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EDMUNDS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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April 10, 2015

Up Coming Events

- Apr. 10 Skate Night - Leddy Park 6-8pm
- Apr. 16 Arts Night - Art Show and Concerts
- Apr. 18 Spring Break Begins
- Apr. 27 Return from Spring Break

From the Principal's Desk

This coming week we honor the arts with Fine Arts Night. I am grateful that the community funds the arts for our students. There are many communities across the country who have cut arts out of their budgets; considering it unnecessary and possibly frivolous. I find it especially ironic to think that people will vote to suspend the teaching of art yet the very same citizens will idolize artists.

Becoming an artist is not necessarily the purpose of exposure to the arts though. Research has been very clear regarding the importance of the arts in brain development. Music has been found to help organize the brain. Visual arts enables students to better visualize. Both forms of art have been in existence since virtually the beginning of man. Cave drawings in France date back as far as 30,000 years ago. Depicting the world is a means to chronicle and make meaning; a way to make sense of what is happening here and now through an individual's own eyes. Art is a fantastic way to make sense of math, science and social studies; geometry, symmetry, architecture through the ages, shapes of molecules and DNA strands, colors and light, why the sky is blue. Art can be connected in a way that resonates with children in a tactile and immediate way.

Music is as old as the beat of a human heart. It has been the keeper of stories of civilizations, and the stories of individuals. It connects us to each other when language is a barrier. Music makes history accessible as we listen to the songs of people and their times. Learning to play an instrument teaches perseverance and is excellent in connecting different parts of the brain needed to connect sounds, visual cues of notes and physical action of playing the instrument. Being a part of a musical performance is being a part of a community where each person's part makes up the whole, and the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

We hope that all come to our Fine Arts Night to celebrate with us in our students' the practice of the most ancient of human endeavors, the arts.

Whole School Assembly
Wednesday, Apr. 15

Fine Arts Night – Thursday, April 16
Artwork in EES Cafeteria 5:30-6:00 & 6:30 – 7:00
Spring Concert in Middle School Gym
Grades K, 1, and 2 – 6:00 to 6:30
Grades 3, 4 and 5 -- 7:00 to 7:45

Once a year, the *whole* Edmunds Elementary School community gathers for a special evening: Fine Arts Night! All students will have art work on display, and all students will have an important part in the music performance. This is our chance to celebrate the musical and visual artistic gifts of our community. All students are expected to participate, and all families and friends are welcome to attend. Students are encouraged to dress up in their finest clothes for this special occasion.

If your child will not be able to attend for some reason, please let Mrs. Norland know (cnorland@bsdvt.org).

Please contact Mrs. Norland (Music) or Mrs. Lamont (Art) for more information.

Calling PARENT MUSICIANS for the spring concert!

Our last song of the concert is a "grand finale," to be sung by *all* participants. I'm inviting parents who play a musical instrument to join us on this final song, *So Glad I'm Here*. It is very simple, using only D, G, and A chords, and we would love to have you play along (especially your child!). Please email me if you are willing to join our little "band." I will send you the sound file and chords/lyrics.

-Mrs. Christina Norland (cnorland@bsdvt.org)

Lost and Found is Overflowing!

Our Lost and Found is located on the ramp between EES and the Cafeteria in the concrete bins. If you are looking for a lost parka, boots, hats, mittens, lunch box, water bottle, shoes, shirts, sweatshirt, sweater, or an armadillo, odds are, it's in there. (Ok - so maybe not the armadillo. I just wanted to see if you were paying attention.)

Anything left in the Lost and Found on April 17th will be cleaned and donated to Goodwill or the Salvation Army.

FROM THE PTO**PLEASE HELP OUT FOR SKATE NIGHT FRIDAY
APRIL 10 FROM 6-8PM**

Join us for pizza and ice skating at Leddy ice arena! Please let Annie Howell know if you can help pass out food, set up, or clean up (annebhowell@gmail.com). You can sign up using the sign up genius link:
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B4DA9A82FA57-essskate

**MAYFAIR IS COMING -
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!**

We are now looking for items for the Mayfair Silent Auction. All ideas are welcome.

Past items donated by friends and family have included bike tune-ups, hand made jewelry, a bike-blended smoothie party for 10 people, knitted hats and more. Or, do you have a connection to a restaurant, bakery, business or artist who would donate an item or gift certificate?

The Silent Auction raises funds to help cover the costs of school activities such as field trips to the Flynn Theater, attending the Burlington Clay Studio, and bringing in guest authors. Please contact Stacey Kelleher at staceyhk1568@yahoo.com if you can help.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

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READY SET RUN!

It's back... Ready, Set, Run with RunVermont
Your child will learn about and practice fitness, the value of proper nutrition, citizenship, and goal setting all while having fun and being safe. Groups meet weekly for an hour. In addition to mileage incentives (including a medal), a t-shirt and finisher's certificate, participants receive monthly newsletters filled with activity ideas, citizenship challenges and tasty recipes. Participants are encouraged to participate in spring fun runs; Champ on Church May 9th & the Spring Festival of Fun in June. The program will be led from **April 15th to June 10th** on Wednesdays, from 1:50pm-3:00pm, with a final event in June. If your child currently attends the Burlington Kids After School Program, we will filter them back to their leaders at the end of the program. There is a \$30 fee for participation; however, if your child receives free or reduced lunches, the fee is waived. In addition, if the fee is a hardship, please connect with us as we want your child to participate and will seek accommodations. Flyers will be going home with your children soon. We will only be able to accommodate 35 kids this year, so register soon. Please email Brandi at Brandi.littlefield7@gmail.com or Rachel at Rachskye@gmail.com with any questions. For further information, you can also go to RunVermont's website:
<http://www.runvermont.org/youth/ready-set-run/>
(registration is already available online).

SUPPORT BHS LACROSSE TEAM

Come and Skate with the Burlington High School Boys Varsity and JV Lacrosse Team: Saturday, April 18 at Leddy from 6:00 pm -8:00 pm . Come support our high school team. \$5.00 or donation of choice. All proceeds go to BHS lacrosse. Any questions, please email Libby Macdonald libbymac@aol.com. Thank you for your support.

RunVermont's, Ready, Set, Run Camp

Waterfront Park, Burlington: a one-week camp experience, June 22-June 26, ages 5-11. Includes running, nutrition, goal setting and helping hands. Campers play games that include running, participate in an end of week fun run, prepare healthy snacks, and participate in a short community service project. Open to children of all fitness levels. Make this a full day of fun by Sailing in the afternoon with the Community Sailing Center. Learn to sail small boats on Burlington's Waterfront. Registration located on the Burlington Parks & Recreation website. webtrac.burlington.gov

AUDUBON SPRING VACATION DAYS

What are you doing for April break?

Join us at Audubon for School Vacation Days!

Ages 6 -12 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Fee: Members \$55/day or \$150 for three days

Non-members \$60/day or \$165 for three days

Register: 434-3068 or vermont@audubon.org

Online registration form: <http://bit.ly/1B2VDI2>

More information: vt.audubon.org/vacation-day-camps