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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**Up Coming Events:**

**May 1 - COTS WALK! GATHERING AT BATTERY PARK BETWEEN 1:00 AND 2:00; LOOK FOR THE EES BANNER! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

**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**

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All efforts are valued. The coordination of those efforts is important and that is the primary role of the committee chairs and the PTO Leaders. Our current chairs are ready to hand off the reigns. I know that there are plenty of capable people in our community who can help out and I ask that you think about taking on one of the roles of the PTO. I promise you that your efforts will be rewarding and will make a difference within our community.

**Whole School Assembly  
May 4, 2016  
Miss Zeigfinger's Class Leading**

**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).

**From the Principal's Desk**

Have you ever thought about what makes Edmunds Elementary what it is? The sense of community and the happy climate here has a lot to do with the way our parents support our school community. We have counted over 300 people in one year who have volunteered in one way or another. Most of our volunteers are working parents and need to balance work, childcare, and volunteering. We are very grateful to Marni Slavic, Holly Foley and Clare Wool for their leadership of the EES PTO in coordinating the efforts of our volunteers and insuring that our traditions continue and flourish.

The EES PTO insures a climate that is better for all. It starts in the Spring with the planning for next year, setting up the calendar for the favorite activities, from Tours of the School, New Kindergarten Parent Mentoring, Greenup and Ice Cream Social the day before the first day of school, Room Parents, Thankful Thursday, the Back to School BBQ, Coat Swap, Math Night, Skate Night, Multicultural Night, No Frills Fundraiser, Coffee Sales, the Spring Play and we can't forget Mayfair! While some of these things are fundraisers, many are not. Instead, they are opportunities for parents to meet each other and the families of their children's friends.

Our PTO co-chairs who understood the importance of spreading the work so that many can contribute and the load isn't too heavy for anyone. Thankfully, no one has to reinvent the wheel. The PTO has also had the wisdom to capture the knowledge gained in how to organize and run the events over the years. They have a binder with the information regarding how to set up and run each event. That means that the quality is good from one year to the next. For example, Mayfair has been a successful event for close to two decades.

The importance of new people picking up the banner of leadership or volunteering to take on the chairmanship of one event cannot be underestimated. Relying on "someone else doing it" isn't a safe assumption because if we all think that way, we lose that which we love about EES for our kids and our family. The fact is, that many people are willing to volunteer at Edmunds. There is never a need for a handful of people to do all the work. Rather, the work that the Chairs do is more about giving people an assignment of work that needs to be done, whether flipping burgers, dishing out pizza, hanging up coats, or making some portion of a costume.

PTO LEADERS: Marni Slavik, Hollie Foley & Clare Wool

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

### **THANK YOU: SPECIAL EDMUNDS MEETING WITH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

Thank you to the many parents, staff, and board members who attended this meeting. Your support, thoughts, questions, and concerns are valuable to our schools and district.

### **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. If you are interested in learning more about the roles of PTO leadership, please contact Marni at [pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org).

### **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 o 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.

### **FROM THE COMMUNITY**

#### **EMS Drama Presents The Wizard of Oz:**

The Edmunds Middle School Drama program is proud to present the Wizard of Oz! Dorothy and Toto are swept away by a cyclone and dropped in the magical land of Oz. Will the Great Wizard help Dorothy and Toto get back home to Kansas? Will he also grant the wishes of the Tinman, the Lion, and the Scarecrow? Performances are Thursday, May 5, 4 p.m., Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m, on the EMS Stage. \$5 suggested donation. Questions? Call Celia, 862-6450.