

FRIDAY



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**EDMUNDS**  
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## From the Principal's Desk

Last year was my first year at EES and the whole year I heard about MAYFAIR. I heard how much fun it was, how many people came, the activities, the food and so much more. It sounded grand and honestly, I had a hard time envisioning just what this MAYFAIR thing was. And then it arrived. WOW! What a great event! I could not believe the amount of games, activities, food, and fun that had been created. The games were made out of things that were really simple. The activities were fun for any aged child. I've never seen as many cakes in one place as I saw for the cake walk....and WHAT CAKES!!!! Oh my goodness! They were *Beautiful*. Each cake said "Pick ME!" The food was abundant and there was an incredible variety. All of this made by parents.

Mayfair is a fundraiser for the EES PTO and while it is affordable, all of our children can participate regardless of income. Its success is entirely due to you - the parents of our students. Your volunteering to help is what makes the event such a huge success. Whether it's baking a cake, staffing a game, bringing a food dish, selling or collecting tickets, there is something that you can do. Lots of things can be done in the comfort of your own home on your schedule.

You can be sure that your student(s) will be champing at the bit to go to Mayfair so you will be here. Why not commit helping for an hour at one of the booths or stands? If everyone chips in a bit of time, it makes it more fun for everyone and you get to meet more parents that way.

Over time, some of my best memories are events like this, where I helped out. It creates such a sense of community, and you feel like you're doing something positive. Your children will be here so you'll also be modeling volunteering. It rubs off on them! My children are all adults and they all volunteer for different causes. It started by seeing their mom and dad do it.

If you have not had a chance to volunteer, this is something to try. The Co-chairs contact information is Pam Shea [pj\\_shea@yahoo.com](mailto:pj_shea@yahoo.com), 861-2720) or Courtney Asaro [courtnevasaro@gmail.com](mailto:courtnevasaro@gmail.com)). Call, email, help out. You'll be glad you did. You'll be helping to bring smiles to hundreds of kids!

## Upcoming Events

- Apr. 12 Carnival! Whole school assembly 2:10pm
- Apr. 16 Art Show and Concert 5:45 pm-7:45pm
- Apr. 22-26 Spring break - no school
- Apr. 29 Back in school!
- May 15 Early Release - bag lunches, 11:30 dismissal
- May 17 MAYFAIR
- May 23 EES Talent Show

**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**  
**WEDNESDAY APRIL 17 –**  
**Special Edition of Jeopardy**

## EES ART SHOW AND CONCERT APRIL 16

**Mark your calendars! The EES Spring Concert and Art Show will take place on Tuesday evening, April 16.** Student artwork will be on display in the cafeteria 5:45-6:15. Students will be performing between 6:30 and 7:45 in the middle school gym. All students are expected to be present. Children should arrive in their teacher's classroom at 6:15, all dressed and ready to go. They should dress up, if possible, for the event--it's a great chance to wear button-down shirts, nice pants, dresses, skirts. Shoes must be chosen for safety, walking up and down the risers - preferably not heels, snow boots, or flip-flops. All are welcome! We hope to see you there!

## CALLING ALL FUTURE KINDERGARTEN PARENTS: EES TOURS

We hope to have as many kindergarten students as possible registered by the end of this school year. Help us to reach out into the community and bring kindergarten students to us so that their parents and guardians can participate in our Kindergarten Orientation in May.

Kindergarten tours:

\*Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: 8:20 - 9:20 am

\*Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>: 8:20 - 9:20 am

\*Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>: 1:15 - 2:15 pm

RSVPs are helpful. Call 864-8473, extension #1.

**VSO Musical Petting Zoo - Volunteers Needed**

VSO musical petting zoo is coming to Edmunds on Friday May 24 and 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. The schedule is as follows:

8:15-9:25 Bessette/Spinner

9:20-10:30 Case/Nutting-Stearns

10:25-11:30 Quinn/Weishaar

We need 8 volunteers for each show. You can volunteer for just your child or grandchild's class, or if possible it is really helpful to have volunteers who are able to do more than one show. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carolyn Hanson at [carolynhanson21@gmail.com](mailto:carolynhanson21@gmail.com) or Rachel Shelly at [rachskye@gmail.com](mailto:rachskye@gmail.com). Thank you!

**FROM THE PTO****PTO MEETING AND COMMUNITY SOUP DINNER: THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all who attended and contributed to the discussion. A special thank you goes to August First for donating delicious bread.

We enjoyed good soups, salads and treats while hearing from Dr. Mathias about the vision of EES. The notes for the meeting are attached and as soon as possible, we will post them on the PTO site: <http://eespto.org/>

***PARENTS, YOU CAN HELP CREATE LASTING MAYFAIR MEMORIES FOR YOUR KIDS.***

Right now, in order to move forward, we need co-chairs for the **Mayfair Silent Auction** and for **Food/Drinks**. We can provide you with everything you need to get started and will also coordinate your staffing for the day of the event (Friday, May 17).

For more information, contact Pam Shea [pj\\_shea@yahoo.com](mailto:pj_shea@yahoo.com), 861-2720) or Courtney Asaro [courtneyasaro@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyasaro@gmail.com).

