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Up Coming Events:

June 11: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Tribute, 6:00 PM

June 13: Last Day of School - 11:30 Dismissal

## From the Principal's Desk

It seems like the blink of an eye when you brought your children to school for the first day in August and here we are ready to send them off for summer vacation. Each year, we watch the growth in the children and there is no better indication of how they are growing than what we see at the end of the year celebration by our Kindergarteners. Yesterday afternoon, our 51 children confidently sang their hearts out for their families, proudly showing what they had learned. It was adorable, sweet, and heartwarming.

I know that the state measures progress in metrics called proficiency scores, but the most important metric is in growth. Children of the same age will arrive knowing very different things depending on the opportunities they've had. Some did not count to 10, while others counted to 100; some arrived not knowing any letters or their sounds, while others were beginning to read. The state provides targets of levels for each grade and while that may be what a target to aim for, we look at where the child started, and then what they are able to do now. This allows us to truly understand the work that has been accomplished by the student and their teachers over the course of the year. When we see the growth of our children, we can see remarkable results as some have made gains of 2 - 3 years worth of knowledge in one year, rapidly catching up to their peers because they have had the opportunity to learn. These are the results that are truly exciting to see, regardless of whether a score is determined "proficient".

I hope that your child spends some time reading every day this summer. The Fletcher Free Library has a great summer reading program. I hope they play outdoors, and play games that involve math. A simple deck of cards can provide hours of fun and loads of math strategy! I hope that you all have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday afternoon August 27th for the Ice Cream Social and Wednesday, August 28th for the first day of school. Happy Summer!

Whole School Assembly  
See You In August!

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to those who have brought in boxes for us! They got swooped up as soon as they arrived! As you know, several of our teachers are moving into different classrooms over the summer, and it takes a LOT of boxes! I'm afraid we're going to need a whole lot more. We'll be collecting and storing the boxes in room 108, so if you bring some in, just drop them off in there! And again, thank you, thank you, thank you!



**SUMMER MEALS**

The Burlington School Food Project offers free summer meals for all kids and teens. No application or registration is needed! For more information about summer meals, please contact Pat Matton at 802-864-8416 or [click here](#).

**PTO NEWS**

PTO LEADERS: Jenny Sullivan, Pam Moreau & Stacey Kelleher PTO CONTACT: [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org)

**EES 5TH GRADE NORTH BEACH PARTY** - Monday, June 10, 10:15 to 1:15. We will order pizza but would like help with games, drinks and paper goods. *We will be sending out a sign-up genie for each event soon.*

**EES 5TH GRADE CELEBRATION OF LEARNING**

**Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 - 7:30 pm.**

Kids should arrive by 5:45. Families welcome! Ceremony - EMS gym. Reception - EES gym

**FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE:****MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

With the number of measles cases on the rise across the country, The Health Department is preparing should a measles outbreak occur in Vermont. This preparation includes outreach to schools, child care facilities and providers across the state. To date this year, there have been no measles cases in Vermont. The Vermont Department of Health provides information about measles and encourages parents to make sure their child is up to date on their vaccines. More information can be found on the health department's new measles web page at [www.healthvermont.gov/measles](http://www.healthvermont.gov/measles).

