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**Up Coming Events:****Apr. 18-22 - Spring Break - No School****May 4<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Get Acquainted Day****May 20 - Mayfair Carnival****May 27 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Step Up Day****May 30<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day) - No School****May 31 - VSO Musical Petting Zoo****June 2 - Field Days****June 4 - EES Parent & Staff Night****June 9 - Last Day of School****From the Principal's Desk**

Sunday, May 1 is the date of this year's COTS walk. The purpose of the COTS walk is to raise public awareness about homelessness in our community and to raise money to support COTS shelter and services for Vermonters who are homeless or at risk of losing their homes.

COTS has been very much a part of the Edmunds community as we have families who are transitioning through COTS every year. Our proximity to COTS makes Edmunds Elementary and Middle School a safe place for families to bring their children. We do our best to incorporate the children into our community so that they feel welcome and safe.

The theme of this year's COTS Walk is Childhood Literacy and Education - right up our ally! COTS is encouraging our school children to read to their parents and ask for a donation for COTS in exchange for the minutes they read. I checked with our students to see if this was something they would be willing to do. I suggested that if every EES child read for 100 minutes and received a penny for each minute, we could raise \$340 as a school. They felt it was very possible to read for 100 minutes and so do I, especially since that is an assignment for most. Whether they read to you, a sibling or themselves, we hope that you will support them in reading to raise money for COTS. For those who are not readers, they could read along with you as you read to them.

On Sunday, I hope that you will join us at Battery Park at 2 pm for the COTS walk. It is a 3-mile walk through downtown Burlington and surrounding neighborhoods that follows the route a person who is homeless might travel to receive shelter and services, visiting COTS shelters and programs along the way. This is the one day of the year that COTS opens its programs to the community so people can see how their donations are put to use.

Please encourage your child to read over the next 2 weeks and let's see if we can raise at least the \$340 for COTS. I'm pretty sure we can! Donations can be sent into school or you can donate on line to the Edmunds Elementary School Team at

<https://www.classy.org/fundraise/team?ftid=76716>

**Whole School Assembly**  
**April 27, 2016**  
**Miss Quinn's Class Leading**

**SAFETY FIRST!**

There has been some concern reported to the office of cars being driven erratically around our school community, making it unsafe for our students trying to cross the street. It always amazes me that drivers consider their needs to be their priority above and beyond the safety of children or pedestrians crossing the road. As I am sure you realize, there is little I can do about these irresponsible individuals. I have, however, spoken to the Burlington Police Department and requested that they occasionally observe traffic around our location to see if they can produce better behaviors and apprehend those who act irresponsibly. As a longer term measure, they have asked that people who do see this kind of behavior get a description of the car and if all possible, the license plate number and immediately report it directly to them. They will pursue these people with the information. Let's keep our kids safe!

**BURLINGTON KIDS- 2016/2017 REGISTRATION OPEN!**

We are now accepting registration packets for next school year for rising 1st through 5th graders! Reserve your child's spot at Burlington Kids for the 2016/2017 school year by completing and returning the YELLOW 2016-2017 Registration Packet (can be found in the information rack near the main EES office).

Early bird registration due by **Friday May 6, 2016!** Please contact us at [\(802\) 316-0195](tel:8023160195) or [praba@bsdvt.org](mailto:praba@bsdvt.org) for more information!

**A BIG THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all the students and families who participated in last week's Fine Arts Night art show and concert. The students were so proud of their creations in the art show and it was great to hear kids talking so eloquently about their work. The musicians were equally proud as they crossed continents and musical styles demonstrating their skills in singing, ukulele, recorder, xylophone, glockenspiel and many other percussion instruments. Special thanks to Andrea Junea who ran the sound board for the concert and student, Darrius Miles, who ran the back stage area. Also a huge Thank You! to the EES PTO for all of their help in hanging the arts show as well as the lovely flowers that have been bringing the smell of spring into our homes all week. If you missed the concert and would like to see the kids' musical work, check out the music page on the EES web site [here](#).

