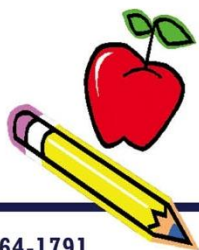


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## From the Principal's Desk

Yesterday, the Mayor and the School Board, with the Superintendent, introduced a Bond to upgrade Burlington High School. If you have not been in Burlington High School, there are three upcoming Open Houses and I would strongly urge you to go and see for yourself why the effort is being put before you as voters. I would also urge you to read the information that is on the [BSD website](#).

I'd also like to share what I observed as a parent and resident in Lyndonville, a Northeast Kingdom town of 4,500 people. Lyndon had five schools, all of which were very old and students of different ages were bussed to the school for their age. My two oldest children actually attended a real one room school house for first and second grade, with one teacher and a para. It took ten years for Lyndon voters to approve the \$7.2 million bond to build the three story structure which accommodated the town's 900 K - 8 students. The structure was built with a vision of future needs and an understanding of educational requirements that simply didn't exist 50 years ago.

I'll never forget the scene on the day of the Open House. Many had not stepped in any of the town's schools since their own graduation. They got to see how their taxes were used and their attitudes towards education changed. There was a sense of pride in their schools and their contribution to the effort to educate the children of the town. Interestingly, Lyndon's population grew by 20% a year for over a decade. The town's growth resulted in slowing the increase in property taxes.

Schools are a visible statement about a town's commitment to education. As a former realtor, one of the first questions asked when people are looking to establish a business or purchase a house is, "How are the schools?" Take the time to [study the issue](#) being presented before you in November. Go to one of the Open Houses so that you can truly understand the importance of this bond. Wednesday, October 17 - Tuesday, October 23 or Saturday, November 3.

**SCHOOL PICTURES ARE ON THEIR WAY!**

Be on the lookout for your child's school pictures next week! We're expecting them to be delivered next Wednesday!

October 5, 2018

**Up Coming Events:**

- Oct. 8 - Dan's Chocolate Sale Begins!
- Oct. 15 - Picture Retake Day
- 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

**Whole School Assembly**  
**October 11, 2018**  
**Problem Solving**  
**Ms. Palmer's Class Leading**

**PICTURE RETAKE DAY - OCTOBER 15**

Did you know that less than 2% of our families ask for a retake? However, Ambient will refund or retake your image if necessary. On retake day, Ambient will recreate technically defective portraits free of charge. A change of clothing, make up, hair or braces removal does not qualify for a free retake. Be sure to send in your original packet with your child if you are having a retake. **Order forms are available in the office if your child was absent on picture day.**

**CHORUS NEWS**

The 4/5 Chorus will be sharing their work in their **first performance** of the year at the EES Variety Show on **Friday, November 9th at 6:30 PM** in the EMS Gymnasium. We are planning to have a bake sale at this event to support the chorus program. If you are able to donate a baked good or some time to help the students run the bake sale please sign up [Here](#). Chorus Tee-shirt order forms went home Monday. Please have all new chorus members return their order forms to Ms. Nolan by next Friday, October 12th.

**IT'S RECORDER TIME!**

All third and fourth grade students will be playing the recorder this year. Every student will get their own recorder to bring home and keep forever. We will be working on proper technique, music reading skills and how to play with an ensemble. Order forms are due next Friday, October 12. Extra forms are available in the music room.

## EES VARIETY SHOW - PREVIEWS AND PERMISSION SLIPS

The EES Variety Show will be on Friday, November 9th at 6:30 in the EMS gym. Students in grades 3-5 who wish to perform must return a [permission slip](#) to Ms. Nolan and have their act previewed during recess. This will allow Ms. Nolan to give feedback and help students prepare an act that is appropriate, and well-rehearsed. Students may come into the music room for help before their preview time during recess next week.

## PTO NEWS

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

### DAN'S CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER

By now your children should have all received their fundraising materials for the Dan's Chocolates Fundraiser. Please assist your children with their record keeping and with keeping the money they receive safe. Orders must be turned in by Friday, October 12. We will be distributing chocolates about two weeks later.

### 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).

### VERMONT COFFEE COMPANY ORDERS DUE TUESDAY OCTOBER 9!

EES makes nearly \$6/bag with each order! Order forms are at Front Office and at EES PTO website. (<https://eespto.org/fundraisers/Vermont-coffee-fundraiser/>). Checks payable to EES PTO, OR Pay via PayPal. Please note in PayPal "Purpose Box" number of bags and coffee choice: extra dark, dark, medium, light, mild, uno, dos, tres, cuatro or decaf. Coffee will be delivered by Friday, October 12. Contact Pam Moreau (802.999.4590 or [pmoreaulawvt@gmail.com](mailto:pmoreaulawvt@gmail.com)) with questions.

## FROM THE COMMUNITY

UVM has reached out with an exclusive opportunity for the local schools in Vermont. On **Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 p.m.** the UVM Men's Ice Hockey team will be hosting Laurentian in their home opener, and are offering **\$10 tickets** to all teachers, staff, and students. Click on this [link](#) to purchase up to 6 tickets at a time! Go Cats Go!!!