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Up Coming Events:

Mar. 22nd Annual Black History Month BHS 5:30Mar. 28 - $\frac{1}{2}$ day of School: Parent/Teacher Conf.Mar. 29 - Parent/Teacher Conferences -
NO SCHOOL

Apr. 11 - Spring Concert K-2, 6:30 PM

Apr. 12 - Skate Night 6-8 PM

From the Principal's Desk

Many years ago, I received a notice that a donation was made in my name to a Natural History Museum in Albuquerque, NM. My brother made the donation as a passionate geology major at UNM hence the connection. I was in Alaska, and thought, "That's nice" and didn't think much about it until 15 years later when I actually had a chance to go to the museum with my 3 and 5 year old children. It was a great hands on experience for them and we all had a wonderful time. As we exited, I noticed a large granite wall with a list of donors names and while I waited for the rest of our gang to join us, I absently read through the list, when to my surprise, I saw my name. Wow! All of a sudden, that gift had far more meaning.

Ever since then, I've thought it would be nice to have a wall of all the contributors to our schools in our lobbies - and by contributors, I mean taxpayers. I'm feeling particularly grateful right now because of several upgrades, all made possible through the taxes you all pay - whether as property owners or through your rents. In the eight years since I became principal, we've experienced a lot of physical improvements at EES, going from overflowing plastic bins to lockers, from old restrooms to brand new clean restrooms, from three stairwells and no elevator, to being accessible on all floors with two elevators, from minimal technology to technology regularly available to all students; and from losing our gym two and a half hours a day to the cafeteria, to a dedicated gym for EES and a brand new, dedicated cafeteria that is beautiful and air conditioned (something I know we will all appreciate in the spring and fall. Today, I was working with a team in my office with some new technology that enabled all of us to more efficiently work together and it was so appreciated by all present. The reality is, that each improvement is a statement to our children - that their education is important and you value them.

We don't often equate a tax bill to anything more than an inconvenience, but it's an important contribution to every child in this city. The construction projects are built with future generations in mind and the Edmunds Campus is a testament to just how long the investment lasts when we are good stewards. So, next time you're thinking of your tax

Whole School Assembly
April 4, 2019
Sing Me Another
Mr. Styles Class Leading

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bill, start thinking of it as your Contribution Bill like giving to a great cause. Because this is a great Cause and then pat yourself on the back for your share in doing something really important - caring and educating the next generation.

K-2 SPRING CONCERT - APRIL 11

On April 11th at 6:30 PM the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders will be sharing their musical learning in a spring concert. The concert will be held on the stage in the Edmunds Middle School Gymnasium. Every child has an important role to play. See you there!!



PTO NEWS

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

The PTO website and email are still down. We hope to have this resolved soon. In the meantime, please direct all your PTO questions to Stacey Kelleher at staceyhk1568@yahoo.com

SKATE NIGHT!!

Friday April 12 2019 6-8 pm at Leddy Ice Skating Rink - Make plans to attend this year's Skate Night. It's a great tradition and lots of fun. Free Pizza and skate rentals. Please bring a beverage, snack or dessert to share if you can!



PTO MEETING: APRIL 9, 6-7 PM

Please join us as we discuss Mayfair and the Silent Auction, end of year activities and future PTO leadership opportunities. Plan an extra hour for some socializing afterwards if you can!

PTO LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are still seeking volunteers for next year's PTO leadership squad! We have had one person step forward and are absolutely delighted to welcome Kimberly Price to the crew. Ideally, we have three people as leaders, but imagine how amazing it would be to have a couple more? Come to the next PTO meeting on April 9, or contact Stacey Kelleher at staceyhk1568@yahoo.com with questions.