

FRIDAY



FLASH



EDMUNDS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

299 Main St, Burlington, VT 05401 • 864-1791

Date and Volume Number

May 13, 2016

From the Principal's Desk

I have been a strong believer in the framework of PBiS which I see as a framework that provides an equitable environment for students. It does this by gaining agreements from all the adults as to a universal set of expectations, common language in stating the expectations and direct instruction to insure that all students understand the expectations.

The goal of PBiS is to insure that students are able to access their education by reducing behaviors that result in disrupting classes for all students and by reducing the number of minutes that students spend outside the classroom being sent to the office. The question is, has PBiS achieved the goal of reducing the minutes of disruption and of time out of class so that children are able to access their learning? The answer is yes.

We have tracked student discipline data since instituting the framework and the data is very telling.

Discipline	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Referrals	1066	955	811	803	700*

*The numbers for this year are an extrapolation based upon current levels.

To put this into context in terms of learning, for every referral, the research shows that a student misses 20 minutes of instruction. This equates to not just hours, but days of lost instruction. We have experienced a decline in office referrals of 34% over a 5-year period.

I think it is very important to note that the decline in office discipline referrals occurred as EES has experienced a dramatic shift in demographics. We have a far more diverse population than in the past. The result is a far richer community because of the diversity, but the diversity meant that we had to be very specific and consistent in our teaching of expectations to insure that everyone is able to access their education.

It is also important to understand the make-up of the referrals. This year, 38 students out of 333 generated 81% of the referrals. The referrals tend to occur at the beginning of the year as we work to both fine-tune their understanding of our expectations and our understanding of their needs. For some, re-occurrence of trauma or other issues result in a flare up of behaviors, and that is where our team works to determine how to best help the student be successful.

Up Coming Events:

May 20 - Mayfair! 4:00 - 7:15

May 23 - Multi-Age Discussion: 6:30-7:30 EES Library

May 27 - 5th Grade Step Up Day

May 30th (Memorial Day) - No School

May 31 - VSO Musical Petting Zoo

June 2 - Field Days

June 3 - End of Marking Period

June 4 - EES Parent & Staff Night

June 8 - EES 5th Grade Celebration 6-7 PM

June 9 - Last Day of School

Whole School Assembly
May 18, 2016
Bee Celebration! - Star Spangled Banner

(CONT)

There is so much in the numbers that cannot be seen; so many success stories that we know about but cannot share. We can however, look at those students who used to struggle, and see them joining the ranks of learners, proud in their own accomplishments. I am very grateful to my highly committed faculty and staff for their work to help each student grow and achieve.

MULTI-AGE CLASSROOMS AT EES

We will be having a meeting to discuss the renewal of multi-age classrooms at EES on Monday, May 23 from 6:30 to 7:30. Multi-age classrooms are not new to EES as we have had multi-age classrooms throughout many years. Last year we took a break because of scheduling changes and specific requirements by the district. The advantages of multi-age classrooms have spurred us to return to the practice.

HEALTH OFFICE REQUEST!

The health office is seeking donations of clean, stretchy waist, shorts and pants for boys and girls in sizes 6 to 16. Also, it is recommended that parents of students in grades K-2 keep a change of clothing, especially shorts/pants in their child's backpack. The school nurses have lots of tee shirts for children to borrow, in case of spills or falls, but we do not have shorts and pants. Thank you.

JoAnne & Carol

TUESDAY MAY 31st: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VSO MUSICAL PETTING ZOO

Attention music lovers- we need your help! The musical petting zoo is a hands-on experience for kids in kindergarten and first grade to learn about the instruments that are part of an orchestra and get a chance to try to play them. We need parent volunteers to help hold the instruments and sanitize them between students. No musical experience needed. The schedule for the classes is as follows:

8:30-9:20 Weidman/Zeigfinger

9:25-10:15 Nutting/Goldsmith/Kilburn

10:20-11:10 O'Brien/Quinn

We need 8 volunteers present for each workshop. It is really helpful to have volunteers who are willing to stay for more than one session. A brief orientation will begin at 8:15. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bethany Fitzgerald at bsaulpaugh@hotmail.com with your child's name and class, and what time slot(s) you are available to help. This is a great opportunity for grandparents as well. Thank you!