**PTO LEADERS:** Marni Slavik, Hollie Foley & Clare Wool

**PTO CONTACT:** [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org)

**SKATE NIGHT: THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Chris Burns, Leigh Fisher, Kate Lekstutis, Guangchen Liu, and Rachel Shelley for helping with Skate Night. Found at Leddy after Skate night: one pair of gloves. If you are missing them, please email [leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com](mailto:leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE: EES PARENT AND STAFF NIGHT SATURDAY JUNE 4**

You won't want to miss it, so put it on the calendar and line up your babysitters! More information to come.

**PTO LEADERSHIP TRANSITION**

The current PTO leaders, Marni Slavik, Hollie Foley, and Clare Wool, will be stepping down at the end of this school year and are looking to help transition new leaders. We have been happy to support our teachers, family community, and administration through classroom enrichment, community events, school advocacy, and fundraising. If you are interested in learning more about the roles of PTO leadership, please contact Marni at [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ART TEACHER**

Help is needed to take down the grades 3-5 Art Night projects from the hallways of the first floor, beginning after we return from April vacation. 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](mailto:jelliott@bsdvt.org)).

**TO FOLLOW THE BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Go to:  
<http://district.bsd.schoolfusion.us/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=330226>

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR MAYFAIR**

On May 20th, Edmunds Elementary will again hold our Mayfair Carnival. For parents unfamiliar with Mayfair, it's a long-standing tradition at EES with a BBQ, games, bouncy castle, cake walk and more. The carnival also has a silent auction. All funds raised in the auction goes directly to the kids. It helps pay for special initiatives such as bringing local artists, speakers and performers to our school. It also funds scholarships for low-income students, field trips and educational materials and helps pay for much needed classroom supplies. If you own or work for a company or restaurant that would make a donation, or have any ideas for donations, please contact Stephanie Mueller at [smueller@vnrc.org](mailto:smueller@vnrc.org) or Stacey Kelleher at [staceyhk1568@yahoo.com](mailto:staceyhk1568@yahoo.com). In the past, Edmunds parents have been creative and come up with donations ranging from knitted hats to bike tune-ups to bike blended smoothies. All ideas are welcome to help make this fundraiser a success!

**GAMES! FUN! MAYFAIR! FRIDAY, MAY 20TH**

We need two volunteers to help make our annual Mayfair event a success. We are searching for two capable people to lead the most exciting part of Mayfair - the games!! We have tried and true games already prepared, but would love to have you put your personal stamp on this amazing EES event. Limited commitment, but amazing reward for you and the kids! This event is a great way to get involved in our school and really make a difference!! Think you are the person for the job? Recruit a friend along with you and share the fun! Please contact Leigh Fisher at [leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com](mailto:leigh.r.fisher@gmail.com) with questions.

**CHECK THIS OUT! NEW FUNDRAISER: SCRIP**

You can earn the school money without spending any additional money yourself. Our newest fundraiser is here! Welcome to Scrip - Buy gift cards at face value and the school benefits! Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that allows families to raise money for their children's school. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value (either online or on paper), and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple! For example, if you purchase a \$50 gift card to Lands End, the school earns 16% - that's \$8.00 for the school and a full \$50 gift card for you. You never walk away with something you'll never use and gift cards start as low as \$10.00. When you use scrip gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're fundraising while you shop. Great Lakes Scrip Center offers hundreds of options from your favorite retailers, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. Pick and choose cards based on your needs or further search for the highest percentage that we'll earn. There are always deals and bonus' that benefit you as well. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work! You can also join PrestoPay, which allows you to pay online, making the process smoother and quicker for you. If you have questions, please contact Brandi Littlefield at [Brandi.littlefield7@gmail.com](mailto:Brandi.littlefield7@gmail.com) and watch for your child to bring the flyer home with more details!

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