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Up Coming Events:

Apr. 22 thru 26 - Spring Break

May 9 - Early Release 11:30

From the Principal's Desk

I hope that all will enjoy a lovely break. I know that this is a very busy time for all of our students and they will benefit from the time off as will the faculty and staff.

As our students face the annual TIDE testing, we have some exciting things happening to help balance their days. Students in every classroom, Kindergarten through 5th grade had the opportunity to experience an energy-related, hands-on learning workshop. The VEEP educators worked with individual teachers and ran the workshops using energy-related science and engineering kits developed by VEEP. VEEP's programming is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), which have been adopted by the Vermont Agency of Education to guide science learning in K-12 classrooms in Vermont. VEEP helps teachers learn about and meet the three dimensions of the NGSS. Students learned about the impact of wind and solar power generation, utilizing simple simulations which included measurements of voltage generated.

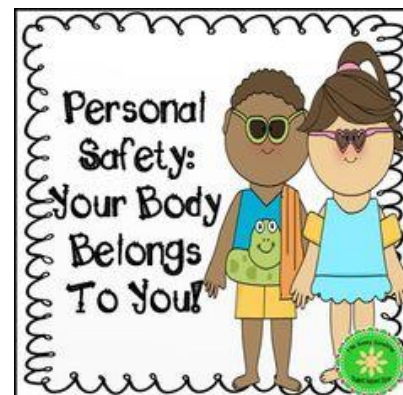
When the students return, they will be experiencing a Circus Smirkus Artist in Residence. The goal of Circus Smirkus is to encourage and empower students to set and achieve goals of excellence at their individual level. Circus is a non-competitive physical art form that focuses on dedication, discipline, and hard work. Accommodations are made so that all students are able to participate. Students will be working on both a variety of movement skills, movement patterns and concepts, such as body awareness, space concepts, qualities of movements, both locomotor and non-locomotor skills, dance and rhythmic activities.

The Circus Smirkus residency will culminate with a performance by the 4th and 5th graders on the afternoon of Friday, May 10 which families will be welcome to attend along with the rest of the student body.

Whole School Assembly
May 2, 2019
All Are Welcome!

PERSONAL SAFETY LESSONS

Returning from April vacation our School Counselor, Melissa Hathaway and School Counseling Intern, Kate Turpen, will begin teaching classes about personal safety. These lessons have been adapted from the research based programs, *Care For Kids* (K-2) and *We Care Elementary* (3-5). The experiential and interactive lessons focus on helping children develop healthy communication skills, and understand boundaries and identify trusted adults in their support system. Additionally, *Care For Kids* teaches students the anatomically correct names for the private parts of their bodies (penis, vagina, buttocks), as this has been shown to increase communication skills and serve as a protective factor. If you have any questions or concerns related to this topic, or would like more information about how to support your child around this topic, Melissa Hathaway, School Counselor 864-8473 x42010 mhathawa@bsdvt.org.



PTO NEWS

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

SAVE THE DATE! MAY 17 IS MAYFAIR!

This is a great tradition for our school. It is a fundraising event with food and games. We will be needing help with picking up food, volunteering the day of for running games, collecting tickets, food table, grilling, etc. Please put the date on your calendar and contact Nicole Dehne — nicole@nofavt.org if you are able to volunteer in any capacity.

VSO MUSICAL PETTING ZOO! - FRI. MAY 3RD: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ☺ Attention music lovers, parents of kindergartners and first-graders! We need your help to make this event happen!
- ☺ The musical petting zoo is a fun, hands-on experience for kids in kindergarten and first grade to learn about the instruments that are part of an orchestra and get a chance to play them.
- ☺ We need parent volunteers to help hold the instruments and sanitize them between students— an easy way to volunteer and join in the fun!
- ☺ No musical experience needed!
- ☺ We are looking for 8 volunteers to staff this one-time workshop from 8:10-10:10am Friday May 3rd.
- ☺ If you are interested in helping, please contact Bethany Fitzgerald at bsaulpaugh@hotmail.com. This is a great opportunity for grandparents to volunteer in the school as well. Thank you ahead of time for your efforts in bringing this great opportunity to our children!

PTO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you an accounting wiz? A graphic designer? An IT aficionado? We need you! Please contact Stacey Kelleher at staceyhk1568@yahoo.com with questions.



FROM THE COMMUNITY:



Join the BPD, Mayor Miro, city departments, and our community partners to welcome in spring, May 7th at S. Union, adjacent to Edmunds Middle School. Check out cruisers and trucks from various agencies, activities and information shared by our community partners, a K9 Demo with our newest recruit "Bully", a Drone Demo by UVM's Spatial Analysis Lab, Ben & Jerry's ice cream, street games, a visit by CHAMP, and of course a BBQ! We hope to see you there.

DOWNSTREAM: The Effects of Parental Incarceration

DOWNSTREAM is a one-hour documentary film featuring the compelling stories of those left behind when a parent goes to prison. Vermont children and caregivers share their experiences, revealing the complex and emotional terrain they navigate in the wake of a parent's incarceration. **Free and open to the public RESERVATIONS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED FOR ALL SHOWS.** To learn more about the film and to see the film trailer go to:

www.Downstream.com

