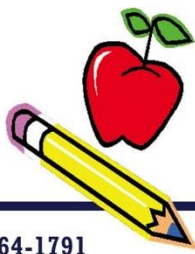


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From the Principal's Desk

You have all probably heard about Bee Cards by now as well as our Class Celebrations. This is all based in the work we do in assisting our children to learn how to be within a community. The system is based upon the framework that is known as Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports or PBiS. EES has been using this framework for at least 12 years as the bedrock of the work we do to establish a climate of inclusion, and safety. The framework is one that recognizes that students all come to school from different backgrounds and that the norms for one family will be different from those of another. This is especially true in a school with so many different cultures. Given the diversity in social norms from one place to the next, the reasonable thing to do is to establish a common set of expectations and to actively teach them to our students, using the same language throughout the building. This is precisely what we do.

We do not have a long list of rules here. Instead, we have three basic guidelines; Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Those look different in different environments which is why we actively teach students what each of those guidelines looks, and sounds like in different environments. This helps the students in that it not only establishes common understanding of what is expected within our community, but it helps them develop their own focus of control, as they learn that different environments demand that we pay attention to our behavior. If this sounds a bit odd, consider how behaviors change between a play or a football game; a funeral or a picnic. Adapting our responses to the situation at hand is something that is learned.

After we actively teach the expectations in each location, we then work to reinforce the behaviors we are looking for. This is done by catching students doing the right thing and acknowledging their efforts, "Thank you Nathan for quietly getting your book box and starting to read so quickly". "I noticed you including Matilda at recess when you saw she was looking for someone to play with". When a student is acknowledged, we award a "bee card" which the class collects. When the class earns 100, they have a class celebration. Our school also celebrates as we did last week when every class in the school had earned at

October 4, 2019

Up Coming Events:

Oct. 4 - Student Picture Retake Day

Oct. 18 - No School

Oct. 25 - Multi Cultural Night

Special Assembly
October 10, 2019
Circle of Courage Performers &
Bryan Blanchette
Music of the Abenaki Traditions
Please Note Special Start Time
8:45 - 9:30

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least 100 bees. The celebration was the awarding of our EES T-Shirts and the fun photo and singing, We are going to be encouraging students to wear their t-shirts on Thursdays for our Whole School Assembly - and whenever else they want. If you didn't recognize it, the words on the back of the shirt, "It's a School, It's a Home, It's a Family" are from our school song.



EES BLOG

Follow the happenings of our school and classrooms by signing up to receive the EES school blog at <https://eesbsdvt.blogspot.com>

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EES CELEBRATES INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

Many thanks to Autumn Bangoura from the district's equity office for bringing Circle of Courage Performers & Bryan Blanchette to share the musical traditions of the Abenaki people with our students. This performance is a part of district wide activities and learning experiences honoring Vermont's first celebration of Indigenous People's Day on Monday, October 10th.

VARIETY SHOW UPDATE

Permission slips for students wishing to perform in this year's variety show went home on Tuesday. Here's the [link](#) to the permission slip in case your child's paper was lost in the vortex of their locker/backpack! Next week on Tuesday and Thursday students are invited to practice in the music room during recess if they would like to. Previews begin the week of October 15th. All acts that are prepared, appropriate and timely (5 minutes or less) will be included in the show. Students who are not quite ready during their preview will have another chance during "redos" on October 29th. Contact Betsy Nolan (enolan@bsdvt.org) with any questions.

**Multicultural Night****OCTOBER 25!**

Our community missed having this event last year - in years past, it has been a highlight of the year! But it takes many volunteers willing to contribute food, activities, displays, etc., that reflect different cultures! Please reach out to us if THIS is the event for you! If you have something you'd like to contribute (are you a Henna artist, can you make samosas or crepes like a boss? Do you have traditional clothing you could wear from your country of origin?)...the vibrancy of our multicultural community deserves a celebration! Let's make this year's great!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

we are still looking for room parents for the following classrooms: Weidman, Quinn, Fitzpatrick and Houchens. Room parents are heroes, but it isn't a super heavy job. If you have an interest in helping out, please email Melanie Needle at mneedle@gmail.com



PTO LEADERS: Kim Brockway, Kimberly Price & Stacey Kelleher

PTO CONTACT: askeespto@gmail.com

DAN'S CHOCOLATE ORDER DUE TOMORROW!

Dan's Chocolates Fundraiser orders due **tomorrow, (Friday)**. If your child is unable to get his or hers in tomorrow, please contact askEESPTO@gmail.com to let us know. We will be submitting our order to the chocolate company early next week. We appreciate your help in making this a smooth operation. Distribution of chocolates should happen sometime around the 16th. We will keep you posted.

