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Up Coming Events:

- Oct. 21 - Coat Swap Begins
- Oct. 25 - Multi Cultural Night
- Oct. 31 - Annual Harvest Festival
- Nov. 3 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Nov. 4-8 Scholastic Book Fair

From the Principal's Desk

I know that it is always a bit inconvenient when students are home during the week while the faculty spends the day working at school. I know the students appreciate the day off, and hopefully anyone who got to spend the day with them did too.

The time we spend working together is really valuable, and we don't get much of it. The work that we were doing this Friday is needed to insure that our approaches are coordinated and comprehensive and address the goals that we have submitted to the state which concern math and climate. We have recognized that language and vocabulary are significant to having a solid understanding of math concepts. Our math goal is to increase proficiency through ensuring that students have a solid understanding of the language of math and math vocabulary.

Math instruction and assessments are heavily language based and there are many ways to express the same ideas. Our students need to recognize exactly what is being asked of them when presented with a problem. This means they need to be comfortable with the language of math and proficient in using it so that they are able to identify exactly what they need to do when presented with a problem. Problems are no longer straight equations, but rather situations requiring the student to recognize a number of steps that need to occur prior to actually being able to accurately answer a question

Our Climate Goal is to increase all students' sense of social and emotional safety. We have incorporated Restorative Practice into our daily work and will be working to make sure that all students have trusted adults among the faculty and staff. We will be taking specific, detailed steps to make sure that we can identify those relationships for each and every student. We do this to insure that children know that they matter to us, so that they will feel more willing to invest in themselves here at school.

Whole School Assembly
October 24, 2019
Multi-Cultural Dinner
Ms. Goldsmith's Class Leading

WORLD CLASS FIDDLE PERFORMANCE

Haley Richardson and Quinn Bachand are performing in concert at the Burlington Violin Shop on October 23rd from 6:00-8:30pm. Richardson is an award winning fiddler and Bachand is an astounding multi-instrumentalist who accompanies her. This is a great opportunity brought to our community by Young Traditions Vermont. For more information or to reserve seats in this intimate venue check out their [web site](#).

CHORUS NEWS

Save the date! The chorus will be performing their first concert at the EES multi-cultural dinner on October 25th in the EES gym. Singers should arrive at 6:00 for the 6:15 performance. The chorus will also be performing on November 8th at the EES Variety Show. The variety show will have a bake sale that supports the chorus. Please consider signing up to donate an item [here](#). Chorus tee-shirt [order forms](#) went out to 4th graders and fifth graders new to chorus. Please return the forms by November 1st so we can have our shirts in time for the variety show performance.



VARIETY SHOW UPDATE:

The organizing team has been working hard to get kids excited about the Variety Show on November 8th! Previews are underway and we have some excellent acts. If your child would like to perform in the variety show, they must come to previews and show me their performance next week. The sign-up sheet for previews is posted outside the music room. The intention of previews is to ensure students are meeting the criteria for the performance which are to be prepared, be appropriate and keep the performance to 5 minutes. If some performances do not meet the criteria at their preview they will have a second chance during "redos" the week of October 28th.



PTO LEADERS: Kim Brockway, Kimberly Price & Stacey Kelleher **PTO CONTACT:** skeespto@gmail.com

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT: OCTOBER 25 6-8 PM

There will be performances (Nepali dance, Swahili singing, EES Chorus to name a few...!) and we have already had a few families sign up for games and food to share. But we could use many more volunteers to make this night work, so please send in the sign-up forms or use this online form if you are inspired to contribute! <https://forms.gle/DwXhK2yDnCd4XWjF8> Also, if you are willing to help **set up** or **clean up** before or after this event, please email us at askEESPTO@gmail.com.

DAN'S CHOCOLATE DELIVERIES!

Thanks to all the grandparents, neighbors, coworkers and community members who bought chocolate to help support our school! We had an extremely successful fundraising effort this year made possible by yours and the kid's stellar efforts! Thank you!

ROOM PARENTS NEEDED!

We are still seeking room parents for the following rooms: Mrs. Weidman, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Houchens. Please consider volunteering for these positions. Your help means so much to the teachers and the children. It's a fun job and not very demanding. Please email Melanie Needle if you can help. mneedle@gmail.com

VSO PETTING ZOO:

We are also looking for a parent in kindergarten or first grade to be a coordinator for the VSO Petting Zoo Event. For those who are new to this event, it is an amazing day for all kindergarteners and first graders! The Vermont Symphony Orchestra brings in instruments of all kinds to share and allow kids to play. A parent volunteer is needed to:

- coordinate with the VSO & school to arrange the date and time (usually three hours on one morning)



- recruit volunteers for each time slot
- set up the room & coordinate the volunteers at the event
- commitment: 2-4 hours total through email to arrange it and 1 hour on day of event

Please let us know if you can help with this awesome event!

ANNUAL COAT AND GEAR SWAP

As the temperatures begin to drop and we sort through our kiddos' winter gear to see what fits and what needs to be replaced, please remember to set aside any items you might be able to donate to this year's coat and gear swap. We are seeking coats, snow pants, gently used boots, and accessories (no hats, please). Stay tuned for details about where to bring items. The swap will begin on October 21. You don't have to give to get!

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Kids on the Ball is looking to hire several folks to help with our award-winning tennis program. Tennis skills not our first priority; a great attitude with kids is! We'll teach you our fun and easy games. Just feed low compression tennis balls to participants and encourage their success. Our In-Schools Program runs during the school year, during the school day. Join us once or twice a week on a per diem, as needed basis. We're hoping to form a pool of substitute Kids on the Ball staffers to help us. After School assistance needed occasionally too. Sound like fun? Email us at: Shona@kidsontheball.com