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From the Principal's Desk

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We've got some exciting things coming up this week, starting this Saturday night with **Math Night**. Math Night is for all families and is a night of games that use the skills that are important in learning math, but are not always obvious; that they're using the thinking skills required for math. It's a lot of fun and there are lots of prizes and games that children for children to bring home. A Pizza Dinner starts the evening at 5:00, and the games start at 5:30. We hope to see you there.

Edmunds Elementary School is celebrating **Mathletes**. Every student will have the opportunity to become a Mathlete by working with their classroom teacher to decide on their personal math goal. We have members of the **UVM Women's Hockey Team** coming to EES to help us in quizzing the students who feel ready to challenge their goal. The goals are put in manageable "chunks" like adding + or -1 up to 10, starting easy to build confidence. Whether it's a student counting to 100, or doing multiplication and division, every child's goal is based on where they are as mathematicians. As they are able to meet their goal, they will receive a bead on a string that will become their bracelet once they've "scored" their goals.

The purpose of this initiative is to encourage all of our students to learn their math facts with the same level of automatic response they have when reading the word CAT. We know that the vast majority of our students can effectively calculate math problems, but we need to motivate them to commit the facts to memory. Knowing math facts is essential to enabling students to learn new math concepts because they can spend time thinking about the new concepts, rather than re-calculating simple math. The work that they will need to be able to do in higher level math really demands a strong foundation in their math facts. For example, you need to know multiplication fractions in order to do factoring in algebra, or calculate dimensions in geometry.

Friday, Feb. 1, we will be able to show our support for the **UVM Women's Hockey Team** at their game against Boston University at the Gutterson Field House. This is the 8th year that EES will be supporting the team at Pack the Gutt. Students are free and adult tickets are just \$2. It's a great time. We recommend

Up Coming Events:

Jan. 26 - Math Night 5 - 7 PM

Feb. 1 - Pack The Gut (UVM Women's Hockey Game)

Feb. 7 - Fine Arts Night Grades 3, 4 & 5

Feb. 22 - Report Cards Go Home

Feb. 25 - Mar. 4: Winter Break

Whole School Assembly

January 31, 2019

Hole at the Bottom of the Sea

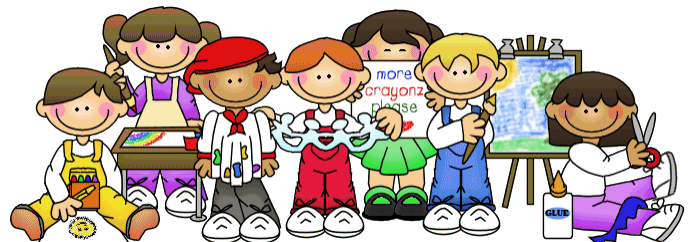
Ms. Johnson's Class Leading

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getting to the Gutterson Field House at 6:30 to get your tickets. The lobby get's pretty crowded for those who wait til 7:00 when the first puck is dropped

SAVE THE DATE: 3-5 FINE ARTS NIGHT 2019!

Once a year, the 3rd 4th and 5th grade Edmunds Elementary School community gathers for a special evening: Fine Arts Night! All students will have artwork on display, and all students will have an important part in the music performance. This is our chance to celebrate the musical and visual arts in our community. All students are expected to participate, and all families and friends are welcome to attend. Please let you teachers know if you need transportation support.

3-5 Fine Arts Night is Thursday, February 7**5:45 Art Show in the first floor hallway****6:20 Doors Open for the Concert****6:30 Concert begins in the middle school gym**

HELP NEEDED FOR FINE ARTS NIGHT

The music program could use some help for fine arts night. I need three adults: someone to run the sound board, the light board and take video of each performance for our web page. Don't feel intimidated by the tech jobs, I've trained fifth graders successfully! Reach out to enolan@bsdvt.org if you can help! Thanks - Betsy Nolan, EES Music Educator

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Jenny Sullivan, Pam Moreau and Stacey Kelleher. **PTO CONTACT:** pto@eespto.org

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Martin Luther King Jr. As parents and guardians, we are all weighed down with responsibilities and worries for our families. Often, when we are asked to volunteer, we feel pushed beyond our comfort zones. With the strength and courage of MLK fresh in our minds and hearts this week, let's think of what we can do as a community to support each other and create a world more like the one he envisioned. If you were unable to do your day of service on Monday because of the weather, we have some excellent service opportunities coming up. Maybe you don't see yourself as the volunteering type. Just consider what you might have to give, and what you might stand to gain from putting yourself out there to help. "Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service." -MLK

**RSVP FOR MATH NIGHT TOMORROW 5-7 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 who are new to Math Night, here is how the night will work. 5:00-5:30 pizza will be served in the first grade hallway. At 5:30 Math night begins. (until 7:30). 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!

****As of today, Rachel has not heard from anyone willing to volunteer for this event! Please consider lending a hand. It is a fun event that we want to keep doing, but we need your help.****

**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!