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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Up Coming Events:

- Nov. 22 Report Cards Go Home
- Nov. 25-26 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 27-29 Thanksgiving Break - No School
- Dec. 10 Early Release Day

From the Principal's Desk

Our assembly this week focused on the topic of Gratitude. The children had learned a song from our guest artist Sayon Camara, master drummer, from Guinea to share a song from his country about gratitude. He taught the children that gratitude is when you are giving something or someone does something for you, and that gratitude can take the form of words or kindness.

I told the students a story of kindness and gratitude that I experienced just Wednesday night. I had dropped some things off at Goodwill and was attempting to go back onto Shelburne Road in the middle of rush hour traffic. Car after car drove by when one slowed and came to a stop, flashed its lights to let me pull onto the road, waving thanks as I did so. Further on down the road, I saw a black pickup sitting and waiting for an opportunity to enter. I slowed and let the truck into the traffic. A half a mile down the road, the traffic was still heavy. I saw a white truck ahead, waiting to pull out from a parking lot. I wondered what the black truck would do, and sure enough, it slowed, and allowed the white truck to enter ahead of it. The kindness of one was returned threefold within minutes. Perhaps someone had also let that car onto the road and had received the same kindness. Perhaps the suggestion of kindness from one is all it takes to remind us all to give pause to our own busy lives and spend the few minutes it takes to do an act of kindness for another.

Your children had a chance to share with each other what they were grateful for and how they showed that gratitude. Some of the younger ones were grateful for their friends and showed their gratitude by playing with their friends. Many identified their parents and what their parents do for them. They spoke of the things they did to help around the house as a way to show their gratitude. One kindergartener told me that he showed gratitude with Love.

As we enter an intense time of year when children are presented with so many images of things that they may desire, it is important to find a way to simplify and identify those things that truly make us all happy or better yet content. Contentment is a feeling

Whole School Assembly
December 5, 2019
Winter Expectations
Mr. Styles 5th Grade Class Leading

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of general well-being; it is a level of overall satisfaction with where we are. It doesn't require a lot of fancy things to be content. It requires a sense of belonging, of safety and being loved and appreciated.

I know that I consider myself very fortunate to have been at Edmunds for these past years, and am truly grateful for our community. I know that I have been incredibly lucky to have found a home away from home at our school, with all an extension of a family I hold dear. I wish you all a very lovely, and Happy Thanksgiving.

DISTRICT CALENDAR DATES:

Join us on December 3rd for a "*French Immersion Community Meeting*". More information can be found at:
<https://www.bsdt.org/2019/10/31/french-immersion-community-meeting-december-3/>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2751512874859853/>

December 11: "*Run, Hide, Fight*" Community Forum
Hunt Middle School Auditorium - 6 PM

Childcare and Translation Services Available

<https://www.facebook.com/events/844548555994668>
<https://www.bsdt.org/2019/11/21/run-hide-fight-community-forum/>





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RROOAARR!!!

(That's the Lion King wanting your attention!)

The registration fee, the bake sales, the ads sold in the playbill and the **DANFORTH FUNDRAISER** will help raise the \$6000 to \$7000(!) needed to pay for the license fee, the professional instructions for the **CAST**, the **SET CREW** and the **CHOIR**, snacks for the kids during rehearsal, the printing, the musicians, costumes & makeup and more... This is a 100% parent-led adventure and we could simply not do it without your help!

Danforth is donating 50% of all its sales to the EES Drama program when you enter the code "Edmunds" at checkout so now is an excellent time to get your holiday shopping done and support the Edmunds play at the same time!! * Just go to www.danforthpewter.com and let yourself be marveled at the amazing quality of their products. **Please share with your friends, colleagues, and family!** The code works until December 6th! (and any orders you place by the end of the day on the 6th will get to you well before Christmas).

If your child is interested in participating but hasn't signed up yet, here are the online registration forms!

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>

EES COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS:

During this holiday season, if you are looking for an opportunity to give to a family in the EES community, consider purchasing a gift card (Amazon, book store, department store, etc.) to donate anonymously. This year we are working to connect EES families in need of some extra financial support with gifts and gift cards for the holidays. The PTO is reaching out to the EES community to help provide gift cards to our EES families in need. The gift cards can be sent to school in an envelope where they will be collected by the class teachers, and given to Mrs. Palmer in the main office. In order to reach families before the December break, please send in gift cards no later than Monday the 16th of December. Thank you EES community for your generosity during this holiday season.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving break!

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

Story time with Paul Laud and his Bernese Mountain Dog, Janie!

Sunday, December 1st 2019

Get cozy by the fire with hot cocoa, cookies, and this heartwarming tale

Join us on Sunday, December 1st for a reading of *The House That Santa (Almost) Missed* with Shelburne author and illustrator, Paul Laud!

Get in the holiday spirit with this sweet, heartwarming story of how Janie, a big-hearted, lumbering dog, and her sidekick, a little white cat named Nell save Christmas! There will be a reading in the lobby at both 2 pm and 3 pm! All are welcome! Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided! More information can be found [here](#)