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From the Principal's Desk

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Up Coming Events:

Dec. 13 - Early Release Day 11:30 am

Dec. 20 - EES Chorus at COTS Vigil 5:00 - 6:00 PM

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

Several of the faculty and staff were reminiscing about memorable gifts received over the years. Some were gifts that we had received and others were the gifts that we gave to our children and their reactions. Several talked about the fact that their children were given the much talked about toy with epic features and then watched as their children resorted to playing with the even more fascinating box the toy came in. One individual told of his neighbors; an elderly couple that would get a large, cardboard box and decorate it like a gingerbread house and bring it to them to play in. The kids in his family looked forward to it every year and played in it until it fell apart. The children of the house are now adults, starting to have children of their own. Recently, the elderly couple brought a box for the first grandchild, and the grown up children all had a crack at crawling in the door.

I'm sure many of us can remember scratching our heads as we watch our children devote more attention to the box than the actual gift. If you think about it, it says that children find more pleasure in those things that allow them to use their imagination and include others in their play. Wooden blocks, Lincoln Logs, Erector sets, tools and pieces of material or blankets (for tents and forts) can provide hours of fun. Card and board games are also great as they are played with others, and develop all kinds of skills without the children even being aware of it. Counting, adding, subtracting, and strategizing are all skills that can be found in many card and board games. Do I move my piece forward, closer to the end, or do I move a different piece to send another player back to the beginning, blocking their chance to win? Games like Sorry, Monopoly, Scrabble, Boggle, Othello, Mastermind, Backgammon, Chess, and good old Checkers are all great and fun games that kids can play with their friends or with adults. Card games like Cribbage, Gin, Hearts, Setback or even Bridge all require math and strategy.

Technology has a lot to offer, but those things that encourage play with others do a great deal towards developing better social skills. Having a conversation while you play cards is always fun. Card games can slow everything down to relax and helps us reconnect with each other. There may be disagreements and the

Whole School Assembly
December 20, 2018
Winter Sing
EES Chorus

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children will need to learn how to negotiate insuring that everyone understands the rules. And sometimes, there is a need to discuss how to behave when one loses a game. Those are life skills that are applied throughout adulthood. If games have not been part of your family's activities, and you want to introduce them, you are going to have to take the time to sit down and play with them. Giving them an alternative to technology for entertainment will help them grow socially and last throughout their lives.

HELP WANTED!

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

WINTER GEAR!

Children are coming to our spare clothing area expecting that we can supply them with snow pants, gloves and boots. We have some spares, but we are not in the position to have sufficient supplies for every student who forgets their clothing at home or in the car. A natural consequence is to miss sledding with their friends because we don't let students go sledding if they don't have appropriate clothing. They get too wet. That said, children are forgetful, and need to have help checking their "equipment" before leaving the house or the car. PLEASE, help us help them!



PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Jenny Sullivan, Pam Moreau & Stacey Kelleher

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

EES COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS:

During this holiday season, if you are looking for an opportunity to give to a family in the EES community, consider purchasing a gift card (Amazon, book store, department store, etc.) to donate anonymously. This year Ms. Hathaway (EES School Counselor), Tyler Sessions (P.E. Teacher), and Celia DeVoe (School Based Clinician) are working to connect EES families in need of some extra financial support with gifts and gift cards for the holidays. The PTO is reaching out to the EES community to help provide gift cards to our EES families in need. The gift cards can be sent to school in an envelope where they will be collected by the class teachers, and given to Ms. Hathaway. In order to reach families before the December break, please send in gift cards no later than Monday the 17th of December. Thank you EES community for your generosity during this holiday season.

**EES SCHOOL PLAY**

You still have time to send in your registration for the School Play! Auditions and rehearsal start right after the winter break! 1st & 2nd graders can participate in the chorus, 3rd, 4th, 5th graders get a part in the play and 4th and 5th graders can also help with Set Design or be part of the Set Crew. If you your child's sign up sheet got lost, just email Geneviève at geniehenry@gmail.com and she'll send you a new one:) Thank you!

MULAN (SCHOOL MUSICAL) FUNDRAISER AND SIGN UPS:

Items ordered from the Danforth fundraiser will be in next week. Also, permission notes along with payment are due by Friday, December 21. Remember no child will be turned away if he or she cannot contribute. Scholarships are available. Please contact Genevieve Henry with any questions geniehenry@gmail.com

HONEY FUNDRAISER:

EES Parent Brennan Martin has generously offered to donate (100) One hundred (.5lb) bottles of honey from his **Settlement Farm Apiary** to help raise funds for EES PTO. These jars would make great holiday treats, teacher gifts, housewarming presents and holiday party gifts. We are selling them for \$6.00 each - please contact leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com to put in your order for this amazingly sweet donation of honey to benefit EES PTO efforts! Please indicate quantity and if you are planning on using as a teacher gift - let us know the teacher name so we can keep track! Also - feel free to use the EES PTO Fundraising PayPal on line at [EES PTO](https://eespto.org) or <https://eespto.org/fundraisers/no-frills-fundraiser/>. **Orders Due: Friday, December 7th** and the delivery will be on Friday December 14th.

Student Name: _____

Classroom: _____

Yes! I would like to purchase ____ # bottles of Honey for \$6.00 each ----- Total \$ _____

Yes! I am going to use as a Teacher gift!

Teacher name: _____

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EES NO FRILLS FUNDRAISER:

The EES PTO is launching our annual appeal, with a goal this year of raising \$3000. Please take a few moments to make a donation so that all of our students can continue to benefit from the rich classroom activities, educational field trips, and fun community events that are sponsored by the PTO. 100% of your donation will go towards programs for our students. Remember that your donation is fully tax-deductible. What's more, many local businesses will match your contribution, so be sure to ask your employer about this opportunity to raise even more funds for our school. Donations can be made online at EES PTO or <https://eespto.org/fundraisers/nofrills-fundraiser/> or be sent to EES PTO to the front office at EES.