

# FRIDAY



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## From the Principal's Desk

This coming Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, is Skate Night, an EES tradition that has always been a great deal of fun. I'm considering getting a lot of bubble wrap so I can skate without worrying about my arm which I broke skating over the February break. You'd think I'd learn! :) The UVM Women's Hockey Team will be joining us again this year - they had a great time skating with our students last year and are looking forward to it again.

I have been approached by a number of children who have told me that they need rides to the event because their parents work at night and can't bring them. The students come to us in the office and we have been gratefully relying on a few people to find rides. This results in a few people doing most of the rides. This is a need for our community and it's better to share it across many rather than a few. I'm sure there are many others who would help, but have not been asked. A few people doing the work of connecting children to rides isn't as efficient as children in a class asking their own parents to help. It's much more personal and effective. Plus, it gives us the opportunity to have more contact with our diverse community, modeling a level of inclusion that we want our children to learn.

Getting rides from friends is a skill that our children need to learn how to negotiate. Most children do not automatically think that they can help each other out with a ride. Learning to think about how to help is something our students can learn to do. I've asked classroom teachers to have that conversation with their students so that they actually ask parents if they could help out with a ride for a friend. Burlington isn't a big town, and taking a child or two under your wing for an evening is a great way to provide a lot of pleasure to a child, and to model helping out for your own child. If your child asks, I sincerely hope you say Yes! If your child doesn't ask, perhaps you can encourage him or her by asking if anyone in their class needs a ride.

Looking forward to seeing you next Friday.

## Up Coming Events

- Apr. 9 Walk and Roll to school
- Apr. 9 PTO Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- 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

**Whole School Assembly**  
**Wednesday, Apr. 8**  
**Learn about what's killing honey bees! From 5<sup>th</sup> graders Zoe Hecht and Rose Lowry**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> will be cleaned and donated to Goodwill or the Salvation Army.

## FROM THE PTO

### TUESDAY, APRIL 7: VERMONT COFFEE ORDERS DUE

EES makes \$6/bag! Orders will be delivered that 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 [pmoreaulawvt@gmail.com](mailto:pmoreaulawvt@gmail.com)) with questions.

### WALK AND ROLL WEDNESDAY APRIL 8

Tip-toe through the tulips and look for signs of spring on your walk to school. Stretch out your legs, grease up your bike chain so you'll be ready for our big walk and roll challenge in May. Contact Peggy O'Neill ([peggyov5@gmail.com](mailto:peggyov5@gmail.com)) or Rachel Shelley ([rachskye@gmail.com](mailto:rachskye@gmail.com)) with questions.

### PTO MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 9 FROM 6:30-7:30PM

All are welcome and childcare will be provided. Please join us on the third floor library/resource room. Looking for 1-2 people to help serve as co-leaders next year. Contact Marni Slavik ([pto@eespto.org](mailto:pto@eespto.org)) with questions.

### 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](mailto:annebhowell@gmail.com)). You can sign up using the sign up genius link: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B4DA9A82FA57-ees skate](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B4DA9A82FA57-ees skate)

## 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](mailto:Brandi.littlefield7@gmail.com) or Rachel at [Rachskye@gmail.com](mailto: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).