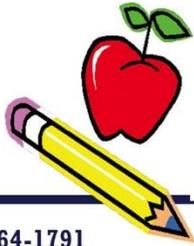


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## Up Coming Events:

Dec. 24 thru Jan. 2 - Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

Jan. 3 - Students Return to School!

Jan. 3 - Kindergarten Registration Opens

## From the Principal's Desk

I wish you all a holiday break that brings you peace, rejuvenation, and time with friends and family. Hopefully, the winter weather will afford us some decent snow for some great skiing, boarding, snowshoeing and pristine views enjoyed from the comfort of home where a good book or movie is beckoning. I know there are some movies that I'm looking forward to catching.

Caring for our community and each other has been something that we have tried to instill in our children, whether it is picking up something that fell, helping a classmate, or donating coins to help our families in need. As adults, each of us can model giving and caring, and sometimes it takes suggestions of how a child can help and contribute, whether it's helping to set a table, do the dishes or take out the trash. While each could be considered a chore and not worthy of gratitude, each provides an opportunity to express gratitude for the contribution to family or community. Anything that is done without reminder or suggestion deserves special recognition, because it reinforces the child's actions and their desire to repeat that kind of thinking. I know that so many of you are working in your homes - doing the normal household work - cooking dinner, cleaning up, sweeping, doing laundry, etc. but how many of us actually thank each other for our contributions. A "thanks for doing the dishes", even if it's that person's turn doesn't negate the contribution. We hope to model contributing and the reinforcement may be as simple as "thank you".

I hope that you will consider taking some time over this holiday break to share a good book with your children. Young children can delight in good chapter books if the story is engaging. Young children do not always have to have picture books. They love listening to stories you tell and your stories don't come with pictures. Give authors a chance to tell your children a story through your voice. Pull out the stories that you loved as a child and share them with them. The richness that they are exposed to in listening to stories, will become part of their own language, their own fantasies and imaginings and their own writing as they grow. The conversations about the characters, their choices, what would your child do in the circumstances, what would you do, what do they think will happen next, all give a chance to have a common interest. If you are taking a long car trip this vacation,

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try listening to an audio book with the whole family. It may just be the most peaceful, interesting trip you've ever had!

I wish you peace and joy this Holiday season. Be safe, be well. Happy New Year. --Shelley Mathias



★ The City of Burlington has asked for our help in trying to fill crossing guard positions. If you know someone who might be interested, or if you're interested yourself, please take a look at the [job posting here!](#)



★ Edmunds Elementary needs help with Recess Monitors on a daily basis. This is a paid position and it is one hour a day. If you are interested, please contact Shelley Mathias or Trish Palmer

**PTO NEWS**

PTO LEADERS: Jenny Sullivan, Pam Moreau & Stacey Kelleher

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# *Happy Holidays*

*We wish you all a safe and restful break.*

## **FROM THE COMMUNITY:**



Please join Jake & Kids on the Ball for tennis during Christmas break  
Monday, December 24  
Wednesday, December 26  
Thursday, December 27  
Friday, December 28 AND  
Monday, December 31

Hop on the Red Bus in front of the Boys & Girls Club at 12:45pm in front of King Street Center at 1:00pm for tennis from 1:30 to 3:30pm at the Edge on any or all days -all for free.

The Red Bus will drop off in front of the King Street Center at 3:45pm and in front of the Boys & Girls Club at 4:00pm.

Call 503-7597 with questions.