We are selling them for \$5.00 each - please contact leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com to put in your order for this amazingly sweet donation of honey to benefit EES PTO efforts! Please indicate quantity and if you are planning on using as a teacher gift - let us know the teacher name so we can keep track! Also - feel free to use the EES PTO Fundraising PayPal on line at [EES PTO](https://eespto.org/fundraisers/no-frills-fundraiser/) or <https://eespto.org/fundraisers/no-frills-fundraiser/>. **Orders Due: Friday, December 8th** - Delivery the following week of (Dec 11-15th).



PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

EES PLAY KICK-OFF MEETING - MANDATORY PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday December 13th in the EES Cafeteria, 5:30-6
Come for the announcement of this year's musical and find out all your need to know to make this year's play a success! For all 1/2/3/4/5 grade parents/guardians who plan to participate in the 1/2 chorus, try-out for the play or participate in set crew. Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Westbrook at [802-578-6441](tel:802-578-6441) or via email at nswestbrook@yahoo.com

EES COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GIFTS PROJECT

During this holiday season, if you are looking for an opportunity to give to a family in the EES community, consider purchasing a gift card (Amazon, book store, grocery store, department store, etc.) to donate anonymously. This year Ms. Hathaway (EES School Counselor) and Tyler Sessions (P.E. Teacher) are working to connect EES families in need of some extra financial support with gifts and gift cards for the holidays. This year we are reaching out to the EES community to help provide gift cards to families in need. The gift cards can be sent to school in an envelope

Student Name: _____

Classroom: _____

Yes! I would like to purchase _____ # jars of Honey for \$5.00 each

Total \$ _____

Yes! I am going to use as a Teacher gift!

Teacher name: _____