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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## From the Principal's Desk

January 24, 2020

## Up Coming Events:

Jan. 29 - PTO Meeting 6:00-7:00 Childcare Provided

Jan. 30 - Open House/Ribbon Cutting 6:00 PM

Feb. 7 - Pack The Gut 6:00 PM

Feb. 13 - Fine Arts Night (Grades 3-5) 5:45 PM

Feb. 21 - Report Cards Go Home

As we all know, Monday was Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. I am old enough to be able to remember Dr. King and the Civil Rights movement as it was happening. As I was growing up, politics were discussed and the news read and watched every day. My brothers and I learned about the impact of prejudice from my parents. Disparaging terms commonly used towards any group or race were forbidden.

As I grew up, I remember news reports showing the resistance to desegregation. I remember my friend telling me that her family had to choose between sweltering in the summer with their windows closed or have tear gas come in the windows from the riots in the streets of Hartford. We watched Walter Chronkite reporting the news of riots, lynchings, the bombing of the church killing four innocent little girls, and the non-violent marches that were greeted with brutality.

Dr. King was assassinated in the spring of my freshman year. As a thirteen-year old, I was old enough to have listened to Dr. King's speeches. I saw how his leadership inspired us to be better people and to right wrongs. There were other powerful leaders who marched alongside Dr. King and who picked up the banner when he fell, but none had his power as an orator; none able to distill and expose truths that demanded action as powerfully as he. None instilled the courage necessary to act and demand change as he did. I was a middle class white kid, growing up in a white Connecticut suburb. I cried when I learned he'd been killed. I felt that our nation lost a great leader and that loss would be felt for years in the fight for Civil Rights.

It's been over 50 years, and while there have been gains, the work is far from finished. Inspiration can still be found in Dr. King's words. The ones that most resonate with me are, "True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring." Reading his words and thinking about their meaning serves to continue to inspire us to action.

Whole School Assembly

February 6, 2020

Ms. D'Agostino's Class Leading

PLEASE JOIN US!

Come see your tax dollars at work! As part of our voter-approved 10-year capital plan, the Edmunds Campus recently underwent renovations totaling more than \$7 million dollars. The work is done and we want to show off the results of your incredible support of BSD. Please join us Thursday, January 30th from 6-7:30 PM for a Ribbon Cutting and Open House at Edmunds. Attendees will have a chance to tour the new spaces, ask questions, and learn how the renovations are already having a positive impact on climate and culture, and student and staff wellbeing. <https://www.bsdrv.org/2020/01/13/edmunds-ribbon-cutting-and-open-house/>

MORNING TRAFFIC CIRCLE VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Your morning traffic circle crew needs a volunteer one morning per week. Do you have 20 minutes to help on Wednesday OR Friday mornings between 7:45-8:05 in the traffic circle? This is a fun, easy way to help students start the day safe and smiling. Please email Stefanie Waite if you can help: [waite@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:waite@burlingtontelecom.net)



# Fine Arts Night

Once a year, the 3rd 4th and 5th grade Edmunds Elementary School community gathers for a special evening: Fine Arts Night! All students will have artwork on display, and all students will have an important part in the music performance. This is our chance to celebrate the musical and visual arts in our community. All students are expected to participate, and all families and friends are welcome to attend. Please let you teachers know if you need transportation support.

## GRADES 3-5 FINE ARTS NIGHT IS ON FEBRUARY 13

- 5:45 Art Show in the first floor hallway
- 6:20 Doors Open for the Concert
- 6:30 Concert begins in the middle school gym

## FROM THE COMMUNITY:



*Scrag Mountain*  
MUSIC

Musical Storytelling  
For All Ages

Featuring the woodwind family of instruments and the World Premiere of *Thumbelina* by Evan Premo

Friday, February 7 at 6 pm  
Chandler Center for the Arts, 71 N Main St., Randolph

Saturday, February 8 at 10 am  
Conतो Auditorium at Burlington City Hall, 149 Church St., Burlington

Saturday, February 8 at 4 pm  
Unitarian Church of Montpelier, 130 Main St., Montpelier

Sunday, February 9 at 4 pm  
Valley Players Theater, 4254 Main St., Waitsfield



scragmountainmusic.org



## LOVE YOUR LIBRARY!

February is **Love Your Library** month at EES and this year we are excited to offer a reading challenge to all of our students called "**Explore Ancient Egypt**". This year's race will be all about the wonders and history of this fascinating land. From February 1 through the 19th, students will record the amount of time they spend reading outside of school and we will tally each classroom's total to see which class reads the most during the month. Progress will be recorded on the library bulletin board with each class having their own Egyptian cat climbing the pyramids to the finish line! Your child will be bringing a letter home that gives more details about the race along with coupons to record their reading time. Please look over the letter and help your child to remember to fill out the coupons and return them to school. We are looking forward to a fun reading event and thank you for your support!

Kathy Neil - EES Librarian



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