"Mayfair is a long-standing tradition. My favorite Mayfair memory is of when I was 9. I remember eating a mess of brownies from the bake sale then doing flips in the bouncy castle with my friends...over and over...and over. What fun!" -Pam, EES parent (Student at Mayfair 1975)

**MAYFAIR: SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED**

Please help raise money for the Edmunds Elementary PTO, by donating your special talents or items to the Mayfair Silent Auction. Last year we set a record, raising nearly \$4,000 for the PTO. Our goal this year is to break the \$4,000 barrier and help fund more great activities at Edmunds. You can help. Get creative and support the school. Do you have a business that could donate a gift certificate or an item? Do you have a special talent? People have donated bike repair, pilates lessons, beautiful knit hats, or home-made meals. Do you have a vacation house and would donate a weekend stay there? Do you have a boat and would offer a trip on Lake Champlain or a sailing lesson? Please contact Warren Cornwall at [cornwallw@gmail.com](mailto:cornwallw@gmail.com) or 540-2536.

**MAYFAIR: SILENT AUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The annual EES silent auction (done in conjunction with the Mayfair) raises thousands of dollars each year to support enrichment and school-wide activities for all EES students. In order to keep these funds available for our kids **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

A team of go-getters is needed to assist with auction preparation and coordination activities.

- \* Do you have time to contact local businesses to solicit donations?
  - \* Could you help send thank you letters or enter items into our online auction system?
  - \* Maybe you could pick up donated items or help get them organized for pickup at the Mayfair?
- Contact Warren Cornwall at [cornwallw@gmail.com](mailto:cornwallw@gmail.com) or 540-2536 as soon as possible if you can help with this important activity.

If you have any questions or suggestions about Mayfair please contact Pam Shea ([pj\\_shea@yahoo.com](mailto:pj_shea@yahoo.com)) or Courtney Asaro ([courtneyasaro@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyasaro@gmail.com)).

**Notices From the Community - the following events are not sponsored by the Burlington School District or the EES PTO****CHILDREN: IS THERE AN APP FOR THAT? MONDAY, 15 APRIL 6:30 - 8:30 PM EMS GYM**

This is a free community event on how to raise happy, successful kids in the digital world. Light dinner provided from 6 - 6:30 pm. No pre-registration, all are welcome. Sponsored by Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community as part of their new YouParent Program. For more info: Contact Mariah Sanderson: 324-3867 or [Mariah@burlingtonpartnership.org](mailto:Mariah@burlingtonpartnership.org).

EES PTO Meeting  
April 9 Minutes

Thank you to everyone who attended Tuesday evening's PTO Community Dinner and EES Vision Discussion with Dr. Mathias. We had about 60 people share delicious soups, homemade salads, donated bread from August First, and yummy desserts. Thank you for these donations. At 6:30PM, the kids went upstairs with babysitters, and the adults (about 30) heard from Dr. Mathias about her vision for EES. She began her PowerPoint with slides from last spring's vision meeting to show where we were last year, what we have accomplished this year, and where she would like to see us heading in the future. Three of the main highlights from the talk were: Information about EES using Ames Webb - pilot assessment mechanism (or formative assessment) for Edmunds students; the need for resources for teachers and students - which the faculty had just shared with Superintendent Jeanne Collins; and the proposal for EES becoming a 'liberal arts-themed' school. These were the main issues discussed during the next hour and a half. Our teacher reps, Paul Houchens and Meg Flaherty, also attended the meeting, and they were able to answer many questions from parents and provide feedback on the changing demographics of EES over the past 5-10 years.

As the outgoing PTO facilitators, Peggy and Signe briefly shared their two years experience, hoping to generate some interest for next year. Clare Wool, the PTO Treasurer, gave an overview of the PTO budget and asked for input on the where to allocate some of the surplus that was generated by amazing fundraising participation over the past two years. If you have question about the budget or suggestions for Clare, please contact her at [clarewool@mac.com](mailto:clarewool@mac.com).

If you have question about the PTO leadership roles, please contact Peggy ([peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:peggyov@burlingtontelecom.net)) or Signe ([signe.daly@burlingtontelecom.net](mailto:signe.daly@burlingtontelecom.net)), or catch us at drop-off or pick-up. We are happy to answer any questions and alleviate any fears.

Our next step is to hold a final PTO meeting during lunchtime on May 30th from 12-1PM. During that meeting we will confirm leadership roles for next year, vote on any proposals for PTO structure for next year, and discuss transition steps for the new leaders. We also hope to allow teachers and parents to participate electronically in these decisions, if they are not able attend the meeting. If you have any proposals for the PTO for next year that you would like a PTO vote on, please let us know and we will help you disseminate that information before May 30th. The basic guidelines for EES PTO-Sponsored Events and Activities is attached.

Thank you for your support,  
Peggy and Signe  
PTO Facilitators

***EES PTO Mission:*** The Edmunds Elementary School PTO's mission is to enrich the lives of students, to support the work of teachers and to build a caring community.