

# FRIDAY



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**EDMUNDS**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## From the Principal's Desk

October 11, 2019

After serious consideration, the faculty at EES has decided that in recognition of BSD's standard, that "All Are Welcome", we will be having a Harvest Celebration at the end of the month in which all can participate. We will no longer be having a Halloween Parade.

I know that this will be disappointing to some of our students, but there are enough students who are marginalized for any number of reasons that it isn't appropriate to continue a tradition that has an effect of dividing students.

Edmunds will continue to teach students safe Halloween trick or treat practices, because it is important to reinforce safe practices while trick or treating. Additionally, we will be sharing how to be respectful when selecting a costume for Trick or Treating. We hope to help our children develop the skill to recognize what is culturally respectful. This means costumes that are not demeaning to any person or group based on age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, nationality, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or to any individual staff or student at the school. Costumes should be respectful and culturally sensitive, (e.g., students should not wear religious articles such as a hijab, turban, yarmulke, kimono, which could be viewed as culturally insensitive or as contributing to cultural appropriation). We encourage students to consider making their own costumes from things around the house. Options for costumes include book characters, objects, buildings or historical figures.

We still have some costumes for students who don't have them and would want to trick or treat in the evening. Anyone who would like to bring in an outgrown costume can do so and we'll make sure than any child needing a costume for the evening can take one as long as supplies last.

We will be looking at how to celebrate the Harvest season within each classroom so please check your child's classroom newsletter for an update on that activity.

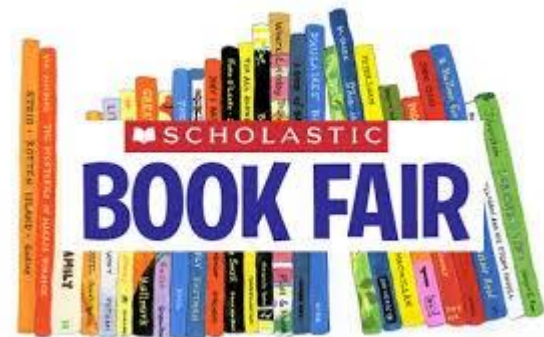
## Up Coming Events:

- Oct. 18 - In-Service: **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- 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

**Whole School Assembly**  
**October 17, 2019**  
**Be Safe on Halloween - Expectations**  
**Mr. Houchens Class Leading**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic BOOK Fair is being held in our school library the week of November 4-8. We are in need of volunteers to help out in various ways throughout the week. The fair will be delivered sometime on Friday, November 1 and we could use some help in getting it unpacked and the displays set up for our Monday opening. Also, we could use your help after school Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday (2:45 - 3:30) and Wednesday (1:45-2:30) to restock shelves and tables, with book selections, and running the cash registers. If this is something you think you are able to help us with, please email Kathy Neil, Librarian at [kneil@bsdvt.org](mailto:kneil@bsdvt.org) with your availability. Thank you!





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### MULTICULTURAL NIGHT: OCTOBER 25 6-8 PM

We are hard at work planning this year's Multicultural Night. This year, we hope to have performers from the Nepali community, as well as a Swahili singer and our own wonderful EES chorus. We are working in conjunction with one of our fantastic ELL teachers, Andrea Techera-Gill who has been connecting us with folks from all around the Burlington community to make this a very special night. By now, you should have received a flyer we sent home with your children this week. If not, the link to the form is below:

<https://forms.gle/DwXhK2yDnCd4XWjF8>

We hope that you will take a minute to consider how you might be able to participate in this event. We will be sending out a sign up genius next week for help with set up and clean up, so please save the date.

### 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](mailto:mneedle@gmail.com)



### DAN'S CHOCOLATE DELIVERIES!

We are absolutely thrilled with the hustle and hard work of our Edmunds families! Preliminary results of the fundraiser are mind blowing! Looking over the totals and knowing how much it takes to go out there and ask folks to support our school, we can't help but feel so grateful to our community. And we are excited about all that we will be able to bring to Edmunds Elementary as a result of this fundraiser and others throughout the year. THANK YOU!

*Chocolates will be arriving next week* and we need your help sorting and packing the orders on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2-3:30. Location to be determined. Please see the sign up genius link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4CAEA72FAA8-dans1> Last note on the fundraiser: *We have a mystery order for someone named Sharon Brown.* There was no student name written on this order and it was in the PTO mail slot in the teacher's lounge. The phone number on the order does not seem to work. *Can you help us solve this chocolate mystery??*

### 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!

