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From the Principal's Desk

Happy New Year! As always, it is good to see everyone after the two week break. We have a busy month ahead of us. January is mid-marking period for students and we also take some time to assess how the students are doing at the mid-year point. Those assessments are not tests for grading but rather a look to help us determine how we are doing with instruction and where gaps and changes in instruction should take place or which students might need some more help.

We are also excited to start receiving Kindergarten registrations this month. **January 23rd we are having our Kindergarten "Sneak Peak"** where families of incoming Kindergarten students will have a chance to come to school to check out our classrooms, have some pizza and a story with our Kindergarten teachers, and mingle with some of our current Kindergarten families. If you know of anyone with a child who will be 5 by September 1, please let them know that now is the time to register their child. I hope that all of our families will be helping to spread the word about Edmunds Elementary School and your experiences.

Our students have started auditioning for the play, which is the Lion King. The play isn't until March and the students will be working very hard through February, learning the songs, staging and their lines.

Students who love spelling will be trying out for our Spelling Team. EES has had a long track record of bringing home the District Spelling Bee Cup. EES is represented on the cup more than any other Burlington School and, as this is my last year, I hope that it comes home again this year (no pressure mind you).

Martin Luther King Day is January 20th and we will be commemorating the day with an assembly, Restorative Circles looking at issues of social justice, and individual classrooms will be presenting more information and having discussions appropriate for their individual grades. **January 20th is an early release day** so that families can attend other MLK events hosted throughout Burlington.

The **Community Dinner and Dance on Wednesday, January 22nd from 5:30 to 7** which features students and staff as well as members of the Burlington Community playing traditional dance music for families

Date and Volume Number

January 10, 2020

Up Coming Events:

Jan. 20 - Early Release Day 11:30 Dismissal

Jan. 22 - Community Dinner & Dance 5:30 - 7:00

Jan. 25 - Math Night! 5:00 - 7:00

Whole School Assembly

January 23, 2020

Math Night

Ms. McMorris' Class Leading

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to dance to. Students who have been studying strings will try their hand at playing traditional fiddle music I've been working on it myself with a tin whistle. The music is lively and the dancing should be fun.

Math Night is on Saturday, January 25. This is a wonderful event with lots of games that families can play together and a very sneaky way to incorporate math skills into play. Come join us and see how much fun you can have with your children doing math!

One more thing- **February 7th, is Pack the Gutt** - the UVM Women's Hockey Game that EES attends together. This will be my last time with EES at the Game so I hope that as many people as possible come out to support the team together with me. Please put it on your calendar. It's a good time!

EES COMMUNITY DINNER AND FAMILY DANCE

This event is Wednesday, January 22nd **5:45 pm- 7:00 pm** and is open to all EES families. The evening features a free dinner to all who come, followed by a Community Dance of traditional folk dances from a variety of cultures. No experience necessary! Some of the dances will be accompanied by members of the EES community thanks to the support of our community partner, Mark Sustic and Young Traditions Vermont.

4th and 5th graders have been signing up for volunteer jobs for this event. Parents are invited to help out too! Sign-up [here](#) if you are available to help!

SCOTTISH FISH PERFORMED FOR EES STUDENTS DECEMBER 20TH

Many Thanks to Mark Sustic and Young Traditions Vermont for including EES on the tour of fiddle group Scottish Fish. The group of young musicians from the Boston Area performed for EES students the afternoon of December 20th and the kids were mesmerized!



For those of you new to Math Night, here is how the night will work.

5:00-5:30 pizza will be served in the first grade hallway

5:30 - 7:00 pm: Games in the upper gym/cafeteria. Each student will go home with a packet full of games you can play at home.

We are also looking for donations of new or gently used -- with all the pieces--math related games (Uno, Chutes and Ladders, Yahtzee, Phase 10, Dominoes, Set, Sequence, Chess, etc.) for the raffle at the end of the night; we'd love a few donations of veggies and dip crackers and cheese as well as a few desserts. and/or help with set up and clean up. We hope to see you all there!

We also will be needing 3-5 people to help set up at 2 pm on Saturday the 25th and 3-5 people to help clean up afterwards. Please contact Rachel Shelley (rachskye@gmail.com) if you are able to contribute.



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th, 5:00-7:00 PM

The Edmunds Elementary PTO is sponsoring the 12th Annual Family Math Night. Explore the wonders of math with your children and let them show you what they are learning. A variety of activities, math centers and home learning activities will be available for children of all ages, such as graphing, chess, games using dice and playing cards and many other fun activities. Prizes, pizza, desserts and drinks too! We will have National Honor Society students from BHS to help facilitate games so that parents can fully enjoy the night with their children. **RSVP by sending an email to Rachel Shelley (rachskye@gmail.com) including your child's name, grade level and number of people attending.**

FROM THE COMMUNITY:

LEDDY PARK ARENA INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

National Skating Month 2020

Sunday, January 12

1:00-2:00pm

Ages 3-Adult

Join us for mini group skating instruction, exhibitions and games at Leddy Park Arena. Learn about skating programs offered by Leddy Park Arena and the Champlain Valley Skating Club.

NO CHARGE TO ATTEND, SKATE RENTALS \$3

Register at 865-7558 or enjoyburlington.com or register at the event.

