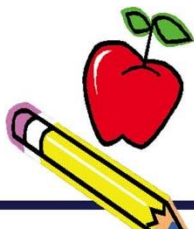


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From the Principal's Desk

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I want to wish all moms a Happy Mother's Day. I know that this year in particular, you deserve a huge break and a standing ovation for the work you've had to do balancing everything during the pandemic. Supporting your children in their school work, working remotely and managing a houseful of people who can go nowhere else for weeks on end is nothing anyone was prepared for. Keeping things going, keeping people reasonably calm with bright spots interspersed throughout the day and week has been no mean feat! This is HARD!

The good news is that some of the pressure is going to lessen with the new guidelines. Having families that are trusted to have maintained social distance in their practices with the same vigilance with which you've maintained them in your home, will allow for some visiting and play dates. Being able to switch off on taking care of children within your family groups will also provide some much needed relief to primary caregivers.

I hope that the children will have an opportunity to show their appreciation for all their mothers have done for them with homemade efforts; whether the traditional breakfast in bed, baked goods, or chores done without being asked. My children would create chore coupons for me which were always appreciated. This is an opportunity to plan for something special and that, in and of itself, can provide hours of entertainment and occupation that Mom is automatically excluded from - so go read a book, take a nap or sip a cup of tea or favorite beverage of your choice and feign ignorance of the goings on. I think there is nothing better for children than to learn how wonderful giving and expressing gratitude is. Giving is truly better than receiving, a lesson that is only learned through experience.

**LEARNING FROM HOME!**

Some classes are using Online learning and do not require paper packets. If the learning is not online for your child's class, your child's teacher will let you know that a packet has been prepared for your child and is available for pick up. Packets may be picked up in the "old main entrance" near the horseshoe from 9:00 - 5:00 **Monday through Thursday.**

CONTINUITY OF LEARNING RESOURCES

Next week's remote learning information can be found on this [EES Learning from Home document](#). This can also be located on the EES website!

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

As you know by now, each morning during announcements, we state the names of our students celebrating their birthdays; here are the birthday announcements for this week and next.

Happy Birthday to:

Shanna is Ms. Weidman's Kindergarten Class

Fatima in Ms. Kasetta's Kindergarten class

Aidan in Ms. Flaherty's 3rd Grade ClassJack in Ms. Bonanni's 5th Grade Class

STUDENT ART SHOWCASED!

Due to the closure of city buildings, Burlington City Arts has put its 33rd Annual Children's Art Exhibit online, with a message from Mayor Weinberger. Included is artwork from students all across the school district, including many from EES. Special honors go to William Cunningham and Jaylynn Jiminez, who are this year's recipients of the Bentley Davis Seifer Award, which is granted annually to two talented artists from each elementary school in Burlington. To view the exhibit and hear the mayor's address, please visit <https://www.bcachildrensartexhibition.org/>