SUPPORT STILL NEEDED FOR DISPLACED EES FAMILY:

Hello Edmunds Community,

I wanted to update everyone about the McSweeney family who recently lost their home and all possessions in a fire several weeks ago. A Youcaring fundraising site has been established and this is the link:

<https://www.youcaring.com/mcsweeney-family-562940>

Please share it with others as the family could really benefit from the assistance! The family also has some other specific needs and could make use of:

- Gift cards or cash for future unplanned needs
- Suitcases (preferably with wheels)
- School supplies
- Toddler shoes size 4-5
- Adult female clothing size x-large or preferably gift cards to purchase clothing
- Food items such as pasta, cans of soup or other easy to prepare items

Donations for the family can be brought directly to me. Joanna Elliot has also set up a space where the family can look through clothing to use as needed. Thanks for getting the word out and providing the much needed help to this family during this difficult time. Please let me know if you have any questions. Angele Paul, M.A. - Howard Center School Services Clinician - Edmund's Elementary School Office Phone: [802-846-3783](tel:802-846-3783)

PTO LEADERS: Marni Slavik, Hollie Foley, and Clare Wool
PTO CONTACT: pto@eespto.org

MAYFAIR, MAYFAIR!! FRIDAY MAY 20TH (4-7PM)

Fun for the whole family! Games, prizes, food with your EES community. Activities include a bouncy castle, musical cakes & more. Tickets available at the fair! Please help us at this amazing event by volunteering
at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0844ADAA2AA02-mayfair2 or email Leigh Fisher at leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!

Cake pans for Mayfair Musical Cakes will be available outside the office starting Monday, May 16th!

LESS THAN ONE WEEK LEFT FOR GREAT AUCTION ITEMS!! BID TODAY! MAYFAIR SILENT AUCTION IS LIVE

Win ski tickets to Mad River Glenn, four brand new Nokia tires, a hair cut at O'M Salon, or a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant, all while supporting Edmunds Elementary School. There are many amazing items at the Mayfair Silent Auction, online at www.32auctions.com/EESMayfair2016. There are more than 60 items, with more added every day, including things from the Montshire Museum, Boloco, Queen City Bikram Yoga, Pete's Greens, Ben and Jerry's and many others. *Bidding will begin on May 6th at 8:00 am, and the auction ends on May 19 at 6 p.m.* Remember - the silent auction is only online. There will be no chance to bid at the Mayfair event. So sign up to bid soon, and bid generously! All the proceeds go to directly to support our kids. And spread the word about the auction with friends, family and co-workers. Anyone can bid. Pick up your winnings at Mayfair on May 20 or we can schedule another pick up at a later date

MAY 17: VERMONT COFFEE COMPANY ORDERS DUE

EES makes \$6/bag! Flavors: Dark, Medium, Mild, Decaf, Uno, Dos, Tres. Orders will be delivered Friday. Order forms at Front Office and EES PTO website (<http://eespto.org/fundraisers/Vermont-coffee-fundraiser/>). Checks payable to EES PTO, OR Pay via PayPal; Please note in PayPal "Purpose Box" number of bags and coffee choice. Contact Pam Moreau (802.999.4590 or pmoreaulawvt@gmail.com) with questions.

VOLUNTEERS/SUPPLIES NEEDED TO HELP ART TEACHER

Please send in any empty paper towel tubes to the art teacher. Help is needed to take down the grades 3-5 Art Night projects from the hallways of the first floor. Also, in May help will be needed to collate and bind the new Kindergarten Art books. Each child will receive their artwork back at the end of the year bound into a keepsake collection of projects laid out chronologically. It is a big undertaking, and however much time you have to offer is welcome! No prior experience is needed, Mrs. Elliott will show you what to do! Please contact Joanna Elliott (jelliott@bsdvt.org).

EES COMMUNITY SOCIAL SATURDAY JUNE 4 FROM 6-9 PM

Come celebrate the end of the year together! All EES parents, guardians, and staff are invited to join in a fun evening with dinner, cash bar, and live music by Ann "Antara" Gatch. Event will take place at the outdoor terrace of the Champlain Room, Communications and Creative Media Building, Champlain College, 375 Maple Street, which is a beautiful space overlooking the lake. Tickets are \$25/person and are on sale now until May 25th. Checks payable to EES PTO or can be purchased online via PayPal at eespto.org. Invitations are going home with students today. We hope to see you there!

PTO LEADERSHIP TRANSITION:

Please consider becoming a PTO leader! The current PTO leaders, Marni Slavik, Hollie Foley, and Clare Wool, will be stepping down at the end of the school year. If you are interested in learning more about the roles of PTO leadership, please contact Marni at pto@eespto.org.