

# FRIDAY



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**EDMUNDS**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Up Coming Events:

- Nov. 22 Report Cards Go Home
- Nov. 25-26 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 27-28 Thanksgiving Break - No School

## From the Principal's Desk

I hope that you have signed up for your Parent/Teacher Conference. If not, please go to our website at [ees.bsdrv.org](http://ees.bsdrv.org) or to this [link](#). The teachers each have a schedule of appointments that you can select from. If you have any difficulty with this, you can call us and we will help you set up your appointments.

EES teachers have worked to insure that there are conference times outside of traditional work hours to make sure that parents have the option to meet before or after work. We do this to eliminate the need to have to choose between having the chance to meet with your child's teacher or missing work. If you are unable to find a conference time that works for you, please let us know. We will do our best to accommodate your schedule.

The benefit of attending a conference is not only hearing how your child is doing, but being able to share more about your child with your child's teacher. You are your child's first teacher and know them better than anyone. We value your input and partnership in helping them to succeed and grow. You will also have an opportunity to learn about what things you can do at home to help reinforce what they are learning at school. Whether it's reading to them, or having them read to you, playing games that involve math (a sneaky way to reinforce basic math skills), you can actually help them remember what they are learning in a fun and stress-free way.

Perhaps the most important reason to attend a Parent/Teacher Conference is the message it gives to your child; that you value their education and think it important enough to come and talk with their teacher. This can impact their own feelings about school and its importance and actually improve their performance over time.

**Whole School Assembly**  
**November 21, 2019**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**Sayon Camara Leading**



## GUINEAN MUSIC RESIDENCY

For the past week all EES students have been learning songs, drumming and dance traditions from Guinea West Africa. Through grant funding we have brought Sayon Camara, master drummer, from Guinea to share his musical traditions. Next Friday, November 22nd at 2:00 we will be having a celebration of this learning in the EES gym. Please, feel free to join us for this celebration!



**FIDDLE TUNES CLUB**

Thanks to our ongoing partnership with Young Traditions Vermont I am happy to be able to offer a six week fiddle tunes club. The club will meet from 2:50- 3:45 on Monday afternoons beginning December 2nd and is designed for violin and viola players alike. The club is offered at no cost to students. Any EES or EMS student with a violin or viola and at least one year's experience playing is invited to participate. The club is designed to prepare music that will be played for the school dinner and dance on Thursday evening January 30th open to all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders and their families. Adult family and friends are welcome to bring their instruments and join in for the practices or for the dance! The program that evening will feature a variety of music and dance. [Sign up here!](#) If you have questions, email Betsy Nolan [enolan@bsdvt.org](mailto:enolan@bsdvt.org)

**3RD GRADE RECORDER UNIT**

Following the November vacation, the third graders will be beginning the much awaited recorder unit. Every third grader will have a recorder to bring home; [order forms](#) went home in homework folders on Monday. Please note that the students in Mrs. Flaherty's class have music on Mondays and Fridays and students in Mrs. Goldsmith's class have music on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students should bring their recorders to school every time they have music through the February break.

**EES DRAMA**

EES Drama is presenting The Lion King this Spring! You can sign up online to be part of the CAST, SET CREW or the 1st & 2nd grade CHOIR! Find all the info and the signup forms below :)

**1st & 2nd grade CHOIR:**

<https://forms.gle/yNF63NPjmSJRocUZ7>

**3rd-5th grade CAST:**

<https://forms.gle/aL87ppR2PZWYfvCw9>

**4th & 5th grade SET CREW:**

<https://forms.gle/uuKyGbf9EFrLEh6x5>

**CHOIR:** We are looking for a 1st or 2nd grade parent to help assist the choreographer during Monday rehearsals from 3pm to 4pm and be the contact person for the group. Please contact Genie at [geniehenry@gmail.com](mailto:geniehenry@gmail.com) if you are interested!



**PTO LEADERS:** Kim Brockway, Kimberly Price &

Stacey Kelleher **PTO CONTACT:** [askeespto@gmail.com](mailto:askeespto@gmail.com)

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