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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Up Coming Events:

Apr. 9 - PTO Meeting 6 -7 PM (EES Cafeteria)

Apr. 11 - Spring Concert K-2, 6:15 PM

Apr. 12 - Skate Night 6-8 PM

Apr. 22 - 26 Spring Break

From the Principal's Desk

If anyone told me that I'd be concerned about my infant grandson and my toddler granddaughter catching measles a few years ago, I'd think they were nuts. Not so anymore. This is very disturbing to me, having lived during a time when the diseases were prevalent and vaccines unavailable.

I have friends who contracted polio and who were permanently disabled. The polio vaccine was new when I was in grade school. Polio was a terrifying disease, so much so that schools all over the country dispensed the vaccine. My brothers and I all got chicken pox in elementary school and while my brothers had mumps in grade school, I didn't get them until my senior year, which was very unpleasant. I had Rubella three years in a row in high school, something that wasn't supposed to happen, but it did. I was extremely sick for the last six weeks of first grade because of a severe case of measles. I had convulsions from high fevers and remember my mother trying to protect me from hurting myself in the tub of cool water by lining it with towels as she tried to lower my temperature. I remember being given baby food because that was all I could eat after weeks with little more than broth. By the end of July, I could finally go outside, but my brothers had to haul me around in our wagon because I was too weak to walk very far. Years later, my mom said that the doctors didn't want me in the hospital because it was so contagious. If this sounds scary, it was.

The complications of these diseases were realities for my generation and generations before mine; realities that we haven't seen for years because of vaccines. Two full generations of adults who experienced the dangers of the diseases chose to vaccinate their children to protect them from harm. It is ironic that because the vaccines did their job, people are unfamiliar with the dangers of the diseases and are opting out.

The vast majority of our students are vaccinated and some of our students cannot be vaccinated for health reasons. They, like infants and toddlers, need to rely on the herd immunity that vaccinating the majority provides. They are as vulnerable as my 13-week old grandson should they get measles. According to

Whole School Assembly
April 11, 2019
PTO Skate Night!
Ms. Nolan Leading

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everything I've read, 9 out of 10 people who are exposed to measles and are not vaccinated, will be infected with it. April vacation is approaching, where travel is involved and the potential for exposure to measles increases. I hope that those who chose not to vaccinate their children will keep their children away from others for the full incubation period of 14 days to insure the safety of those unable to be vaccinated.

EES BECOMES TITLE I SCHOOL!

Edmunds Elementary has just been identified as a Title 1 School. The Annual Title 1 Meeting will be conducted at the upcoming PTO Meeting, scheduled for April 9th at 6:00 PM. We will review the EES Home School Compact and the District Parents Involvement Policy.

3RD AND 4TH GRADE MUSIC COMPOSITION

All third and fourth graders are writing music compositions in music class. They began by using their recorders to create original melodies and notate them on paper. From there we used an online music program called note flight to notate the melody and add and change other musical elements like, dynamics, harmony, tempo and timbre. Students can access their digital work by logging into our online classroom [here](#). You will be amazed by their work!!



K-2 SPRING CONCERT

Once a year, the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade Edmunds Elementary School community gathers for a special evening to share and celebrate their work in music class. All students will have an important part in the music performance. This is our chance to celebrate the musical learning in our community. We hope all students can attend and all families and friends are welcome! Come see their amazing work!!

The spring Concert is Thursday, April 11

6:15 Doors Open for the Concert

6:30 Concert begins in the middle school gym

Expectations for the Music Performance:

Be Safe: Performers use calm bodies when going on and off the stage. Students sit with their class.

Be Respectful: Audience members have voices off, and calm bodies. Audience members clap at the end of each song. Ignore mistakes.

Be Responsible: Performers watch Ms. Nolan and follow directions. Performers do their best musical work

EVERYBODY WINS AT EES

Everybody Wins! Vermont is a literacy and mentoring program offered at Edmunds Elementary School and 23 other schools across the state. We are so excited to announce that the program has grown by leaps and bounds this year! We currently have 46 EES students matched with mentors who spend one hour every week together reading, writing and illustrating books, playing literacy games and chatting in the library/computer lab during the students' lunch-recess block. Second - 5th graders are mentored weekly by adults from the Community. Mentors come from many places: many work in the area, some are university students, and several are retired folks. Each devotes an hour a week to read with a specific child. We recently had a Family Literacy Night Celebration/Pizza Party in the EES cafeteria where mentors were able to meet their mentees' families. More than 130 EES students, their mentors, and families attended! We are recruiting more mentors for next school year. If you or someone you know is interested in mentoring a child at EES please visit our website where you will find a link to an online application: <http://everybodywinsvermont.org/power-lunch-sites/burlington/>

PTO NEWS

PTO LEADERS: Jenny Sullivan, Pam Moreau & 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 our new Title 1 status, Mayfair, 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 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.

FROM THE COMMUNITY:**SOFTBALL SIGN UPS WITH BURLINGTON WAVES!**

Spring is in the air! Softball sign-ups are underway. Burlington Waves, Inc. is a non-profit softball league serving the children of Burlington ages 4 through 12 (if your child was age 12 on December 31, 2018 they are eligible to play this year). If your child is interested in joining the team, come on and sign up for softball. You can sign up online at <https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=2241393> or contact Sara at burlingtonwaves@gmail.com or Beth at burlingtonwaves.playeragent@gmail.com for information or an application. Everyone is welcome and there is a place for everyone on the softball field, no experience necessary, you just need a glove and a good attitude. Scholarships are available.