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From the Principal's Desk

This week, we have some important information that needs to be shared with our families in light of the Federal Government Shutdown. Schools have been asked by the State of Vermont to help get this information out. Families needing assistance with food should pay close attention to the following information.

Vermont's Department for Children and Families (DCF) will be issuing February 3SquaresVT benefits early, on January 20th. These benefits will be for the entire month of February, so it is important that participants budget accordingly.

Because these benefits will be issued early, DCF needs to complete interviews and receive any required documentation from 3SquaresVT applicants and participants on or before January 15th (Tuesday).

If you need to complete an interview for your 3SquaresVT application or re-certification, please call the interview line at 1-877-403-7668 right away.

If you are currently in the application or re-certification process, if you need to complete an interim report, or if you recently received a notice from DCF requesting documentation (pay stubs or proof of income, proof of medical expenses, etc.) you must send your documents in immediately to continue your benefits.

If you aren't sure if this applies to you, call the Benefits Service Center at 1-800-479-6151 to speak to a benefits specialist who can help. Expect a long wait time, but please stay on the line and do not give up! It is important that you hang on and get the information you need.

This is an ongoing situation, and there will likely be more updates to share in the coming days. Please visit <https://www.hungerfreevt.org/government-shutdown> for the most up to date information.

January 11, 2019

Up Coming Events:

Jan. 21 - Early Release Day $\frac{1}{2}$ Day for Students
Feb. 1st - Pack The Gut Challenge

Whole School Assembly
Martin Luther King Day - We Shall Overcome
Ms. McMorris 2nd Grade Class Leading

Doodle for Google Competition

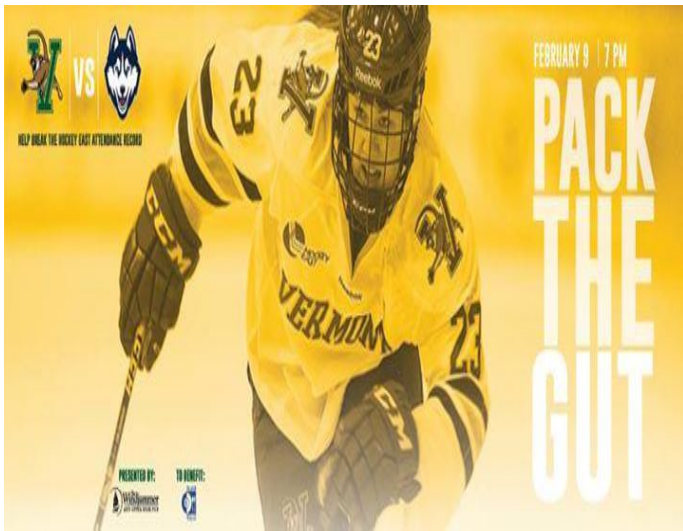
We shared a wonderful opportunity for interested students to create a Doodle for Google. This year's winner was a 2nd grader from Virginia. There is a \$30,000 scholarship for the first place winner, but there are also winners in different age categories, and different states. Students need parents' permission to submit their idea. If your child has expressed interest in submitting an entry, go to [Doodle 4 Google](#)

EES 4th GRADERS to participate in NAEP Assessment

Edmunds Elementary School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on January 29th. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. The notification letter was sent home with your fourth grader today. Please look in your child's backpack for the notification letter or click [here](#) to read it electronically.

Pack The Gut!

Join us at the 6th Annual "Pack the Gut Challenge" with the UVM Women's Ice Hockey Team. Friday, February 1st, 2019 at Gutterson Field House. Free tickets for all students will be given out in the lobby between 6:15 and 6:50. Come and support the women and join us in Sections 9, 10 and 11. Please put this date on your calendar!



Hi everyone! How are those New Year's resolutions going? Is one of your resolutions to be more involved in Edmunds Elementary PTO? We have a great opportunity for you if so. Next year we will be losing two of our PTO leaders—Jenny and Pam's kiddos will be moving on to middle school. That leaves two openings for new leadership. If you feel even the slightest tingle of excitement at the prospect of taking on one of these roles, contact me, Stacey Kelleher, at this email address and we can chat. It would be ideal to have some people lined up to shadow Jenny, Pam and me for the rest of the year so that we can all be familiar with the expectations of the jobs.

School Musical News

The first read through of *Mulan* will be on Monday after school in the library from 2:50pm to 4 pm. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are expected to attend and will receive their part during this time.

If you are picking up your child, please be at the front door of the building by 4pm.

RSVP FOR MATH NIGHT - SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th, 5:00-7:00 PM

The Edmunds Elementary PTO is sponsoring the 11th Annual Family Math Night. Explore the wonders of math with your children and let them show you what they are learning. A variety of activities, math centers and home learning activities will be available for children of all ages, such as graphing, chess, games using dice and playing cards and many other fun activities. Prizes, pizza, desserts and drinks too! We will have National Honor Society students from BHS to help facilitate games so that parents can fully enjoy the night with their children. **RSVP by sending an email to Rachel Shelley (rachskye@gmail.com) including your child's name, grade level and number of people attending.**

For those of you new to Math Night, here is how the night will work.

5:00-5:30 pizza will be served in the first grade hallway
5:30 - 7:00 pm: Math night begins. Games in the upper gym/cafeteria. Each student will go home with a packet full of games you can play at home.

We are also looking for donations of new or gently used -- with all the pieces--math related games (Uno, Chutes and Ladders, Yahtzee, Phase 10, Dominoes, Set, Sequence, Chess, etc.) for the raffle at the end of the night; we'd love a few donations of veggies and dip crackers and cheese as well as a few desserts. We also will be needing 3-5 people to help set up at 2 pm on Saturday the 26th and 3-5 people to help clean up afterwards. Please contact Rachel Shelley (rachskye@gmail.com) if you are able to contribute and/or help with set up and clean up. We hope to see you all there!