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## From the Principal's Desk

As I sit at my computer ready to write this column, I am listening to the laughter coming from the hallway outside the office. Joanna Elliot is with a group of students, playing games and singing as they wait for the bell to ring. They're having so much fun and their laughter is contagious. The students have been stuck inside over the last two weeks because of the temperature and the ice on the field. Energy levels are high and they really need to be able to move. Think of springs that have been compressed all the way and that would be a pretty good analogy for our entire student body. I hope that they all have opportunities to go outside and play over the weekend despite temperatures, because they really need the fresh air and exercise. Please get them outside!

Next Friday, February 9th, we all have the opportunity to go to the UVM Women's Ice Hockey Game. This is also an opportunity to help support Meals on Wheels. The Women's Hockey Team has been working to support the Meals on Wheels program over the past 4 years and we want to support their efforts. We have some fifth graders who have taken on the challenge of a fund raising drive with an Olympic Theme. They've created a ski racing course with ski racers representing each classroom with the challenge of getting to the bottom of the course by raising money.

If you could help your child remember about the fund raising, to bring in some loose change, or perhaps even do an extra chore to earn some money to donate to the cause, it would be really helpful. For those unfamiliar with Meals on Wheels, it is an organization that provides meals to our older and/or disabled community members who are unable to cook for themselves or don't have the money for food. There are community sites where those who are able, can come for meals, and meals are delivered to homes for those who can't go to a site. These daily visits are often the only contact with another person all day and the visits serve as a check in to make sure they are ok. There are, 42,413 Vermont Seniors live in poverty, 41,743 live alone and 23,327 struggle with having enough food.

Giving to our community is an important part of being a good citizen. Please help your child remember to give - even a little helps.

Hope to see your whole family at Pack the Gut! Children are free and Adults are just \$2! Best bargain in town for a night's entertainment.

February 2, 2018

## Up Coming Events:

- Feb. 9: PACK THE GUT - 7:00 PM
- Feb. 15: Fine Arts Night (Grades 3-5) - 6:00 PM
- Feb. 23: Reports Cards Go Home
- Feb. 26 - Mar. 5: Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

**Whole School Assembly**  
**February 8, 2018**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Compositions**  
**Ms. Johnson's Class Leading**

## Kindergarten Tour!

There is a Kindergarten tour tomorrow morning at 10 AM. Please help spread the word to any family you may know who have a child entering Kindergarten in the Fall. We will meet in the lobby at 10:00.



## Pack The Gut!

Join us at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Pack the Gut Challenge" with the UVM Women's Ice Hockey Team. Friday, February 9 at Gutterson Field House. Free tickets for all students will be given out in the lobby between 6:15 and 6:50. Come and support the women and join us in Sections 9, 10 and 11.



**3-5 FINE ARTS NIGHT****THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017 6-7:30PM**

Please join us for an evening of visual art and music brought to you by the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders of Edmunds Elementary and the EES 4/5 Chorus! The art show begins at 6:00 in the first floor hallway of EES and is followed by a music performance in the middle school gymnasium at 6:30. The doors to the performance do not open until 6:20 to allow time for the space to be set for the show. Below are the expectations we are teaching the students about going to an arts show and being in a concert.

**Expectations for For the Art Show**

**Be Safe:** Stay with your adult. Use walking feet. Look with your eyes.

**Be Respectful:** Share kind thoughts about the art work. Use a calm, inside voice

**Be Responsible:** After viewing the art work move on so others can see. Discuss your work with your grown-ups so they know how you made it.

**Expectations for the Music Performance:**

**Be Safe:** Performers use calm bodies when going on and off the stage. Students sit with their class.

**Be Respectful:** Audience members have voices off, calm bodies and clap at the end of each song. Ignore mistakes.

**Be Responsible:** Performers watch Ms. Nolan and follow directions. Performers do their best musical work.

**PTO NEWS**

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

**MATH NIGHT THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the Families who came out for Math night. We had a wonderful time. A special thank you to the Group of volunteers who came out Saturday afternoon and helped us set us. It wouldn't get done without parents pitching in. Thank You.

**BOX TOP\$ = PIZZA PARTY!!**

Each classroom now has their very own pizza box to hold all those Box Tops for Education that are pouring in! Don't forget: the class that donates the greatest number of Box Tops by FEBRUARY 23 will be treated to a pizza party!

**PTO MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6TH**

Please join us for a PTO meet and greet on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30pm at the Farmhouse (lower level) PLEASE NOTE THIS LOCATION IS NOT WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. We would love to get to know you, hear your ideas and let you know about the upcoming EES events sponsored by the PTO. We will provide appetizers! We look forward to seeing you there. Let us know if you can make it by emailing us at: [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org) or If you can't make it, but would like to share an idea - please email [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org) as well!

**VERMONT COFFEE ORDERS DUE FEBRUARY 6TH!**

Coffee will be delivered on Friday, February 9th. Drop off in EES PTO mailbox by Tuesday 3pm or pay via Paypal [here!](#) We partner with the Vermont Coffee Company to bring high-quality, fair-trade, organic coffee beans to you for the same price as you'll pay at the grocery store, but to benefit our students!

**IN THE COMMUNITY:****THE NURTURING PARENTING PROGRAM:**

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont (PCAVT), is offering Nurturing Programs that offer practical tools to help families become stronger, happier and closer. The program, a light meal and childcare are provided free of charge. For more information and/or to register, call Heather at 802-498-0607 or email at [hnikette@pcavt.org](mailto:hnikette@pcavt.org)