



**EDMUNDS**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# FRIDAY FLASH



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## From the Principal's Desk

It's that time of year again! **Friday, February 9th**, our Edmunds Campus community will be heading to UVM to watch the **UVM Women's Hockey team play UCONN. Students are free** and adults are \$2. This will be the seventh year students from the Edmunds Campus will be in attendance and we are hoping to help the UVM Women's team beat the ECAC record for attendance at a women's game. It will be the first year that musicians from EMS join the UVM Band at the game! The Women's Hockey Team is using Pack the Gutt as a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels. Attendance at the women's games is typically around 300. The largest crowd so far for Pack the Gutt is around 2,100 which was a conference record. We'd like to see the women experience a full house with 4,000 fans. Edmunds families can make a big dent in that number.

If you are new to our community, you may wonder why we go to a UVM Women's Hockey Game. People ask me "Why a women's game?" "Why don't we go to a UVM Men's Game?" The fact that people ask those questions is exactly why I started the partnership with the UVM Women's Team seven years ago. I was so disappointed and frankly upset by the difference in support shown the women's teams versus the men's teams that I wanted to increase the support by bringing a crowd to at least one game. I wanted to help dispel the myth that men's games are better than women's games. They are not *better* - they are *different*.

The truth is, the implicit bias that men's sports are better than women's sports is the same kind of implicit bias that we still find in the makeup of Cabinets, board rooms, and management positions. It is an unconscious bias that researchers discovered in the way girls were treated in math classes vs boys. The reality is, that our implicit bias, those deep-seeded assumptions that go unquestioned, need to be questioned. That we have not seen or experienced something does not mean it can or should not exist. It means we need to open our thinking and our experiences.

Perceptions about capabilities of men and women are formed early and through multiple means. If the only teams we ever watch are men's teams, our children get a message that men's athletics are superior to women's. We adults, as role models, perpetuate these stereotypes if we do not seek out that which challenges them. How do those messages extend to other areas of society; to employment, wages, education, and positions of power? The fact is, that women work and play hard; we are skillful and smart, and our games are exciting and few are watching. The women play for the love of the game and the desire to excel. Their grit and determination is admirable.

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### Up Coming Events:

- Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Day - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Jan. 17: In-service - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Jan. 18: EES Play Read Through - 3:00 - 5:30
- Jan. 19 - VSO Petting Zoo
- Jan. 27: Math Night - 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- Feb. 9: PACK THE GUTT - 7:00 PM

**Whole School Assembly**  
**January 18, 2018**  
**PTO - Math Night**  
**Mrs. Bellavance's Class Leading Song**

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The national conversations regarding gender inequality that have taken place this year demonstrate that we still have a lot of work to do in helping our girls and boys understand that both genders are strong and capable. The minds of our boys and girls need to understand that leadership and capability are based on one's actions, not one's gender.

So join us as we support a hard working team, have a great community time, and give a gentle message to our kids. We hope that your family will help us **PACK THE GUTT** February 9<sup>th</sup>. The game starts at 7 p.m. **We will be giving tickets out to Edmunds students (EMS and EES) between 6:00 and 6:45 in the ticket lobby. Hope to see you there! We will be sitting in Sections 9, 10 & 11.**

### MUSIC COMPOSITION CLUB

Composition Club is a music technology club that invites interested students in grades 3, 4 or 5 to write music using music notation software and music looping software. Some students will be able to post their work for feedback from professional composers and submit work for the Opus contest which may result in student work being played by professional musicians. Composition club will meet on Thursdays from 2:50-3:45 January 11th - March 29th. Register [Here](#). See Ms. Nolan for a paper registration if needed.

### 4/5 CHORUS NEWS

For the next two weeks chorus will have an open registration period for 4th and 5th graders interested in joining for the second half of the school year. Students already enrolled do not need to sign-up again. New participants can sign-up [here](#). See Ms. Nolan for a paper registration if needed.

**PTO NEWS**

**PTO LEADERS:** Leigh Fisher, Jenny Sullivan and Rachel Shelley **PTO CONTACT:** [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org)

**EES PLAY MARY POPPINS READ THROUGH JAN. 18TH**

EES Play Mary Poppins read through NEXT Thursday January 18th from 3-5:30. Please pick your student up at 5:30 at the Main Street Entrance (horseshoe). All 3rd-5th students who auditioned for the cast roles should come to the library for a full cast read through with Don Wright of Very Merry Theater. Students will receive their cast roles at this time.

**FRIDAY JANUARY 19th: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VSO MUSICAL PETTING ZOO!**

- **Attention music lovers, parents of kindergartners and of first-graders! We need your help to make this event happen!**
- The musical petting zoo is a fun, hands-on experience for kids in kindergarten and first grade to learn about the instruments that are part of an orchestra and get a chance to play them.
- We need parent volunteers to help hold the instruments and sanitize them between students-an easy way to volunteer and join in the fun!
- No musical experience needed!
- The schedule for the classes will be as follows:
  - 8:20-9:10 Weidman/Kilburn
  - 9:20-10:10 O'Brien/Quinn
- We are looking for 8 volunteers to staff this one-time workshop from **8:10-10:10am Friday January 19th.**
- If you are interested in helping, please contact Bethany Fitzgerald at [bsaulpaugh@hotmail.com](mailto:bsaulpaugh@hotmail.com). This is a great opportunity for grandparents to volunteer in the school as well. Thank you!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th: RSVP FOR MATH NIGHT**

The Edmunds Elementary PTO is sponsoring the 10th Annual Family Math Night. **FREE!** Explore the wonders of math with your children and let them show you what they are learning. A variety of activities, math centers and home learning activities will be available for children of all ages, such as graphing, chess, games using dice and playing cards and many other fun activities. Prizes, desserts and drinks too! We will have National Honor Society students from BHS to help facilitate games so that parents can fully enjoy the night with their children.

**We're bringing back PIZZA at 5:00: Join us for FREE pizza in the First Grade Hallway before Math night begins.**

RSVP by sending an email to Rachel Shelley ([rachskye@gmail.com](mailto:rachskye@gmail.com)) including your child's name, grade level and number of people attending. A paper MathNight flyer is being sent home with your child this week.

For those of you new to Math Night, here is how the night will work: **5:00 - 5:30 pm:** Pizza and drinks will be served in the first grade hallway. Math night begins at 5:30. Games in the gym/cafeteria. Each student will go home with a Math game you can play at home.

*We are also looking for donations of new or gently used -- with all the pieces--math related games (Uno, Chutes and Ladders, Yahtzee, Phase 10, Dominoes, Set, Sequence, Chess, etc.) for the raffle at the end of the night; and veggies and dip to serve along with the pizza, as well as desserts too.* Please contact Rachel Shelley ([rachskye@gmail.com](mailto:rachskye@gmail.com)) if you are able to contribute. We hope to see you all there!

Thank you for your donation!