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From the Principal's Desk

March 15, 2019

Who doesn't know the old Aesop Fable, "The Little Boy Who Cried Wolf"? I would venture to guess that the vast majority of you do, and yet, most of our students have never heard the story. For those unfamiliar with the tale, a boy was charged with watching the flock of sheep of the village to protect them from wolves. The boy grew bored and cried "Wolf". All the villagers ran to help, only to find the boy laughing at them, saying "I fooled you". This happened several times, angering the villagers. One day wolves arrived but when the boy cried "wolf", no one believed him and the sheep were lost.

We know that dishonesty in children will naturally occur as they experiment with lying. It is our responsibility to impress upon our children the importance of honesty. Children who lie learn that loss of trust is devastating and earning it back is very difficult. Those who get away with dishonesty do it more frequently. Some healthy skepticism when confronted with something you believe to be untrue is a good thing. Consequences for misbehaving that focus on repairing harm rather than punishment may result in children being more willing to be truthful. When lying does occur in addition to a misbehavior, it deserves a more serious consequence with a focus on the consequence because of a lie helps drive the message about honesty home.

Societies around the world rely on basic norms of behavior and honesty one such norm. The advantages of wealth and position have long been known but the recent college admissions scandal exposed the lengths to which some would go to cheat. Those who applied to the colleges involved "in good faith", believing that the system was fair, were betrayed, especially those who were rejected despite having worked very hard. I can't help but think that the biggest losers are those who didn't get the life lessons of perseverance and hard work. Wouldn't the children have been better off learning the importance of hard work in their future rather than the public humiliation they now feel? Loving a child means knowing when to step back and let the child struggle to earn what they want.

Up Coming Events:

Mar. 15 Mulan Performance 7:00 PM

Mar. 16 Mulan Performance 4:00 PM

Mar. 22 2'nd Annual Black History Month BHS 5:30

Mar. 28 - $\frac{1}{2}$ day of School: Parent/Teacher Conf.

Mar. 29 - Parent/Teacher Conferences -

NO SCHOOL

Apr. 12 - Skate Night 6-8 PM

Whole School Assembly
March 21, 2019
Ms. Nolan Leading

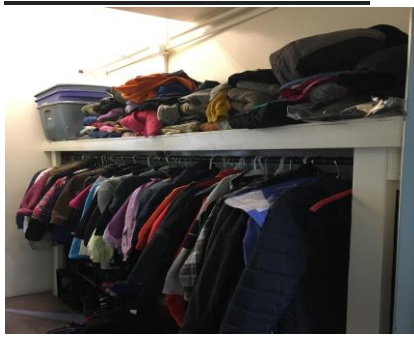
TIME TO SCHEDULE A PTC!

Scheduling for Parent/Teacher conferences for the second semester has begun; for our new families, our district uses an online scheduling system called **PTC Fast**, which allows you to select the teacher(s) with whom you would like to conference with by registering your email address. You are able to view and select an available conference time that works for you! **Conferences can be scheduled from now through March 27th**. The web link for EES Parent Teacher Conference scheduling is https://ptcfast.com/schools/Edmunds_Elementary_School and is also available on the EES home page. Frequently asked questions can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/eesptcsupport> If you need assistance, please call the office at 864-8473.

**SAVE THE DATE! SKATE NIGHT!!!!**

April 12 – Leddy Park. More Information to Come!

LOST AND FOUND!



Here is a small sampling of items in our Lost & Found area; there's everything from lunchboxes and water bottles to boots, hats and mittens. There's also a very large supply of fleece tops, shirts, sweatshirts, etc. Please be sure to check through it while you are here for Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you go through the folded items, please be sure to keep the clothing organized for the next person looking. We will keep some of the unclaimed fleeces and windbreakers for students who need them, but everything else will be donated to Goodwill. Lost & Found is located on the 2nd floor near the Office.

GIRLS ON THE RUN IS COMING TO EES!

Girls on the Run Vermont is a spring program for 3rd-5th grade girls that starts on March 18th. **Our team will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:30pm.** The season ends with our celebratory 5k on Saturday, June 1st in Essex. This team is dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential. Register online at <https://www.gotrvt.org/Program-Registration-Northern> The registration fee is \$100. Girls on the Run Vermont has limited financial assistance available to those who truly need it. GOTRVT will work with families who may not be eligible through the household income scale but still require assistance. For questions, please contact Girls on the Run at 802-871-5664 or info@girlsontherunvermont.org

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Jenny Sullivan, Pam Moreau and Stacey Kelleher.

PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

PTO website and email are temporarily out of order. While we try to resolve this issue, please direct any PTO questions to stacehk1568@yahoo.com. We apologize for the inconvenience!

FROM THE COMMUNITY

2nd ANNUAL BEYOND BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Join our students and staff for an evening of conversation, education and reflection at our 2nd annual Beyond Black History Month on March 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at BHS. Childcare and dinner will be provided! Learn more or RSVP on the district's [Facebook page!](#)

ALL ARE WELCOME **2ND ANNUAL BEYOND BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

CELEBRATING
STUDENT WORK FROM
ACROSS THE DISTRICT
CREATED IN
CONJUNCTION WITH
BLACK HISTORY
MONTH



BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, MARCH 22
5:30 PM

CHILDCARE AND
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
PROVIDED.

EXPANDING DIALOGUES

SHIFTING PERSPECTIVES

BOLDLY ADDRESSING INJUSTICES

Cultivating caring, creative,
and courageous people.
Join the journey!



To request childcare or transportation please call 802-864-8474



The University of Vermont

RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

Dr. Patricia Prelock from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Vermont is currently seeking **children either with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or without ASD (typical), between the ages of 7 and 14 years old**, to participate in a research study.

The purpose of this research study is to determine whether children with ASD can improve their theory of mind (ToM) through a social cognitive intervention using social stories. The study will involve a series of assessments; children will participate in a 9-week Social Story intervention as well as MRI/fMRI scanning visits. All assessment and treatment procedures will take place at either the University of Vermont Eleanor M. Luse Center, the University of Vermont Medical Center, or in your home. Compensation of \$50 will be provided for completing each MRI/fMRI scan. Please contact Dr. Patricia Prelock (patricia.prelock@med.uvm.edu) or Yu Han (yhan8@uvm.edu) for more details.