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## From the Principal's Desk

**CALLING ALL 4 YEAR OLDS SOON TO BE KINDERGARTNERS!**

It's that time of year again. Kindergarten registration for 2019-2020 school year is now open!

If you have a child who will be in kindergarten next fall, don't wait to register. We need their place saved by you otherwise you may find yourself having children in two different schools.

This year we started with two kindergarten classrooms and had to open a third because students arrived to register as school was opening and we had no more space. Parents new to school systems with their first child are often unaware that Kindergarten Registration takes place so far in advance of the fall. Some think they simply show up on the first day of school. Those whose children are going to our partner preschools are made aware that it is time to register for Kindergarten now. Unfortunately, those who don't attend preschool are less likely to get the word. ***This is where I need to ask all of you to help out.***

If you know of a family that has a 4 year old who might be 5 by September 1st, please let them know that it is important to register their child now. Follow up with them - remind them. Even help them by bringing them to the school if they are unsure of how to register. Registration is on line, but if that is a problem, we can help them. What should you tell parents?

1. Kindergarten registration is open and it's important to register their child early to get into the school of their choice (this is where you EES parents will of course be singing the praises of your experiences at EES).
2. Tell them they can register on line by going to this link: <https://www.bsdrv.org/students-and-families/school-registration/> If they need help, tell them to come to the school and we'll help!
3. Let the parents know that they can take a tour of our school and see it for themselves. The dates of the tour are all on our website at [ees.bsdrv.org](https://www.bsdrv.org) on January 8 at 8:15, January 18 at 4:30, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 and February 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00. Come to our "Sneek Peek Pizza Party" On January 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, and see the Kindergarten classrooms, meet current Kindergarten parents play with children and eat some pizza!

January 4, 2019

## Up Coming Events:

- Jan. 10 - Kindergarten Sneek Peak Pizza Party 5:30  
 Jan. 21 - Early Release Day ½ Day for Students

**Whole School Assembly**  
**Martin Luther King Day - We Shall Overcome**  
**Ms. McMorris 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class Leading**

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4. It is helpful if they call to let us know they are joining a tour or the pizza party. Please call Trish Palmer at 864-8473. If they aren't sure, they can join us last minute, come on ahead and we'll make room for them ***even if they haven't called.***
5. Invite your friend to a Whole School Assembly so they can experience the EES Community?

Understanding what a school is like is really important to parents. Some of the key features of EES that makes this a great place for students include our focus on social and emotional skills along with academics to make the environment as safe and welcoming as possible and to make sure that children can access their learning. As a result, EES has been recognized as a PBIS Exemplar School three years in a row by Vermont's Agency of Education. EES has lead the way in the use of phonics based literacy program for kindergarten, using a developmentally, child friendly system that students love and thrive on. We are located in a prime location, enabling us to have walking field trips to places like the Flynn, Echo Science Center, Fletcher Free Library and much more.

Regardless of which school families want to send their children to, it is important that they register them early so that we know how many classrooms we will need next year. I hope we have three full kindergarten classrooms next year. We will of course be advertising, but in the end, word of mouth is really important when it comes to letting people know that it's time to register and about our school. I am going to ask all of you to help us fill our classrooms.

**CHORUS NEWS**

After a fantastic performance at the COTS Vigil in December the chorus is having a celebration this Monday, January 4th during their regular rehearsal (2:00). Any parents interested in coming to join the fun are welcome. We will be in the EES Gym for this event.

Starting January 14th any 4th or 5th grade student wishing to join chorus for the remainder of the year may do so. Please see Ms. Nolan for a sign up form or register [here](#). Student who wish to withdraw from chorus for the remainder of the year may do so as well. Please send a note or an email if your child is withdrawing from chorus so, I and the other teacher have an accurate list moving forward.

**FROM THE COMMUNITY:****Discover Girl Scouts**

*Free information session!*

- Meet local Girl Scouts and volunteers
- *Enjoy fun, girl-led activities*
- Explore our many Girl Scout programs
- *Make new friends*
- Learn about volunteer opportunities
- *Register*
- Receive a FREE *Discover Girl Scouts* embroidered



**Thursday, January 10, 6-7pm**  
**Edmunds Elementary School**  
**Cafeteria**  
**299 Main St, Burlington**

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