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## From the Principal's Desk

February 14, 2020

We had Fine Arts Night for our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders last night and it was a great success. It was wonderful to see that so many of our students were able to participate and their families able to come and see the wonderful work they have been doing this year. Families were able to see the broad range of skills they are learning in both art forms - visual and music.

The first floor became a beautiful gallery for a wide array of art. The students have had chances to work with clay, producing bowls and vases, depending on their grades. We are very fortunate to now have a wonderful kiln so that we can fire the clay pieces. (They are dishwasher safe by the way.) I loved the variety in the colors and designs the students applied to their pieces. The art work showed how students were able to translate their knowledge of light and shadow to their still lifes and design. Showing proportion and perspective was also evident. It is often astonishing to me to see the quality of work being displayed as I consider the ages of the artists. They are learning a great deal from Mrs. Elliot and the confidence they have in themselves as artists can be seen.

The music portion of Fine Arts Night showed its own array of musical knowledge. Students confidently stepped up to the microphone to announce the work they were performing. They shared two songs that they had learned during our Artist in Residence with Sayon Camara in the language and drumming of Guinea West Africa. They played ukulele and xylophones, vibraphones, drums, piano, bass guitar, and recorders. They sang in harmony and in unison, loud and proud of all they were able to do. Whether individual grade, or the EES Chorus, every group did a wonderful job. I especially liked the finale with all the students singing together in the finale. I think that the rousing rendition of our school song is one that shows us at our best light. We are very fortunate to have Ms. Nolan lead our community in song and to help our students see themselves as musicians.

This was one of the best attended Fine Arts Nights we've had in a while. That is due to the community effort that took place last night. I want to thank all who helped our students who needed rides to come to Fine Arts Night.

## Up Coming Events:

Feb. 21 - Report Cards Go Home

Feb. 24 - Mar. 2 Winter Break - **NO SCHOOL**

Mar. 3 - Professional Development Day - **NO SCHOOL**

**Whole School Assembly**

**March 5, 2020**

**Ms. Quinn & Fitzpatrick's Class Leading**

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Neighbors, parents, faculty and staff all chipped in to make sure that children who wanted to participate were able to. Helping students to learn how to reach out to each other to make sure that those who needed rides had them, and motivating all to come as part of our community gave those who have never participated before the opportunity to feel the impact of the work they've been doing all year. The pride each child felt when showing off their artistry, is the great reinforcement in their learning.



**STUDENTS PERFORM WEEK**

Next week is students perform week in music class. Students Perform Week is a chance for any student to share a prepared song or instrumental piece from outside of school music with their class.

Successful performances have these qualities

1. **PREPARED:** They have been practiced ahead of time and show effort.
2. **TIMELY:** 1-3 minutes is usually perfect.
3. **APPROPRIATE:** Song must use school appropriate lyrics and themes.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to our EES community for such an amazing fine arts night yesterday. Your support lets our kids shine in both the visual and musical arts. We are so proud of their work and grateful to all the families and staff that helped get kids to the event and great such a responsive and supportive audience. The arts in the schools are all about process. We want our students to learn to create, reflect, revise, critique and share their work. Last night you saw all this work in action. Thank you!



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**STILL LOOKING FOR MORNING TRAFFIC CIRCLE VOLUNTEERS!**

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)

