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Up Coming Events:

April 12 - Fine Arts Night: K-2

April 23-27 - Spring Break: No School for Students

From the Principal's Desk

I know that all of you have heard about our Bee cards and the expectations that we have taught throughout the school. The expectations are very basic - Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. The system is one that assumes that we need to actively teach those expectations as they appear in various settings. The work helps students understand that behaviors can adjust depending on the situation and the needs of others within the community. What is it that is happening in a setting - are we eating lunch? On the playground? In a classroom, the art room or the library? Are we on a field trip?

Each location demands some adjustment in what the community needs in order for everyone to be able to benefit from that environment. If it is a classroom, children need an environment that allows all to learn. Being respectful of learning for all means participating through listening and following directions, keeping voice levels at the levels that allow all to hear based on the activity taking place. Being responsible would look like taking care of the books and materials that are being used and doing the work that has been assigned. Being safe is perhaps the most complicated in that it includes both physical and emotional safety. It could look like having a calm body and allowing others enough space for their bodies. Being safe emotionally means including others, and insuring that comments are kind and constructive.

A shift in how to encourage behaviors comes in recognizing when the students are doing the right thing. This is done by looking for children who are doing what is expected and acknowledging their behavior, "I appreciate the way that you were able to get your work out and start so quickly" or "thank you for having your voice off in the hall and for following our expectations. This not only rewards desired behavior, it also serves as a subtle reminder to the other children. .

I wish I had known about this simple but effective way to teach behavior when I was raising my family. It would be simple to use the same system for the home; their, it really doesn't matter what the location is - bedrooms, the kitchen, bathrooms, yard, sidewalks, place of worship, or car. What is helpful is clearly stating the top two or three expectations you have for a location. For example, if I were to have expectations for the car, they would be: **Be Safe** - use seat belt,/car seat, voice calm. **Be Respectful** - hands and feet to self, share toys. **Be Responsible** - Throw away trash, carry your own stuff out.

Whole School Assembly

April 12, 2018

Opus Winners!

Mr. Gillard & Ms. Fitzpatrick's Class Leading

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Consider how often you find yourself having to clean up your car because of things left behind, or reminders about not kicking the back of your seat. How much easier would it be to teach these basic expectations than give acknowledgements when your child meets those expectations? Ultimately, it's about making a more peaceful and happier community - whether within your family or our school. When we are peaceful and happy, we are better able to be successful in what we do.

K-2 FINE ARTS NIGHT

Once a year, the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade Edmunds Elementary School community gathers for a special evening: Fine Arts Night! All students will have artwork on display, and all students will have an important part in the music performance. This is our chance to celebrate the musical and visual arts in our community. All students are expected to participate, and all families and friends are welcome to attend. Come see their amazing work!!

Fine Arts Night is on Thursday, April 12**5:45 Art Show in the first floor hallway****6:20 Doors Open for the Concert****6:30 Concert begins in the middle school gymnasium****HELP PLEASE!**

At the start of the Winter season, our school purchased several pairs of snow pants, gloves and mittens, so our children could enjoy the snow during recess time. Unfortunately, almost none of these items have been returned. Please check to see if any of this winter gear might have made it to your home by mistake. All the clothing is clearly labeled with EES, so it shouldn't be difficult to identify. Thanks for your help!

EES STUDENT COMPOSITION SELECTED FOR LIVE PERFORMANCE!

Join me in congratulating Megan Goldsmith, Sophia Ambroggio, Atara Metzger, and Kiki Kirkland who had their music compositions selected for live performance by professional musicians. The Opus concert is hosted by Music-comp a community organization that provides composer mentors to student musicians. There were over 100 submissions and only 22 works were selected for the concert! What a great honor for our students!! The opus concert is Monday, April 30th at 6:30 PM at the Elley-Long Music Center in Colchester. The concert is free and open to the public.

SAVE THE DATE: CITY WIDE COMMUNITY DINNER AND DANCE!

The music departments of the Burlington Elementary Schools in collaboration with Young Tradition Vermont and the Burlington School Food Project are pleased to invite Burlington's third-fifth grade students and their families to Burlington High School for a community dinner and contra dance at 5:30 pm on **Thursday, May 3, 2018**. Students from around the city have been preparing fiddle tunes to accompany the dances with the help of the amazing teachers from Young Tradition Vermont. Students in third, fourth and fifth grades have been learning the dances in their music classes and are ready to pass on that learning to their families. The Burlington School Food Project which provides nutritious and delicious food to Burlington students everyday will be providing the meal for this event!

AUTHOR VISIT IN LIBRARY

Vermont author Grannie Snow will be visiting our school on Friday, April 20th to read her books in the Silas Series to our kindergarten, first and second grade students. These rhyming stories about Grannie's cats adopted from the shelter are 100% Vermont made! Grannie will talk with the children about her cats and the writing and self-publishing processes she used to develop the series. She will be in the library from 9:00-12:00 so please come join us if you can! We have sent home an order form with the K-2nd graders if you are interested in purchasing books from the series. Grannie will autograph and personalize each copy if you desire! See the order form for details about price and titles available. Thank you! Kathy Neil, EES Librarian

PTO NEWS

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SKATE NIGHT TONIGHT!!

FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH FROM 6-8PM

EES students and their families are invited to Leddy Ice Arena for a fun night of skating and socializing.

The PTO will provide free pizza as well as skate rentals. If able please bring a snack, drink or dessert to share. Also seeking a few people to help staff the event. This is a night you don't want to miss. See you there! any questions please contact katelekstutis@gmail.com

[Skate Night 2018](#)