

FRIDAY



FLASH


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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk

It is always such a pleasure to welcome old friends and meet new ones here on the Edmunds Elementary School Campus. Every year students come back after a summer away, able to look me straight in the eye and I remember them as kindergartners, barely reaching my waist. Of course, if you've seen me, you'll know it doesn't take much for them to look me straight in the eye, but it's always fun for them when they realize they are now as tall as I. The funny thing is, I was one of the tallest kids at Button Ball Lane Elementary School. In fact I was an inch taller than I am now. I stopped growing when I was 12, which I like to point out. It's funny to see the look of alarm on their faces as they consider that possibility for themselves. (Of course, that isn't as likely for boys as it is girls, but I don't let them know that!)

Having been a parent of 4, working full time, and commuting 45 minutes from home every day, I know how busy things can get. I was one of those parents who would be reminded by my kids that there was an Open House at their school right before leaving for work, having completely forgotten. The Friday Flash is designed for those of us who are not super organized at keeping their calendar up to date. It will be emailed to you, and you can find it on our website.

We work to keep the format of the Friday Flash consistent so that you can keep it as a handy reference for upcoming things happening over the next week and the month. The calendar always located where you see it today. There will always be a column for me which may have specific issues concerning the school, or it may address some things that I've observed regarding children, their development, or needs in the school. We have a Whole School Assembly almost every Thursday which all are welcome to attend. Our classes help lead the songs and sometimes do special presentations. Additionally, we have some traditions that you will want to be aware of, such as when the 5th graders welcome our new Kindergarten students. We will include any class that is presenting so that parents and friends will know when your child is helping with Whole School Assembly. Any important dates that are imminent during the week will be highlighted, like our upcoming EES Welcome Back BBQ on Sept. 14th. If there are special

August 31, 2018

Up Coming Events:

Sept. 3 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

Sept. 14 - Welcome BBQ: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Sept. 16 - Rosh HaShannah Begins

Sept. 12 - Hijri (Islamic New Year)

Sept. 19 - Picture Day!

Sept. 20 - Open House & Free Spaghetti Dinner 5- 6:30

Whole School Assembly
September 6, 2018
Expectations Review - Be Safe
So Glad I'm Here - Ms. Nolan Leading

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announcements from our faculty, you will see them next, whether it's a guest author, help understanding programs or Fine Arts Night, or exciting things that are going on here at EES. The next group that you will hear from is our PTO of which you are automatically a member.

Our PTO is an important and integral part of our community. Without the help that all offer, we would not have such a wonderful community. You will see times when the PTO is looking for help, whether it's helping to flip burgers or bring salads to the BBQ, or make calls, support new parents, or help with the traffic in the morning, any effort you can give to help will be appreciated. Those who have home languages other than English, and who have been part of our community for a while and have more experience with the practices and customs of schools here would be very helpful to new members who speak the same home language.

If you have any questions or concerns, please be sure to ask. We're here to help.

BSD FOOD SERVICE WORKERS NEEDED:

The Food Service folks at BSD are looking for full and part time team members; if interested, please contact Doug Davis at 802-864-8416.

CHORUS!!

I am so excited to be bringing back the Edmunds Elementary 4th and 5th Grade Chorus on Mondays at 2:00. Having chorus during school will allow all interested EES students to participate!! Chorus is a great opportunity to develop singing skills, work together as a part of a group, make new friends and have fun. We will be performing at EES events and community events including the COTS Candlelight vigil in December. I will be sending out information about events via email, the Friday Flash and on paper when needed. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions (enolan@bsdvt.org). To register your child, please fill out the registration form linked [here](#). Thanks - Betsy

FOUR WINDS!

Did you know you can volunteer in your child's classroom helping to teach a nature-based curriculum? Each year Edmund's volunteers do four separate one-hour lessons in classrooms throughout the school with the assistance of the Four Winds Nature Institute. For each lesson, our Four Winds Trainer meets with the volunteers ahead of time to bring us up to speed on what we'll be teaching and how to do it. Then the volunteer schedules the session with participating classrooms. It is a fantastic way to get involved in your child's education and help ensure that nature-based education is brought in early and often. The total time commitment for the entire year is only about ten hours.

I'm Jens Hawkins-Hilke, the new volunteer coordinator for Four Winds at EES. I had so much fun volunteering with Four Winds in my son's First Grade classroom last year that I decided to get even more involved this year. I have found it to be wonderfully satisfying and hope you will too. Please contact me if you'd like to get involved this year. jhilke@gmail.com. This year's theme is "Patterns in Nature" and we'll be offering the trainings for each lesson: October 12th, January 11th, March 15th and May 10th. We'd like two volunteers to work with each classroom. Please join us!

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Jenny Sullivan, Pam Moreau and Stacey Kelleher

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

WELCOME BACK BBQ

Save the Date! September 14. K-2 families, please bring a side dish or salad, grades 3-5 families, please bring a dessert to share; we'll take care of the rest! Sign up genius will go out early next week.

FROM THE COMMUNITY:**UVM'S FALL BABYSITTER MINGLER!**

Each semester, the Office of Student & Community Relations hosts a meet-and-greet for area families in need of responsible babysitters and UVM students interested in a babysitting job. This year's Mingler will be held on Sunday, September 16th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We hope to see you there! Stroller Parking Available!

WINOOSKI AVENUE TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) and the City of Burlington, with the assistance of Resource Systems Group (RSG), are looking at ways to make this important roadway safe, inviting, and convenient for users of all ages and abilities—The study is looking at the entire length of Winooski Avenue, from the intersection with Riverside Avenue to the intersection of Howard Street. The first public meeting is September 5th. To learn more about the project and the time and location of the public meeting, visit the [Chittenden County RPC](#) website.