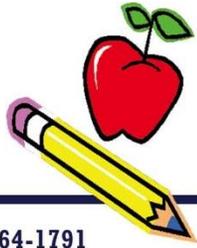


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## From the Principal's Desk

The one thing we can count on is change and that is gloriously displayed as our seasons change. The Fall has always been my favorite season - the transition from steamy days of summer, shuffling through the leaves, raking leaves and jumping into piles (ok I don't do that anymore - but maybe I would if I found a pile), watching soccer or football games on a crisp Saturday, apple cider (real cider- not apple juice), and donuts, and Halloween.

To me, Halloween has always been a time to celebrate and be silly. I looked up the history of Halloween which is thought to originate with Celts and Druids over 2000 years ago as a harvest celebration and the start of a new year. Many cultures celebrate harvest, and a reassurance that the dark winter will be followed by spring, a time of growth and renewal which would explain why the holiday has been embraced in different forms over time. The evolution of how the time is celebrated around the world included influences from other cultures starting with the Romans. The flights of fancy in dressing up and pretending to be someone or something else as well as the distribution of treats which originated as a harvest celebration has appealed to many around the world.

Edmunds has had a tradition of celebrating with a parade on Halloween Day or participation in another fun activity not related to the holiday. Participation is completely optional. For those opting to participate in celebrating, we have specific guidelines for costumes that are consistent with the school-wide expectations of being Safe, Respectful, and Responsible. In terms of safety, we include emotional safety as well as physical safety. Costumes that are in any way violent, gory (fake blood), or include weapons or anything that would not be school appropriate are not allowed.

Respectful costumes do not borrow from other cultures. That means that students would not wear clothes that are recognized as part of a cultural or religious group. Instead, consider characters from books, objects, or perhaps famous people from history. Responsible costumes would also be those that are easy to walk in and don't hamper safe travel on the sidewalks or up and down stairs for the wearer or anyone around them.

We do have costumes here for those who want to participate but don't have costumes. We would also encourage students to create their own costume from things around the house. It's amazing how creative students can be. Some of the very best costumes we've had have been home made. Parents are welcome to join us on October 31 at 11 on the field for our parade. Parents who want to join

October 18, 2018

## Up Coming Events:

- Oct. 19 - In-Service: **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Oct. 22 - Winter Coat Swap Begins
- Oct. 25 - **EARLY RELEASE:** 11:30 AM
- Oct. 31 - Annual Costume Parade
- Nov. 9 - End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period
- Nov. 9 - EES Variety Show

**Whole School Assembly**  
**October 25, 2018**  
**Halloween Expectations**  
**Ms. Fitzpatrick's Class Leading**

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students not participating are also welcome to come join their children.

**KEEP UP WITH THE ART ROOM!**

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**EES VARIETY SHOW!**

The EES Variety Show will be on Friday November 9th at 6:30 PM in the middle school gymnasium. Many students have been working hard to create acts that are appropriate, practiced and timely. All EES families are invited to come and enjoy the show! Any student in grades 3-5 can perform in the show with parent/guardian permission and if they preview their act for Ms. Nolan. Performance previews are NEXT Week! Please have your child check in with Ms. Nolan if they would like to perform and have not yet set up a time for their preview. The EES Chorus will be closing the show with their first performance of the year. All chorus students should plan to attend. The chorus will also be sponsoring a bake sale at the event to raise money to support chorus events! Sign up [here](#) if you would like to donate an item for the bake sale. Many thanks to all the families and students who have already signed up to help with this fun event!! Please refer all questions to Ms. Nolan: [enolan@bsdvt.org](mailto:enolan@bsdvt.org).

**COMPOSITION CLUB**

Composition Club is a music technology club for students in grades 3-5 that invites interested students to write music using music notation software and music looping software. Participants will also be eligible to submit work for mentoring and for the OPUS composition contest sponsored by [Music-comp](#). Composition club will meet on Mondays from 2:50-3:30 November 5th - February 18th. [Sign Up Here](#). Please refer all questions to Ms. Nolan: [enolan@bsdvt.org](mailto:enolan@bsdvt.org).

**IT'S RECORDER TIME!**

3rd and 4th grade students are VERY excited about getting their recorders! I'm hearing Hot Crossed Buns about ten thousand times a day! There are [recorder resources](#) available on the EES Music web page to help students practice. I also send students home with practice sheets. We use a program that allows students to work at their own pace to earn "belts" and work together in class on ensemble playing. If you are hearing your child getting a very unpleasant, high-pitched sound from their instrument, there are things you can do to help. This sound is caused when students blow too hard into their recorder or when they are not fully covering one of the holes needed to play each note. Gently reminding them of these issues can help guide their practice time and make the experience more rewarding for the kids and their families. Thanks for your support

**PTO NEWS**

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

**EDMUNDS ELEMENTARY COAT SWAP BEGINS OCTOBER 22**

As the weather turns colder and we assess our families' winter coat situation, please remember Edmunds Elementary annual coat swap. Clean, used coats and winter wear that you can pass down to a friend in the Edmunds community will be greatly appreciated. These can be brought to the main lobby. Also, remember, you don't have to give to get!

**FOUR WINDS BAKE SALE AT THE I-89 WILLISTON REST AREAS IS COMING UP ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**

We need volunteers to take shifts at our tables in the rest area (North & southbound) during the day. This is the only fundraiser for the year to make this important nature-based program happen in our school! Please contact Jens Hawkins-Hilke ([jhilke@gmail.com](mailto:jhilke@gmail.com)) to sign up to work a table at the bake sale. We'll be reaching out to the school community in coming weeks for details on how to drop off donations (baked goods or financial contributions welcome).

**From the Community:**

The University of Vermont's Department of Residential Life invites the Burlington community to Halloween on Pearl Street! Join us in Jeanne Mance Residence Hall for pumpkin painting, Halloween games, and all the candy their heart desires. We invite families and their children to join us for fun on Saturday Oct. 27, 2018 from 2-4pm. The event is free of charge and open to everyone. Come join us for an afternoon of fun!