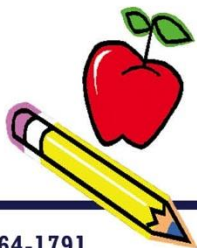


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## From the Principal's Desk

I hope that you are planning to join us today at the Welcome Back BBQ. If possible for you, families K-2 are asked to bring a side dish or salad and families grades 3 -5 are asked to bring a desert. Most importantly, come.

Every year, EES gets new students, and this year is no exception. We welcome the diverse group that arrives every year, whether our wonderful little five year olds, or students who have transferred from other communities. Part of the reason that EES is able to welcome so many families every year is that we are able to accommodate families with multiple children. It can be tricky to find a school with openings in all the grades needed and so far, EES has been able to fit families in. That provides a new opportunity and challenge for all of us in welcoming and including so many new families. I always enjoy the EES BBQ and the one thing that I always look for are individuals or a family standing alone - looking uncertain and perhaps uncomfortable in their new surroundings.

EES works to be a community by being welcoming and inclusive. That takes conscious and deliberate effort on all of our parts. I would like to ask every veteran EES adult member of our community to consider yourselves hosts of the BBQ. We all know that we are more comfortable spending time with those we know and are comfortable with and of course the time is a wonderful time to catch up. I would ask that we all take on the challenge of meeting someone we don't know. Go up and introduce yourself and then introduce the new member to others.

It is an act of kindness and hospitality to insure that no one is standing isolated or alone and uncertain. We've all observed that happening in social gatherings. We have all been in that position and experienced the relief when someone kindly comes and makes us feel welcome. I ask those who are veterans of the EES community to make a special effort to reach out and include those you see who appear uncertain or alone. We encourage our children to include others and when we see a child sitting alone at a table, we insure that child is situated with others. We have children who take that responsibility upon themselves. Please reinforce that spirit of kindness, hospitality and welcome. Our community is at its best when each of us is willing to be at our best which extends to reaching out to others and making them feel welcome. Thanks for helping us be our best!

September 14, 2018

## Up Coming Events:

- Sept. 16 - Rosh HaShannah Begins
- Sept. 18 - Yom Kippur Begins
- Sept. 19 - **Picture Day!**
- Sept. 20 - Open House & Free Spaghetti Dinner  
5:45 - 7:00
- Sept. 23 - Sukkot Begins

**Whole School Assembly**  
**September 20, 2018**  
**Be Responsible**  
**Mr. Houchen's Class Leading**

**EES AWARDED ARTIST IN SCHOOL GRANT!**

EES is thrilled to announce to families that Vermont Arts Council has approved a \$2500 "Artist In Schools" grant for students in grades 3-5, to work with the local artist Alexandra Turner ([alexandraturnerart.wordpress.com](http://alexandraturnerart.wordpress.com)). She will be working with students during art class on Tuesdays-Fridays for five weeks. Students will be exploring the structures of native plants, minerals, and how fossils form over time. They will be immersed in geology, scientific drawing, outdoor plant collection, and will culminate with working with glass to create their own artwork on native plants fused into glass. If you would like to help support this residency, flat, clear glass (old windowpanes, for example) is needed and appreciated. If possible, please be certain that the glass is not in a wood casing that could contain leaded paint. All glass panels can dropped off to the art room at any time over the next two weeks. Thank you!

**BURLINGTON SCHOOL FOOD PROJECT NEEDS YOU!**

The Burlington School Food Project is seeking part-time and permanent kitchen assistants. Hours can be flexible and the starting rate is \$15.23/hour. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a member of our team, please contact us at 864-8416 to learn more! All the best, Heather Torrey, Assistant Director Burlington School Food Project

## PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Jenny Sullivan, Pam Moreau and Stacey Kelleher  
PTO CONTACT: [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org)

### Upcoming events--

#### WELCOME BACK BBQ - TONIGHT! 5:30-7:00 P.M.

**This event is totally free and all are welcome.**

Families of children in grades K-2 are asked to bring a side or salad to share, if possible. Families of children in grades 3-5 are asked to bring a dessert to share, if possible. If you have children in both groups, just pick one.)

#### OPEN HOUSE AND SPAGHETTI DINNER THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 5:30-7 P.M.

Dinner is in the EES cafeteria from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and is free and open to all Edmunds Families. Open House in the classrooms follows dinner from 6-7 p.m.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

#### Seeking Room Parents

Have you ever considered being a room parent in your child's classroom? It is a terrific way to be more connected to your kiddo's class and teachers. If two parents are able to work together, the responsibility is very manageable. There are notes and helpful tips provided to volunteers and we will support you and answer any questions. If you are interested, please email Melanie Needle at [mneedle@gmail.com](mailto:mneedle@gmail.com).

#### Seeking Volunteers for Welcome Back BBQ

The Welcome Back BBQ is this Friday, September 14th from 5:30-7:00. There are many opportunities to help out with this. Please take a look at the signup genius and see what you can do.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/g o/10c0d4caea72faa8-welcome>

#### Seeking Dan's Chocolates Co-Coordinator

Dan's Chocolates is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We are looking for someone who is interested in co-coordinating with Jenny Sullivan. Being good with numbers and comfortable with Excel spreadsheets is helpful but not required. Please contact Jenny Sullivan ([wonderjennyvt@yahoo.com](mailto:wonderjennyvt@yahoo.com)) if you are interested.

#### Seeking Multicultural Night Coordinator: November 2

Multicultural Night is a fun family night focused on cultural origins to celebrate the diversity at EES. Families are invited to share music, a song, a dance, or a craft, as well as a traditional (or favorite) dish for the potluck dinner. Please contact Jenny Sullivan ([wonderjennyvt@yahoo.com](mailto:wonderjennyvt@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in coordinating this event.