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Up Coming Events:

Oct. 31 - HALLOWEEN PARADE - 11:00

Nov. 4 - Daylight Savings Time Ends!

Nov. 5-9 - Scholastic Book Fair: EES Library

Nov. 9 - End of 1st Marking Period

Nov. 9 - EES Variety Show - 6:30 PM

From the Principal's Desk

Edmunds Elementary has long been a community that has depended on the generosity of our parents and friends to help with the things that make the school a better place for all. This is the result of parents who give their time - whether in the evening making calls, making food or costumes, organizing fundraisers that help fund field trips for classes, helping bring extra science to classrooms, organizing fun events like Skate Night or the BBQ or helping with traffic in our Horseshoe during morning drop off.

I want all to understand that the people helping in morning drop-off are volunteers. Our volunteers are parents who have taken their time in the morning, before going to their own jobs, to help keep students safe. Over the years, the volunteers have developed a system that works well in keeping students safe while moving cars quickly.

The system works best when everyone helps, so this is what is asked of all. If, upon entering the driveway, traffic is temporarily stopped and your child is old enough to open the door on the passenger side and go to the sidewalk before getting up to the school door and volunteer, that would be very helpful. Once your student gets out, please remain in the line. DO NOT pass any vehicle in line ahead of you. There is always the chance that a child or adult might unexpectedly get out on the driver's side of a car in front of you and could be hit.

The volunteers open car doors on the passenger side so parents can remain in their car and the line moves more quickly. Please give your child(ren) hugs and kisses before you get to the door so they can leave quickly. Please have your student get out by the passenger side of the car, even if it means squeezing past another car seat with a younger child or infant.

If your child has to be in a car seat on the driver side and the car seat is too hard for them to unbuckle, please go out of the drop off area, and park briefly close to the playground to help them get out. Don't leave your car for more than the time it takes to walk them to the fence. You will be parking in a fire lane and a ticket would be very expensive.

Above all, please understand that you are working with volunteers in the morning. Please be kind and follow their instructions as this is a system that works for all. Without our volunteers, morning drop off would be considerably less safe for children, and a lot more chaotic for everyone trying to start their day. If everyone is patient and kind, everyone's morning will be happier and smoother.

Whole School Assembly**November 1, 2018****Morning Meeting****Mr. Gillard's Class Leading****(CONT)**

And please, consider helping out when you see the PTO looking for volunteers. Many of our volunteers also work. Working isn't a reason to say you can't volunteer. We all know the expression, "many hands makes light work". Sharing the load with many volunteers lending a hand makes our school a better place. As I too was a working parent, I know it seems hard to find the time, but your child's school experience is enhanced greatly by your involvement. If you model volunteering, they will follow in your footsteps, contributing to their community.

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!

HALLOWEEN PARADE - WEDNESDAY AT 11:00

We are gathering on the field for the Halloween Parade at 11:00. Students can choose the parade or an alternative, which is a harvest celebration with games and stories during the parade.



EES CHORUS

The EES Chorus will be having their first performance of the year at the Variety show on November 9th at 6:30 PM in the EMS Gymnasium. All chorus students should plan to attend. Dress for the chorus is blue chorus tee-shirts. New shirt should be in next week! 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.

THANK YOU EES COMMUNITY!

I am so grateful to work in a school in which our community supports all students. Both the recorders and the chorus tee-shirt order forms came back with many families sponsoring other students. Thank you to everyone who contributed to support all our kids!!

COMPOSITION CLUB

Music 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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair will be held this year from **November 5 - 9 in the Edmunds Elementary School Library**. This is first time we will be holding our fair in our own library! Scholastic will once again be providing the books for our sale. Students will have the opportunity to shop during the day. We will also be open after school during the following times:

Monday, Nov. 5th - 2:50 - 3:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 6th - 2:50- 4:00 pm & 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 7th - 1:50 - 2:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 8th - 2:50 - 3:30 pm
Friday, Nov. 10th - 1:50 - 3:00 pm

Special Family Night - Come Vote and Shop!
Tuesday Nov. 6th 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Please come join us if you can to shop and help support our library! A letter is being sent home with more details about the fair so be on the lookout for it. To view our online fair use this link:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/ees>

Thank you! Kathryn Neil, EES Librarian

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR NOVEMBER 5-9

Ms. Neil is seeking volunteers to help out with the cash register, setting up the displays, taking down the displays, keeping the displays orderly and the carts replenished along with aiding in book selection with the students who need this support. If you are able to help with this, please contact Kathy Neil at kneil@bsdvt.org

COAT SWAP BEGAN OCTOBER 22

The Edmunds Elementary annual coat swap kicked off on October 22nd. There are rolling racks in the front lobby where you can bring clean, used coats, snow pants, and winter-wear like hats, scarves, and gloves. Please bring your coats on the hangers, if possible. All donations are greatly appreciated by the EES community. Remember, you do not have to donate in order to be the recipient of a cozy, warm coat and accessories!

FOUR WINDS BAKE SALE AT THE I-89 WILLISTON REST AREAS 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) 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).