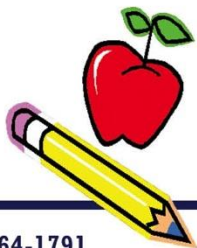


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**From the Principal's Desk**

We are excited to announce that EES is opening a third kindergarten classroom on Monday. Mrs. Deb Kaseta will be joining the Kindergarten team as the classroom teacher. The need for the third classroom is in response to the number of students entering kindergarten as well as the neighborhoods from which they come. We are moving some students from Mrs. Kilburn and Weidman's classrooms to the new classroom to help in balancing the classes.

The addition of a third kindergarten is really exciting in that it will help all of our kindergarten students, as we will be able to lower the enrollment in each classroom. Every student will get a bit more one on one attention with lower class sizes.

Deb Kaseta has been in the field of education since 2001, starting her career as a Montessori teacher in Massachusetts. She has worked with elementary children of all ages and abilities in a variety of capacities. She has a special passion for teaching pre-emerging and emergent readers, and strives to enrich the lives of children by creating a peaceful but engaging classroom in which to learn and grow. Deb has two grown sons and lives in South Burlington with her husband and their dog, Bear.

**IMPORTANT - PLEASE DO YOUR ANNUAL STUDENT UPDATE!****WHY?****BECAUSE YOU WANT TO BE REACHED IF YOUR CHILD HAS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

The start of the year has highlighted the importance of updating your student's information in our computer system. We have had several instances where we have not been able to reach parents or emergency contacts. I cannot emphasize the importance of verifying that all your contact information, and that of your emergency contacts is updated every year. The link is provided [here](#). If you need assistance, please call Sara or Trish at 864-8473.

**FOUR WINDS**

We still need volunteers to help teach a nature-based curriculum in EES classrooms. The time commitment is limited to less than 20 hours over the entire year, but the impact is HUGE. Please contact Jens Hawkins-Hilke [jhilke@gmail.com](mailto:jhilke@gmail.com) if you have questions or are interested in signing up! Thanks

September 9, 2018

**Up Coming Events:**

- Sept. 14 - Welcome BBQ: 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Sept. 16 - Rosh HaShannah Begins
- Sept. 12 - Hijri (Islamic New Year)
- Sept. 18 - Yom Kippur Begins
- Sept. 19 - Picture Day!
- Sept. 20 - Open House & Free Spaghetti Dinner 5- 6:30

**Whole School Assembly****September 13, 2018****Be Respectful****Mr. Houchen's Class Leading****HEALTH OFFICE NEWS!**

I'm Carolyn Sweet, the new school nurse at Edmunds Elementary this year. I'm looking forward to meeting your children and hope for a happy and healthy school year. A few reminders!

- Please ensure that your child has a change of clothing with them should they have an accident or illness.
- If your child has been ill, they must be fever/symptom-free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- It is important that we have up-to-date contact information in Power School should your child become ill or an emergency arise.

We are in desperate need of pants/bottoms. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

**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](mailto:enolan@bsdvt.org)). To register your child, please fill out the registration form linked [here](#).

## PTO NEWS

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

Hello! We are back in full swing! Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying these waning days of summer.

Many thanks to the people who helped "green up" and to the super scoopers who helped to make the ice cream social so much fun. Thanks also to Jenny Sullivan for the welcome back coffee on the first day of school. We were so pleased to meet new people and visit with old friends. Many people took that chance to sign up as volunteers. Don't worry if you were not able to make it! There are still lots of opportunities to volunteer. Here are a couple:

### 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).

### VOLUNTEERS FOR WELCOME BACK BBQ

The Welcome Back BBQ is on 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/go/10c0d4caea72faa8-welcome>

## Upcoming events--

### Welcome Back BBQ; Friday, September 14th 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. Families of children in grades 3-5 are asked to bring a dessert to share. If you have children in both groups, just pick one.

### Open House & Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, September 20 5:30-7 p.m.

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

Thanks everyone! If you have any questions, feel free to ask. We are here to help!

All the best: Jenny, Pam and Stacey

## FROM THE COMMUNITY

My name is Lori Preiss and I am working with Albany Berkshire Ballet who has been coming to Burlington for 42 years to kick off the holiday season on thanksgiving weekend with performances of the Nutcracker.

Come be a part of the holiday magic of Vermont's longest running Nutcracker performance with Albany Berkshire Ballet. Student Dancer Auditions will be held:

Burlington, VT - September 30, 2018  
 Flynn Center for the Performing Arts - Flynn Space  
 153 Main St., Burlington, VT 05401

10:00 am Ages 4-5  
 10:30 am Ages 6-8  
 11:30 am Ages 9-11  
 1:00 pm Ages 12 and up

Audition fee of \$15 - Shows will help kick off the holiday season Thanksgiving weekend November 24 & 25, 2018. Children are generally in one show. For more information contact Lori Preiss at [abbvermontnutcracker@gmail.com](mailto:abbvermontnutcracker@gmail.com)

