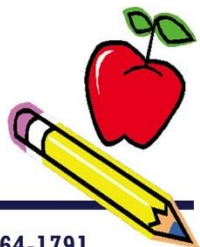


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August 30, 2019

Up Coming Events:

Sept. 2 - NO SCHOOL: Labor Day

Sept. 13 - Welcome BBQ 5:30 PM

Sept. 16 - Picture Day

Sept. 19 - Open House & Spaghetti Dinner

From the Principal's Desk

It was great having all of our students and families back this week. I know that some question not waiting until after Labor Day, but it works really well to ease into the full day weeks, first with three days, then a four day week, and finally five full days. I'm sure that you all had some pretty tired children by the end of each day.

We are still working out some kinks with the new system but overall, we are very excited about the improvements we have at EES. The new entrance is really beautiful and far more welcoming than our old lobby. As a reminder, anyone coming after 8:15 should go to the central entrance which will be the Edmunds complex main entrance.

The function of the new entrance is two-fold; to insure a secure entrance to the entire campus and to provide a truly accessible entrance. In order to be successful in providing a secure entrance, we need to have all who visit the school follow the procedures that are in place. They are really no different than in the past. At 8:15, the front door of EES on Main Street will be locked. EES faculty and staff have been instructed to direct anyone asking to enter to the main entrance

If you are coming to simply pick up your child for early dismissal, please tell our attendant (Sarah Orndorf) who you have come to pick up. She will alert the appropriate teacher to send your child to the lobby. Please wait in the lobby. It is fine to call us in advance to let us know that you will be arriving in a few minutes so that we can have your child waiting for you. We will need to physically see you in order to release your child from the school.

If you are coming for a meeting, please sign in at the reception desk and put on a visitors tag before proceeding. We must insist that no one walk through the halls without following this procedure. All faculty and staff have been instructed to stop anyone without a Visitor's tag and refer them back to the Central Reception desk.

All EES faculty and staff have been instructed to direct anyone seeking to enter the EES front door to the Edmunds Complex Main Entrance. That is also the entrance for Burlington Kids After School. These procedures are common to many institutions throughout the country. We need everyone's cooperation in following them.

Whole School Assembly
September 5, 2019
Ms. Bonnani's Class Leading

CHORUS!!

I am so excited to be bringing back the Edmunds Elementary 4th and 5th Grade Chorus on Thursdays at 2:00. Having chorus during school will allow all interested EES students to participate!! Chorus is a great opportunity to develop singing skills, work together as a part of a group, make new friends and have fun. We will be performing at EES events and community events including the COTS Candlelight vigil in December. I will be sending out information about events via email, the Friday Flash, and on paper when needed. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions - Betsy Nolan (enolan@bsdvt.org). Any fourth or fifth grade student is invited to try it out at our first rehearsal next Thursday. I ask kids to commit to staying involved through December once they enroll in order to create balanced parts and form a cohesive group. In January, kids can join or discontinue for the second half of the year. To register your child, please fill out the registration form linked [here](#).



PIANO/ INSTRUMENT LESSONS?

At this time of year I frequently get questions about piano and other private instrumental lessons. Here are some local resources for parents seeking this enrichment for their kids. Resources for private instrument instruction can be found at the Music Resource Directory on the Vermont Youth Orchestra site linked [here](#) or through Advance Music on South Champlain Street linked [here](#). Note from a new studio:

Hello Edmunds families, my name is Randal Pierce and I've opened up a piano teaching studio just south of the Edmunds School on Union Street. It's for all ages and abilities to learn to read music, play by ear and create on the instrument. I'm currently accepting new piano students. Be in touch if you're interested and thanks for helping to spread the word! randal.pierce@gmail.com



PTO LEADERS: Kim Brockway, Kimberly Price & Stacey Kelleher

PTO CONTACT: askeespto@gmail.com

CAN YOU HELP?

Rain or shine, each morning a pair of friendly volunteers keeps kids safe during morning drop off & helps move traffic through efficiently. We're looking for a little help! If you can commit just 20-25 minutes once per week from 7:45-8:05 or so, we'd love it! Email Stefanie Waite: waite@burlingtontelecom.net

**WELCOME BACK BBQ**

Save the Date! September 13.

